



NEWS FROM THE GIRARDS IN AREZZO, ITALY



NOVEMBER UPDATE - RECOVERING COVID

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Dear Family in Christ,

Yes, as you read in the title, we are just getting over covid. It wasn't too bad for us, and we would love to share with you what some of the best doctors are prescribing for Covid world-wide, which is what we took. We began taking Ivermectin right away (we had it already on hand), Vit C, Vit D3+k, Zinc, Quercetin, Protandim nrf2, and NAC (N-Acetilcisteina). Leia had it the hardest with 4 days of high fever, extreme tiredness and weakness. She stayed in bed for about a week. We also used a nebulizer with saline sprays to keep the coughing at bay and break down any risk for pneumonia. Eva and Elise had light coughs, headaches, body weakness, and Nicolas mostly had just an extreme back ache and fever a few times. Sophie, Isaiah, and Olivia did not have any symptoms. The kids ran the ship while mom was in bed, so everything truly worked out fine, and now we have glorious natural immunity, the only thing really proven to last.

In case you're also wondering, we got covid from a vaccinated person (a friend), who infected about 20 people (despite what the news loves to repeat saying that unvaccinated people are spreading the disease). The police came today to do a role call and be sure that we don't leave our house until we have negative covid tests. They will continue to do random checks as long as some of us are positive. They won't release us until we all test negative. For now, Nicolas is working from home. As many of you already know, in Italy we have some of the strictest laws to keep your job (even though the Italian constitution says that all people have a right to work without the government stopping or taking that away). This is due to the green pass, which is literally tearing the country apart. You cannot even get into the public library without it! MILLIONS of Italians, one month later, are protesting in all major cities more than once a week. The Port of Trieste closed in protest to it and is costing the country millions to keep it closed as its our most important port. It's also now required in church services EXCEPT the Sunday morning worship service or the midweek service. For any other type of service your church may hold, the church is supposed to ask for the green pass, even for feeding the poor in a program we do with food the government provides. Unfortunately, only half of the churches are fighting against the tyranny while the others stay silent as they don't want to "make any noise" or "look bad".

Nicolas will have the green pass now for 6 months, since he recovered from covid, so at least for his job he doesn't have to have any more nasal swabs every 48 hours. But we do NOT intend to use the green pass for "fun, pleasure, or the church" as we are fundamentally against this tyrannical document arrogantly giving people a feeling of have a "superior status" once they obtain it.

Eva should be testing NEGATIVE just in time to leave for the USA by the 18th. THANKS TO ALL YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS SHE IS COMING TO HAVE AN EXPERINCE WITH HER FAMILY AND TO ENJOY THE LOCAL CHURCHES.

We were hit with covid literally 2 days before our intensive retreat for Healing for the Nations started, but we decided to push back against satan and do it with less people. Barbara and Lorenzo our other team members, hosted it with 5 participants (instead of 12) and it was a very beautiful and powerful time. Many experienced deep, inward, life changing moments based on revelation truths of God love. We will reschedule with the groups in the south to run another retreat just for them in the next months.

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Do you know the story of Sophie Scholl? Sophia Magdalena Scholl (1921-1943) was a Christian anti-Nazi political activist, active within the non-violent White Rose Resistance group. Scholl, along with her brother Hans, were imprisoned, convicted of high treason and beheaded for distributing anti-Nazi literature. The White Rose Resistance sought to bring an end to the oppression of the Jews and others while the majority of the German church remained silent about Nazi oppression.

These were her final words before she was executed:

"How can we expect righteousness to prevail when there is hardly anyone willing to give himself up individually to a righteous cause. Such a fine, sunny day, and I have to go, but what does my death matter, if through us, thousands of people are awakened and stirred to action?"

Another excellent word from Scholl:

"The real damage is done by those millions who want to 'survive.' The honest men who just want to be left in peace. Those who don't want their little lives disturbed by anything bigger than themselves. Those with no sides and no causes. Those who won't take measure of their own strength, for fear of antagonizing their own weakness. Those who don't like to make waves - or enemies. Those for whom freedom, honour, truth, and principles are only literature. Those who live small... die small. It's the reductionist approach to life: if you keep it small, you'll keep it under control. If you don't make any noise, the boogeyman won't find you. But it's all an illusion, because they die too, those people who roll up their spirits into tiny little balls so as to be safe. Safe?! From what? Life is always on the edge of death; narrow streets lead to the same place as wide avenues, and a little candle burns itself out just like a flaming torch does. I choose my own way to burn."



You can watch a movie about Sophie's life called Sophie Scholl The Final Days. We hope we can live a life worthy of fighting the good fight and NEVER staying silent as we see oppressive, tyrannical governments rising up and calling what is bad good, and what is good, bad. (another example of this would be abortion or homosexuality) We pray God will give you the ability to come out of the shadows of fear and seeking approval and never be afraid to speak up for those who are being bullied, discriminated against, and murdered.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We covet your prayers! This month please agree with us on:

- quick and complete recovery
- basic freedoms to be restored in Italy
- our Maranatha Farm project in Nigeria



People taking the streets in protest against the green pass

Last of all. We need about \$2000 for anyone who can help us to get some animals and cages built on Maranatha Farm Nigeria. A DONATION OF ANY SIZE HELPS US! We were going to ask the Nigerian banks (together with Frank) for it, but they stopped giving even small loans out local farmers. Frank is pretty desperate to start somewhere, and we got the whole property ready except the cages and about 20 grasscutters. **THANK YOU!**

Nicolas, Leia, Eva, Elise, Sophie, Isaiah and Olivia