Holiday Greetings from the Jordans

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Dear Friends.

I just want to share with you a thought that I have on my mind. It seems to me that we do not have time to be idle since we are told to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, a witness to every creature, and we are to bear others burdens. We have plenty to keep us busy in our Lord's work.

With the emphasis placed on the Muslims recently it causes me to reflect on the fact that many people are worshipping false gods. In Isaiah 44:10 it ask this question: "Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?" Can you believe some will give their life for a false god and we who know the true and living God will not do His perfect will?

Report on our new family The Newkirks. On the 3rd of October, Silvia's brother Franco was saved. He is having to do dialysis like brother Nino. Pray that he will grow in the Lord and that his wife Ida will also be saved. Just as fast as our new family, The Newkirks, came in they recently departed for the States because they could not find a job here. They worked for over a month cleaning a restaurant that paid \$ 150.00 a week. They could not live off that amount. Mike was able to go back to a good job in Gulfport, Mississippi. We sure miss them.

Linda departed for the States on the 7th of Nov. and I will be leaving on the 11th of Dec. As I mentioned in our last update letter, our home church paid our way home for Christmas. We are excited about being together with family and friends this Christmas. We will be returning to Sicily on the 8th of January 2002. If you would like to contact us while we are there the address is 101 Ethelridge Drive Greenville, SC 29609 Telephone (864) 271-3168.

Our 1991 Fiat Van is back in the hospital again. The motor now has over 200.000 miles on it. It started using a lot oil and I found oil in the water. The mechanic said that we would need another motor because of the head problem. We are praying about what the Lord would have us do. I believe that we can find and install a good motor for \$2,000.00. We need you to help us pray about our church transportation.

Update on Nino's transplant: After many test and blood analysis, the doctors in the hospital in Parma, Italy notified Nino last week that there is no possible way that the transplant can take place. They detected that because of his low blood pressure and anti corpuscles, his body would not accept Linda's kidney or any other kidney. They also stated that because of the fact that he had already had a transplant 12 years ago and that it had failed to function 2 years ago and had to be removed, they just felt that his body was in not in condition to receive another. Please keep Nino and his wife Tina in your prayers. They had so hoped that he would have a kidney soon. Nino responded in this way: "Maybe God has something better in mind for me". What a blessing! They are a precious couple that are faithful and trust God for every need.

We have seen the Lord working in the lives of some of our people. It is to bad that the Lord has to deal with them in drastic way before they will make corrections in their lives. The Good Lord sure knows how to get our attention. We thank Him for His mercy and grace. It is such a blessing to have a small part in what He is doing. Let us continue to pray for one another as we work in our part of the world where He has called us. People need the Lord every where and He choose to use us to get the message to them. He has did His part. Let us be faithful do our part until He comes. Trust that the Lord blesses each you with a Wonderful Holiday Season May the Lord bless you.

In Christ,

Randall & Linda

The Jordans