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Dear Friends,

What does it take to keep us motivated? I Corinthians 15:58 says "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".

During a revival meeting or a missions conference many people will go forward during the invitation and make a commitment to serve the Lord in various ways, but when the difficult days come (and they will) many turn back or just give up. A verse in Hebrews 10:38 says "Now the just shall live by faith: but if a man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him". It seems to me that many go into the battle without the captain or his armor. Jesus said, without me ye can do nothing. then Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:11: "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil".

We are told to run the race with patience, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. (Hebrews:12:2) Brother Paul counted everything (and he meant everything) but loss that he may know HIM, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death. (Philippians 3:10)

There is power in the Word, power in the Blood, and Christ said ALL power is given to me in heaven and earth. If He be for us, who can be against us?

We continue to have the Friday Night Bible Study with Benedetto Guamera, who was saved August 1st. He invited a friend to come with him to the studies, and after coming to the study about a month, Antonino Lupica accepted the Lord as his Savior September 5th. We will probably have a baptismal service by the end of September. We ask you to focus your prayers on their wives to be saved. (A picture of Benedetto, Antonino and son)



The long hot summer seems to be over. Several thousand in Europe died from the extreme heat day after day. Now September is a re-settling month. Adults go back to work after extended vacations and the kids go back to school. Hopefully they will remember to get settled back in church also.

Sister Tina kept a 14 year old girl from the Ukraine her home during the month of August. Several of these Russian young people came to Sicily and stayed with different families for a month. All of them are from the area where they had the Nuclear Power Plant disaster a few years ago. They are sent out for a month for their health and to get fresh air. Many of them have suffered various health problems. Eugenia was a real blessing to Tina as well as Linda and me. Tina's brothers and sister also visited with her during August. This was a real encouragement to her. Please keep her in your prayers (Picture of Tina and Eugenia)



I recently met a man from India in one of the parks while evangelizing. His name is Paul and he speaks English. Almost every time I go there, I find him sitting on a park bench. He has a bad leg and goes twice a week for therapy. Each time I talk with him he seems to be more open. Please pray that soon Paul will be saved.

Many God's richest blessings be with you and your service for Him.

In service for the King,

The Jordans