

Sicily Update August 2006

Dear Friends,

Most of you have probably heard it said by someone that reading the Bible is like reading the newspaper or vice versa. To bear this out let us read **Psalms 83:4** "They have said, Come and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance". When we have the Red Sea before us and the army of Egypt behind, we need to remember that we have God's presence and power. It seems that Israel must know and believe God's promises to them. We also should remember his promise to us in **Romans 8:31** : " What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"



The Marletta Family

This couple, plus their daughter Elenora, were saved a number of years, but got out of church because Giovanni was working out of town. At present, we have been having a Thursday night Bible Study with them because Giovanni is working on Sunday and his wife Rosa has some heart problems and has a hard time getting up and down 4 flights of stairs, because there is no elevator where they live. Pray for the salvation of their son and son-in-law.



Luigi, the fruit and vegetable vendor, recently introduced me to his friend, Giovanni, who sells shirts, ties, and luggage next to him in the Open Air Market. He accepted a New Testament and a tract and seems to be open to the gospel. Please pray for him. Also last week Luigi asked me for a Bible. Since he is not yet saved, I gave him a New Testament, but he was not happy with that, so yesterday I gave him a complete Bible. His nephew Santo, who works with him, also accepted a New Testament. I think we all know the convicting power of the Word of God. Let us pray that these men will read and heed the Spirit as He calls them to come.

Chiesa Battista Calvario This is the church that we helped organize when we first came to Sicily. They have their own property, but at present it is without a pastor. They may have to temporarily revert back to a missionary because of the difficulty of finding a qualified National. They have at least three strong men in the church that know how to trust the Lord to see them through. The attendance is still good and the spirit is with them. There are two preachers who work full-time jobs that are doing the preaching weekly. I am praying that one of these men will take the pastorate. I do not detect any division or disharmony among the people. Please help us pray that the Lord will continue to bless this work.

Until next month we trust that you will keep Linda and I in your daily prayers. May God's richest blessing be with each of you.

In Christ,
The Jordans

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