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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we greet you in this New Year, we would like to thank everyone who has sent us cards, letters, and special Love gifts for Christmas. Being away from family and friends in the States is always hard during the Christmas holidays, but receiving cards and letters is real encouragement to missionaries. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in keeping us in your prayers. Our Christmas services and meal were a real blessing here at the Church. We were blessed to have the Galioto family to share this time with us. The ladies did a good job on the meal and all of the delicious deserts that we enjoyed. Bro. Giuseppe Perez, one of the preacher boys in the church, gave a good devotion, and we shared testimonies of how the Lord blessed our lives during the year.

### **January - a month of some real trials for the Church family:**

1. Mazara del Vallo is the largest Fishing port in the southern part of Italy. January has been really slow for the fishing industry because of bad weather. Because of this, two of our men in the church have been out of work, and are in need of our prayers. Bro. Luigi and Bro. Giuseppe are in good spirits, and are looking to the Lord to supply their every need.
2. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, we received some heartbreaking news. We had been witnessing to Rosetta and her daughter, Patrizia, who own the business where we buy our coffee for the Church and for our home. Rosetta had asked us to pray for her husband, who had just returned from northern Italy after having stints placed in his neck. We had been praying and talking with him, trying to encourage him. After a number of meetings with him and trying to lead him to the Lord, he was still very discouraged, and didn't want to live any longer. We received news from Rosetta that he had jumped off the bridge over the Interstate, trying to kill himself. Immediately, we went to the hospital to encourage the family while he was in surgery. Sadly, too much damage was done internally, and he died during surgery. This was such a shock to the family, as well as to the whole town, because he was well known here. One good thing we can say that has come out of this tragedy is, that the daughter, Patrizia, accepted the Lord as her personal Savior. She is reading her Bible daily, and is trusting the Lord that her mother and two brothers, Roberto and Sammi, will come to know Christ as their Saviour also. We are praying that we will see all of them in Church services soon. Please keep the Calato family in your prayers.
3. From January 16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, a group called Forconi set up 26 roadblocks in which NO TRUCKS were allowed to deliver food or gas, because they were protesting high Gas prices. At present, gas prices are at \$9.00 a gallon. Because of these roadblocks, everything was at a standstill. Needless to say, all the people suffered, because the grocery stores and gas stations had NO SUPPLIES. But, through all this, we are thankful our people did not miss Sunday or Wednesday services, Bible Institute, Ladies Bible Study, or Visitation. We give the Lord all the praise for supplying all our needs through this time. God is so good!



Rosetta, Patrizia and Cristian

After all the discouraging news we just shared, we have some wonderful news. Our granddaughter, Cayla, and her husband, Ryan, are expecting a baby in August. We are thrilled that we are going to be great-grandparents.

Until next month, may God richly bless each of you.

In Christ,  
The Jordan's