Jordan's Sicily Update February 15 – April 15 2013



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Dear Friends in Christ,

We greet from the island of Sicily. As the cold winter days have passed and how spring has arrived, it makes me think of how God is in control of all the seasons and sends us just what we need in His timing.

We had wonderful Easter Services and the Lord blessed in our services. On Monday, the day after Easter, is a Big Holiday here in Italy. We invited the Church family to pass it with us and we prepared food and had a great time of fellowship at the Church eating, singing, testifying and praising the Lord. It's really a blessing to have such precious Italians in the Church.

Recently we have receiving a number of letters from Pastors saying that it has been a long time since we reported to the Church. I'd like to explain why this has happened. The last time we were home on furlough was in 2008. We had begun reporting to Churches and unexpected I had to have quadruple By-pass Heart Surgery and was not able to complete reporting to the Churches. As I was finishing with the Rehab Heart Therapy I received a call asking me to return to Italy and help the American Military in Catania because they were at the point of closing the doors asked me to fill in until they could call a new pastor. With the Doctor's approval, we were there at Calvary Baptist for 14 months until a new Pastor was able to get all of his documents and Visa. Before he arrived the Missionary in Mazara del Vallo called and said that the Lord was calling him to move to Palermo and wanted to know if I could come and take the work. We prayed asking the Lord to give us peace about this matter, and the Lord gave us perfect peace and agreed, and moved in August of 2010 and began the work here in Mazara del Vallo. We returned to the States in June of 2011 for my heart check-up and were there for only 30 days because I had no one to fill in for me at the Church. We had no one that could speak Italian to fill in for me.

We are in almost the same situation now because I must return to the States in May

for another Heart Check-up. One of the young men in the Church that I have been training personally will take care of the Church for 5 weeks while we are there.

I have been losing some of my hearing and will also need to have a hearing exam and most likely a Hearing Aid. Linda has had some health issues and will need a check-up also. We ask that you please pray that we can get all health issues taken care of during the time we are there. We depart from Palermo May 13th at 6:30 am Italian time and will arrive in Charlotte, NC at 7:00pm stateside time.

Due to the crisis in the States we have had a number of Churches that have had either drop or cut back on the support they send us monthly. Our prayers go out to each supporter that we have and are so grateful for all that you do for the Jordan's. God has always supplied our need the past 35 years of serving the Lord and we know that HE always will. Please pray for the ministry here in Sicily as we go forward witnessing, preaching and praying that a wonderful harvest will be reaped for Christ here in this 99% Catholic community.

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In Christ, Bro. Randall & Sis Linda