



THE GIRARDS

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Dear Family and Friends,

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This month we are sending a second newsletter because we have some urgent ministry needs. We are asking you to keep an open heart and ask the Lord if He wants you to sow into our ministry for some important events planned to reach the lost.

The Lord has put on our hearts to organize different events this spring and there are a few teams coming from America as well. In order to host those events, **we urgently need to purchase a sound system.** We need about \$1,700 to get good, mid-range equipment that we can use for all our special events and weekly operations. Also, as you read the list of upcoming events, you will realize that they all have a cost: advertisement, permits, transportation, logistics, etc. **We are trying to raise about \$400 per event.** Would you or your church like to sponsor an event? Please read the list of events we are organizing below and contact us if you need more information (some dates may change, but the events will happen for sure). If you want to be a part of this, please follow the instructions at the end of the letter.

Our events:

March 16: Human Trafficking Awareness Convention – Our friends Gregg Montella and Luke Richards will give a presentation of the cruel reality of human trafficking from Eastern Europe into the West. They are actively involved in preventing it, as they start businesses in Eastern Europe and hire orphans who would otherwise be easy preys for the traffickers. The meeting will be geared towards raising awareness, and we are expecting many people to come. Though not directly a “church” event, the opportunity to give a Gospel message will be taken. We are hoping to involve the chief of police of Arezzo to share briefly on the trafficking business in our city.

Middle of April: A team from Bethel Church, in Redding, CA will be ministering in Northern Italy. While I have volunteered to be one of their interpreters, we are also likely to organize a teaching on the supernatural at the Zoe Center building. Our idea is to reach out to the psychics, fortunetellers, witches, and other charlatans that are using the supernatural in a wrong and sinful way and to teach them what the Bible says about the supernatural.

May or June: Another team is coming from America, from Wilmington, NC. The pastor is a good friend of mine. We used to attend the same youth group after I became a Christian. He and his wife then moved to America, received training, and stayed there to serve the church. They are coming with a group to do outreaches and to pray for the city.

June 6-8: Our missions’ director John Cava, his wife, and a team of musicians are coming for a few days. They will hold a few concerts in Tuscany and we will have an event together in Arezzo as well.

From May to September: Clowns and Puppets at the Park. Leia will resume her ministry to the families at the park, as we have seen so much interest over the last years. God has really given her an anointing to draw crowds of kids and parents.

On top of all this, we are continuing to visit and bless the local prostitutes. Please consider sponsoring one prostitute. With an offering of \$20 we are able to buy her a nice gift and follow up on her. So far, two ladies have given their life to Christ and are trying to leave the industry. All the other women we talked to, with no exception, say they do not want to do it, but they feel like they have no choice if they want to eat and feed their families (many are mothers).

Once we will have a sound system, we will also host movie nights: we will show a Christian movie on a big screen and invite people to come and watch it. We already have the screen and the projector, all we need is the sound system.

Advancing God's kingdom, one heart at a time...

We are pleased to say that we have more non-believers coming to our building currently than we do believers. This is great because we are planting a church, and we are reaching out to the lost. With that in mind, this is why we need your help. We don't have a group of dedicated believers giving tithes and offerings to the local work yet, which will take time. But how exciting it is for you to sow into these lives that will never be the same because of your help! These are lives that you will have invested into and will reap a reward for.

Please pray for us, the ministers coming to help us, and especially for the people we are reaching in those events. Also, please pray and support these events according to what you sense the Lord is showing you.

Thank you very much and please feel free to contact us to get more information on these events. As always,

God bless you all!

Nicolas, Leia, Eva, Elise, Sophie, and Isaiah

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