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“... and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Matthew 19:5-7



Dear Praying Friends,

We write to you with great joy in our hearts for how the Lord has been working in our midst and has proved Himself so faithful. If you’ve followed our past newsletters, you will recognize three of the young believers who found the Lord within the last two years. First of all,



Felice and Michela, both 30, first attended one of our home groups two years ago and have been growing nicely in their their walk ever since. They took a big financial step of faith by getting married in September after a ten-year engagement period. Having followed them with discipleship and premarital counseling, we were honored to have played a part in bringing a word of blessing and challenge at their outdoor wedding. It was a beautiful late summer day under the Apulia sun. We’ve also worked at building relationship with both sets of parents and their siblings. There’s nothing like an Italian wedding!

After their honeymoon, they gladly opened up their small apartment in order to host a new home group which now meets on Monday evenings. Please pray friends and new contacts will begin to come.

In addition, you may recall, **Domenico** (36), one of our English students who asked to talk about spiritual things during his private lessons. We had the privilege, even challenge to share the Gospel



Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:18-19



message with him first in English. He began faithfully attending church and a home group in his home town of Andria in the summer of 2018. Over this past year he has accepted the Lord and is becoming a solid follower of Christ. He couldn't wait for the opportunity to be baptized and not only did his parents come and hear his testimony but they also stayed for a church potluck that we held afterwards. Over the summer, he has begun dating one of our young women, as well.



We are especially blessed by three of **our life group leaders**, pictured here. They have been maturing and faithfully serving not only those who come to weekly meetings but also by taking on various roles in the church: bookstore ministry, adolescent Sunday school class and heading up our new community outreach by way of opening a **food bank**. Mark is also on the team where our church has joined a regional Christian ministry which enables church volunteers to hold periodic Saturday food drives at local supermarkets with the follow-up goal of ministering to needy families all with the blessing of the local town municipalities. This is another marvelous way to get into homes and build relationships towards an invite to an eventual evangelistic event.



We thank you greatly for your prayers as we seek to train leaders to do the ministry along with reaching out to those who are seeking the truth in Christ.

In His Service,

Mark & Denise