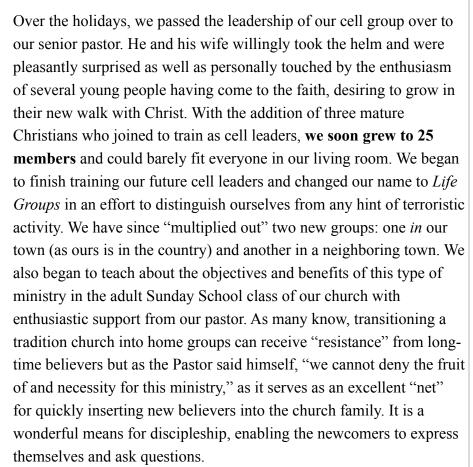
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Stevanus News



Dear Praying Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are already in April of 2018; it seems like just yesterday we were with our family in the States for Christmas and New Years. Time seems to go by so much more quickly as we get older. Exciting things are happening for which we praise the Lord and want to share with you.





Over the years, March 8th has developed into *International Women's Day*. In Italy it was and still is a "**Ladies Night Out**" initially signifying a commemorative event to remember poor working







In His Service,

Mark & Denise

conditions for women over 100 years ago. It is an occasion for women to go out to eat leaving children and husbands at home, a *very* rare moment. Some churches have used the opportunity as an evangelistic event creating a festive event including: games, prizes, skits, testimonies and a brief message. Since we've had experience doing this over the years, Denise was able to put the event together in a short amount of time, seeking to get as many women involved as possible. Many did not know what to expect but everyone had a wonderful time —young and old. In fact, the men were curious to watch and were "allowed" to observe only if they were willing to serve refreshments.

A few first-time visitors came out, in fact, the fiancé of one of our young woman, new to an evangelical church, was particularly touched by the message about placing one's faith completely in the Lord Jesus.



Just recently, we were able to receive Joe and Stephanie DeMott who serve with *Missionaries2Marriages.com*, travelling to many nations giving deep teaching on the preservation of marriage. We had the privilege hosting and translating for them for an evening of intense ministry and teaching. This month we are starting pre-marital counseling for several engaged couples and this served as a marvelous event to launch this program.

Once again with grateful hearts we thank you for your support and prayers as we continue to serve in this special nation, profoundly in need to the Gospel message.