

The Buss Family
Missionaries to the U.S. Military
Vicenza, Italy

Dear Prayer Partners,

August 1, 2024

We want to thank you once again for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. As we've said before, the ministry here would not be possible without the faithful support of God's people. Over the last couple of months, as the weather has improved, we have been able to increase our soul-winning efforts within the Italian community and on the military base. During the colder times of the year, people here, like in most places, don't go out much and if they do, they spend as little time as necessary outside.

Through the tract distribution and witnessing of our members, we have had a couple of Italian visitors who speak English. Each of these visitors learned about the church through the tracts we have been handing out during our soul-winning efforts. Though most Italians consider themselves to be Roman Catholic (whether they have ever been inside a Catholic church or not), some are searching for the truth.

Recently, the mother of one of the Filipino families in our church went home to be with her Saviour. Magdalena had been attending our church for about a year while in Italy. She had been complaining of stomach and chest pain for a while. When she went to the doctor, she was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. From the time of her diagnosis, it was only a couple of months before she passed away. The family returned to the Philippines for the funeral. During the service conducted by a Baptist pastor in the Philippines, one of Magdalena's sons, Jesse, received Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Upon returning to Italy, Jesse has begun attending church faithfully. Though Magdalena is missed by her family and the church, the blessing of having one of her sons come to faith in Jesus Christ has been wonderful for all of us. We ask that you keep this family lifted up in prayer for comfort and strength during this time of loss.

Prayer requests: access to witness on post, salvations, baptisms, spiritual growth, permanent church building, church growth, language training, and my family's health and a silent request for my wife.

In Christ's service,

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