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## Buongiorno a tutti!

We hope and pray that you all are doing well. It is a wet day in Tuscany, but we are doing great. We were supposed to have severe thunderstorms all day, but it turned out just to be a little rain. They cancelled school and everything (I think people just wanted a day off). We've had a good month, here's some of what happend in September...

## Prayers for Simone

A few months ago we had a visitor at worship named Simone (you are almost certainly pronouncing that name wrong. It's Sim-oh-neh, and it is a masculine name). He is friends with Tommaso and Silvia and their famliy. He has been a regular visitor to worship and we have gotten to know him well.

Simone deals with severe depression. He is 31, single and unemployed. We have been trying our best to encourage him. He is in therapy, which is helping and he says that spending time with us has also been helpful. We are hopeful that we can further develop our relationship with him and help him to find the

peace that is available to all in Christ Jesus.

This past Sunday we went out to lunch with him and Tommaso's family. Afterward he told Tommaso and Silvia that it was very enjoyable and chatting with us gave him the opportunity to not dwell on his issues.

Because I am the world's worst missionary when it comes to taking photos, I don't have any of him. But, God knows what he looks like, and will know for whom you are praying. Please pray for him and our ministry to him.

## Youth outing

This month we were able to have our first outing with the youth for a while. We invited the youth from Florence and Prato as well, though the kids at Prato were not able to come.

We took them to a trampoline park and they LOVED it. We were there for two hours and the time went by super fast. We were able to talk to all of them as individuals and as a group. They are desperate to do more things together, so we are trying to plan the next outing. The problem is, they are all VERY busy all the time, so it's hard to get them together.

Next time we are inviting them to our house for a meal and devotional, then the time after that we will do something fun. We hope to alternate activities between spiritual and fun.

Please keep these kids in your prayers. There are a lot of challenges that they face being surrounded by non-believers all the time. They are all coming to the age where there is a lot of pressure to live very worldly. Most of them attend congregations where they are basically alone, everyone being at least 30 years older than them.

Again, we also ask that you pray for us as we minister to them.



All the kids that came. We did tell them to smile for this picture.



Jacopo, Carlotta and Ginevra



Anna and Violet



Andrea

## Studies

Now that the Summer break is over, we are getting back into the swing of things with our studies. Unfortunately, I don't have any new studies to report, but the studies with Ginevra, Carlotta, Alice, Daniela, Enzo and Lola continue to go well. Please pray for them, and also that we can develop new studies. Some American Christians we know just bought a hotel in our part of Pistoia that we can start using for daily studies soon, so please pray that we can fill our schedules up with studies there.

## Chinese Ministry

Our work with the Chinese continues to go well. We were contacted by a Chinese Christian in the USA who has connected us with a Chinese member of the church living in Milano. We arranged to have him come to Pistoia to meet with the Chinese members.

They all reacted very, in my opinion, strangely. They were asking a lot of questions about him, and nobody would commit to coming to anything we had planned. He came and we invited everyone to the building, but only one brother, Nathan, showed up. We talked for a while and figured we would have the normal group there on Sunday to meet with him, but on that Sunday only two Chinese members were there.

I asked Nathan about it and he said, "They are afraid he is a spy, so they will not come. Now that I have met him, maybe they will come the next time, but they might not." I had vouched for him, but it was not enough. I can't imagine living the way they do, even in a free country they think they are in constant danger from the CCP.

The next week they were all back at worship. We have also recently worshiped at the Prato congregation, where they have a small group of Chinese worshiping and we have heard that Florence has six or seven Chinese coming. I would like to organize a Gospel meeting that all three groups could attend, but I am not sure they will, since they are very distrusting of each other. Please pray for me as I try to navigate these complexities.

One really good thing is, Linda, who had moved to Rome last year, is now back and worshiping with us again. We are really excited to have her back with us as she is very encouraging.

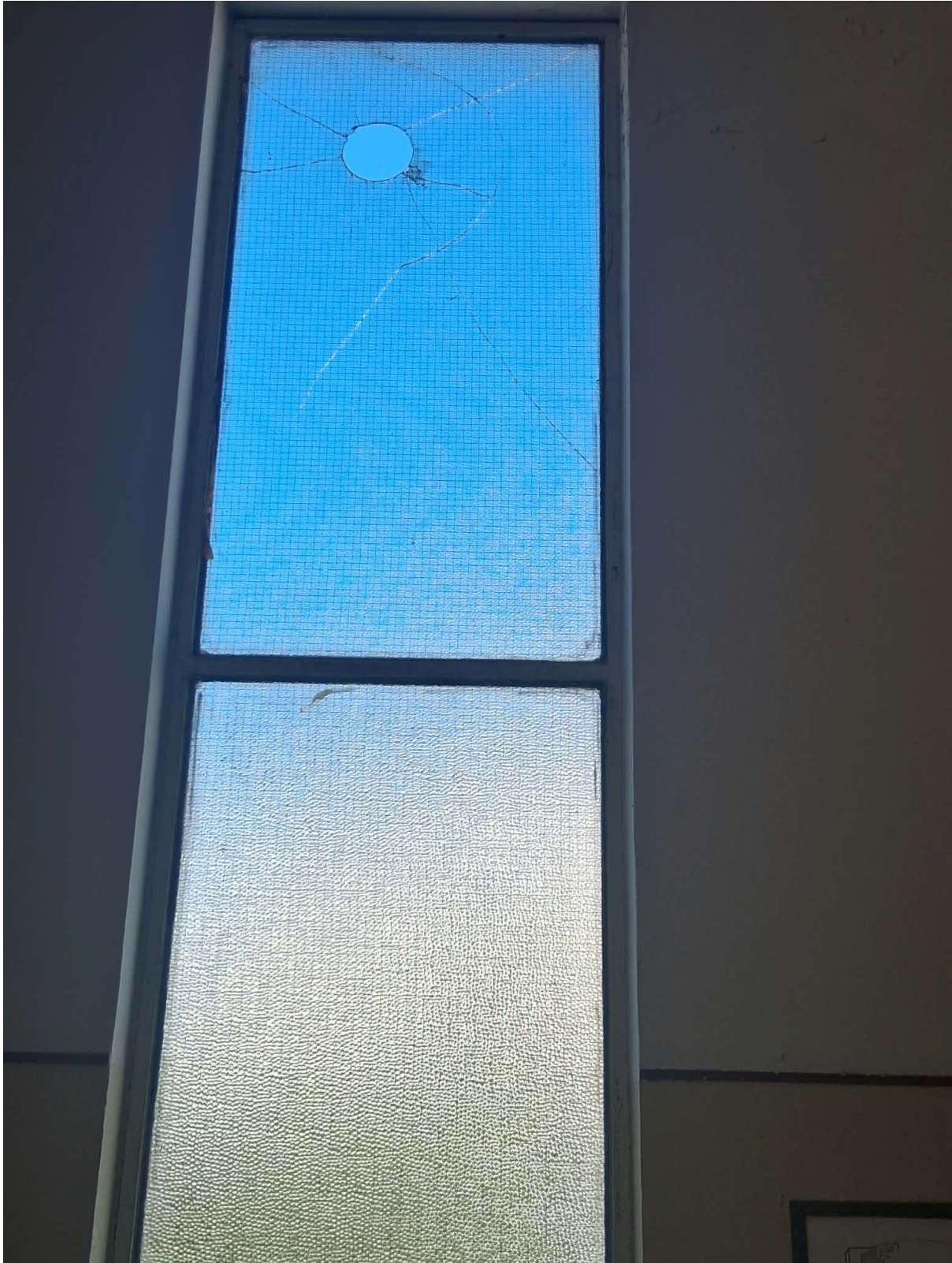
One problem we had was we recently helped Nathan move a bunch of furniture he was donated into his new house. He was very happy and thankful to us for helping him. Unfortunately, the furniture was full of bedbugs! So, we had to help him with fumigation as this is not something he can afford. It looks like the problem is under control now.

We appreciate your prayers as we continue to minister to this group.

## **Fundraising for Project**

The Pistoia church building is getting old, and needs a lot of work. We recently had to put a new roof on the building. That work depleted the church's funds. Now we have a problem with our windows which need to be replaced. The estimate is around 11,000 euros. We have had one supporter, the Cedar Grove congregation in Andalusia AL that has contributed to the work, but we are a long way from being able to afford it. If you or your congregation would be willing to help with it, please send the funds to Margaret Street with a note explaining that they are for the windows. Thank you!





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