



Franzini's September 2018 Prayer Letter.

Dear praying friends,

Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a very long hot and busy summer. Which explains the delay of our latest news, please forgive us.

**Mirandola:** We thank the Lord for a new sister, Irina who is attending the Bible study there and also coming to church in Borgofranco on Sundays. She is finding much comfort being in the presence of the Lord.

**Daniel,** the young Iranian student came to our home for dinner last month and also came to the evening prayer meeting in church. He continues to show interest and is very open to spiritual matters. Paola was able to give him a very special addition of the Gospels with a commentary in Persian. Paola received this from her missionary friend, whilst visiting her in Sweden in July.

**Sweden:** Paola was invited to meet up with her dear friend who was on the same mission team in Iran/Pakistan. They had not see each other for almost 40 years. Paola had a wonderful week with Carina's family and six grandchildren! Her friend is a University professor and is also helping to translate the Bible into the Balouchi language. Paola was able to meet and visit with many Iranians in Carina's church who had come to faith in Christ. This was a great encouragement and blessing.

**Contacts:** Marizia Z: Mirco's wife's boss, has become seriously ill, she got sick the evening before she had promised to visit our church that very Sunday. She has big heart problems, please pray for her, for her salvation and health, thank you.

**Pastoral Care:** Two churches from Legnago and Mantova asked Mirco to preach whilst their Pastors were on vacation. Also, in the last few days we have been doing a lot of counseling to needy families from the smaller church of Reggio Emilia (where two families have lost two sons.) The members of this community are going through a lot of pain and suffering. Please pray for comfort from our Lord.

**In Autumn** we are organizing an Evangelistic Campaign with the Billy Graham Association to reach Europe with the Gospel. We have been given a short film to show inside and outside the church building during the month of November. Please pray for our church members as they will try to ask friends and relatives to come watch the film with an invitation to accept Christ. Thank you.

**Eva:** An elderly lady who is very sick and who Mirco visits regularly has shown signs of having the joy of having received the Gospel message in her heart. Whilst Mirco was praying for Eva, her Filipino care taker said she is also a born-again Christian!

**Marisa:** Mirco's cousin, a business woman, now seriously very ill asked Mirco to visit her in her home, we have visited her several times, she is very open to God and we have given her a New Testament. Unfortunately, her husband is very upset when we visit her and creates problems for us to share. Please pray!



### **News from our Local Church.**

**The church of Borgofranco has gone through a very delicate moment.** Mirco was verbally attacked by a man from our church in front of the church members. He said that the fact that only Mirco had remained in church authority that he was a small POPE. (The other Elder resigned because of intensive work load and shifts.) After this very sad episode many of our church members phoned, emailed or visited us saying at the moment they only recognize Mirco as a leader and no one else. So, this was a confirmation from God for us. After a while this man publicly asked forgiveness in church. None the less, it was a very nasty and difficult test for us, especially emotionally, and these accusations hurt many church members and damaged the sheep. We really want to thank our brothers and sisters in Christ of Tentmakers Bible Mission and other Pastors of our supporting churches and Christians that sent us encouraging emails or visited with us on Skype. We are only able to continue to minister here through your prayers and intercession which are held up before the throne of God!

News from our Family: Our daughter Elisabetta and her husband Pablo were able to visit Gionatan, Hannah and little Sergio in Cheyenne, WY last month! They had a blessed time there, and also thank the Christians and TBM team for their kind hospitality.

We are so happy to let you know that our daughter in law Hannah is expecting a little girl in January!

May the Lord bless and reward you all for your practical love and interest for Christ's ministry here in Northern Italy.

Fighting the good fight,

Yours in the love of Jesus,

Mirco and Paola