



The Librings

Serving in Montebelluna, Italy

Thank you for reading about what is going on in our ministry and lives. We appreciate your prayers and interest! These past 2 months have been fruitful in ministry with the Bible College, church and community. We are so privileged to have opportunities to serve the Lord and share Him. We are going to share a little overview of the season we are in now.

WITNESSING

Recently two different neighbors have reached out to us for answers or comfort during difficult times. We were able to share the gospel on a deeper level with a younger neighbor and be there for the other one who is suffering. Both are open, but we pray they would have their hearts opened to seeing their need for the Lord, for His salvation. Also, the news of the newly elected president of the United States opened up a change for Donovan to witness to the teller at our bank the other day. It seems that the Lord is using any and every opportunity to get people the message of salvation and we pray to continue to be ready and willing to be used as the Lord pleases.

FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Our monthly prayer and bible study meetings are a great time of fellowship and a fun opportunity for Donovan to share a word with our little group. Our group is small and faithful, however we also pray a few more local people would find time to come for the fellowship and prayer.

BIBLE COLLEGE

The Fall 2016 Bible College semester has flown by! This has been a great group of students, serious about learning the word and serving in lots of different areas. Even though a lot of what we do is behind the scenes, we are blessed to be a part of this fruitful ministry. During the semester groups of students went on their week-long outreaches to Slovenia, Austria, Kosovo, France, and Spain and brought back good reports. They have also had open doors to do day-outreaches with local Calvary Chapels as well as visiting retirement homes where they put on a puppet show, played music and mingled, including the very clear message of the gospel. The residents of the facility and people that were there were very touched and the door continues stay open for us to send students and staff back.



Footsteps of Paul

Thank you for your prayers for the Footsteps of Paul trip. We drove 3 vans down to Naples which turned out to be about an almost 10 hour drive and braved the crazy traffic and chaos to learn about where Paul landed on his trip to Rome and spent 7 days. Many people don't think about it, but we do live in a biblical land! Paul traveled here and shared the gospel here and even wrote much of the New Testament from Italy. The time was fruitful, the students and staff bonded, and we all learned more about this great man of God who gave it all for the gospel, the apostle Paul.

Our Ministry in Review

Like we said before, a lot of what we do is behind the scenes, which is exactly what we feel called to. It is a privilege to serve the Lord in the exact capacity that He calls us to. We are going to give you a few of the things we do in “a week in the life of” our ministry and life.

Donovan - One of the really fun things that Donovan gets to do is help people who are either passing through or re-locating here. When people move here there are so many things that need to be done such as visiting government offices, signing up for Italian classes and getting housing and utilities going. It sounds mundane, but it is a need for and a big part of what he does.

He also enjoys helping with the management of the Bible College apartments which is quite involved here in Italy. From refilling the gas supply for heating, to helping the students get the heaters on, Donovan is always happy to be a part of keeping those apartments going so the students and other staff can focus on what they are doing here.

Interpretation is another big part of what Donovan does. God has gifted him in languages and he loves being able to help with this ministry. In fact, he would even love to do it more than he already is! We won't go on, but we just wanted to mention a couple items to give you (our prayer partners) and those interested in our ministry of some of the things we do.

Caryn - As you know, Caryn has had some pretty big role changes in the past year now that she is home with both kids until pre-school time. She used to consistently work a lot with the school and the girls, but with a less predictable schedule, she has transitioned into different roles. Even though she does miss a lot of the stuff she did before, she is also happily finding her place in new areas of focus such as hospitality, spending time with other mommies and bringing food and the gospel to a couple of families in a time of need. Caryn is also regularly assisting a woman in need that is pregnant by helping her with practical things such as driving her to appointments, getting her needs met and food for her family, and getting clothes and other items needed for the baby.

Hospitality - The highlight of the week for Caryn is hosting the staff prayer meeting at our house for a time of sweet fellowship, worship and prayer. Besides that, with people coming and going, it is a joy to have an open home for guests and sharing meals with folks.

This semester she has been able to spend a bit of time with several of the students, not as much as she used to, but she is thankful for each opportunity she has to get to know them, pray with them, and encourage them in their faith.

Praise and Prayer Requests:

- Praise the Lord for the opportunities to share with those around us!
- Praise the Lord for continuing to provide for our needs and build our faith.
- Praise God for the friendships our children are developing inside and outside the church.

Please pray for the following:

1. For the Lord to give wisdom to our pastor regarding bidding on a possible property for our own church and bible college facility if that is His will.
2. The right translations for Donovan in his specialized areas as the prolonged dip in the economy continues.
3. Our trip to the States: divine appointments and connecting with people who believe in what we're doing.
4. For our children to grow up knowing and loving the Lord.
5. Men with a heart to teach and shepherd Italians requesting a church in their cities. Also, for the need of a pastor of the Feltre church, that God would send a pastor.
6. Pray for Caryn as she ministers to the ladies and mommies she is in contact with, some who know the Lord/some don't.
7. Pray for Donovan as he shares the gospel his basketball team, for their hearts to be open.
8. Most of all, a continued filling of the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel with boldness to those around us and for us to have God's heart for each individual as we do.
9. Please pray for Donovan to be able to attend Pastors and Assistants conference in Jan/Feb in Austria.
10. For a fruitful Friday night prayer and study hosted at our house every 1st Friday of the month.

