



*'When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken.'* Luke 5:8-9

*'When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment ... and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish.'* John 21:7-8

How different are Simon Peter's reactions to being with Jesus after these two miraculous catches of fish! How wonderful for Peter, along with us, to know the One who forgives sin – so much so that, at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, Peter did not hesitate to jump in the sea to see him! Praise to the risen Christ who provided Peter a welcome breakfast, perfect restoration for failure and work to do in dragging in the net full of Jesus' fish. In this letter, we trace how the Lord has specifically and kindly provided for us and for Forte Torre Church (FT) this term.

We praise God for **his provision of Aimee** and how she has poured out her life serving the kingdom during her year abroad with us as a Crosslinks short-termer serving at FT. Jesus has given abundant gifts to this precious sister and we have appreciated her consecration to Christ in her constantly faithful service behind the scenes: loving others, baking, organizing, cutting out and drawing. We also see clearly the Lord's foresight in giving us Aimee whilst Sue was not at church for three months. We look forward to seeing how the Lord will lead her in the future.



- Please pray for Aimee 'not [to] become weary in doing good, for at the proper time [she] will reap a harvest if [she does] not give up.' (Galatians 6:9)
- Please pray for wisdom for Aimee in where to serve him with her language gifts, especially since she's been learning Hebrew on the Applicazione course this year!
- Please pray FT never tires to send out workers into Jesus' harvest field.



We praise the Lord for **his provision of the Spirit to convict and save two new families** in church, both of whom have been involved with Jehovah's Witnesses for two decades. We marvel at how Jesus calls his own and how he speaks and saves through the reading of his word. Praise for how M and B have found their way to FT and how they love to listen to Jesus' voice. Give thanks for the course of studies and the subsequent baptism of F and S; despite the cost of alienation from their family, they have confessed Jesus as Lord.

- Pray for the week-in-week-out preaching of God's word to equip these saints to witness to families still in JW movement.
- Praise Jesus for providing a spiritual home for these families.

After a few years' break due to Covid, we were glad to run our annual Easter Egg Hunt again. Praise to the Lord for **his provision of S with her legal skills** to navigate a bureaucratic labyrinth, just in time, to allow for the event to be held in our local park near our church building. We had a perfectly dry morning with storms both before and after!

- Praise for church family sharing the load of hosting and for N subbing in last minute for the speaker who had Covid.
- Give thanks for new families who came as well as for new recruits for camps. Pray for events in the autumn and at Christmas – pray that more families would make the big step to come to church.

We are so thankful for **the Lord's provision of medical care for Sue** during this past term as well as for church family, particularly P, who have nursed Sue back to health after her accident and pneumonia. We thank the Lord also for **the good works he has prepared in advance for us to do, even in times of illness**. Sue was able to take the opportunity to study the book of Proverbs during her convalescence, to proclaim Christ as the Wisdom of God at a conference for Italian women in May.

- Thanks for doctors and nurses A, L, E, S treating Susan in hospital. Pray that these medics will come to personal faith in the great Physician.
- Praise our Father for giving grace to the humble (Prov 3:34), to those brought low because of sin or sickness.
- Pray Sue will be able to 'run' again!

We thank the Lord for **his provision of men in the fellowship**. JP's meeting up 1:1 with each man has reduced this term, as caring for Sue has taken up a lot of his time. JP was therefore glad to gather brothers together at a recent men's evening. We're thankful to God for real progress made with some 'unbelieving husbands' of dear sisters in church.

- Pray that ALL our men would walk with the Lord in the discipline of reading his word and praying each day.
- Pray our men would grow in spiritual responsibility in their homes, especially those who are new fathers.



We thank the Lord for **his provision of answered prayer over many years**. D, once training to be a RC priest, was one of our first contacts 14 years ago in Bologna. He finally has a permanent job teaching in a school in Modena. He is now going to Stupenda Grazia, our church plant! Having prayed for years that this brother would thrive in a healthy fellowship with a stable job, it's wonderful to see how the Lord has answered this prayer (in the Lord's timing rather than ours).

Sending our love and praying you can trace the Lord's provision in your lives. He really has storehouses of goodness and grace.

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