



Dear friends,

A lot has been going on with Trinity Church Vicenza. First of all, Trinity called a full-time pastor. Joel has been working with Trinity for a few years now, but always on a part-time basis and setting up the church so it would be ready for a full time pastor (the church has been looking for a full-time pastor since its inception). We called Bill Nikides. Bill and his wife Cheryl arrived 8 months ago. This is a huge answer to prayer. We have been praying for

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co-laborers for many years and the Lord has answered those prayers with the coming of Bill and Cheryl.

Trinity started meeting in private homes. We eventually moved to the hall of a former restaurant. It served us well for the years we were there, although there were also problems. The owner's son also used the building and often made noise on Sundays and left the room dirty for us. But the Lord has opened the Via Marconi 11, 3706 door for us to rent a place that will be used only by Trinity. I have been helping in navigating that (as the sole Italian speaker) and in fixing up the new church building. It needs some work, but a portion of the building is good enough for us to use right away and we've been in there for about a month. The building is just outside of Vicenza.

Trinity also has a new website. Most of that is Nico's work. If you want to check it out, the address is: <http://www.trinityvicenza.org/>

With Bill and Cheryl's arrival, Joel has been dedicating more time to Italian ministry. Even while working with Trinity, we remained in Verona. Joel worked with Trinity part-time and



we still want to see an Italian church planted in Verona. Jessica has been very active in the local community doing volunteer work and creating a network of contacts. Joel has been doing more Bible studies, networking, and evangelism.

Please pray for church planting in Verona. Pray that we will see people come to Christ. Pray that the Lord will bring the right people and help us to build a core group here.

Joel has also been active with the IPC. The denomination is still quite small, but it's growing. This too is an answer to prayer.

The children are doing well and for that we are happy, although Ana and Etienne have come down with chicken pox for the second time in their lives. The biggest piece of news is that Nico has joined the US Air Force. He will begin basic training on April 11th. I'm sure all you parents can understand, that in one sense we are sad to see him go. We'll miss him. On the other hand, we raised him to set out as a young adult. We're happy for him.

The others are doing well in school. Emeline is doing her 5 years of High School (Italy has 5 years) in 4 which means she is studying like crazy. Ana is doing well. She'll finish junior high this year and plans to attend an art high school next year. Etienne is finishing elementary and Theodore is doing well in 1st grade. They are all taking music lessons as well. More importantly, they are all showing signs of growing in grace. Please pray that this growth in the Gospel will continue.

We thank you all for your prayers and support.

Joel, Jessica, Nico, Emeline, Anaëlle, Etienne, & Theodore