



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

January and February 2023

We hope that you are doing well and have had a good start to the new year. Thank you for your help in the past year and for your care for us. We can only praise the Lord and know he will reward you in his timing. Since the beginning of the year, we have been just trying to be faithful in sowing the word, leaving the results in God's hands. We have been trying to witness to our neighbours and contacts in everyday situations and hope to see some later, make the decision to take the Lord at his word and believe to be saved. A neighbourhood girl named Ena was at our church service a couple weeks ago. Tirzah goes to school with Ena who also often comes over to our house. Laura, the wife of Andrew, was also at this service. Our lesson that day was the account of the fisherman that the Lord called to come after and follow him. A couple of these men were directed and influenced by the preacher, John the Baptist. One of those, Andrew, influenced his brother Peter in coming to the Lord. Philip found the Lord by reading the scriptures and understanding the Old Testament. And then lastly, Nathanael, simply came to the Lord, for he recognized that God really knew him. **"Whence knowest thou me?" – (John 1.48b)** We hope that Ena and Laura would also find the Lord as their Saviour this year.

Andrew is growing in the word of God and truth. He has been pretty faithful in coming to church and spends time with us often. He recently put in a large order of Bible believing books, as well as a King James Bible to start using more often in his personal reading. Just this last week, we sat down and watched a portion of "A Lamp in the Dark, the untold history of the Bible", which starts right off, showing the suffering of those who stood up for God's word despite persecution. Andrew stood in awe and amazement of the oppression, violence, and murder from the Catholic church because of the scriptures being read and preached. About an hour south of us is the city of Trento, where the council of Trent was held (1545-1563). There they issued and pronounced well over a hundred curses over non-Catholics and real Bible Christians. Numerous curses land on a Christian who rejects the inspiration of the Apocrypha, the literal blood and flesh of Christ in the Eucharist, power of the priest etc. Using this fear tactic, the Catholic church has intimidated many and hindered them from coming to the saving knowledge of the gospel. Andrew is growing and we are thankful for him.

We had a great blessing this past weekend, as we were able to meet for a church service in a Youth Centre and Hotel in Brixen, a city about 30 minutes south of where we live. They have given us a price to rent a seminar room every Sunday morning, which is extremely reasonable for our area. As we talked with the head lady, responsible for the seminar rooms, explaining what we were looking for, she not only gave us the use of a room for a good price which wasn't even listed, but also gave me a key for the parking lot adjoining the building where we can park in the middle of the city on Sundays. Each seminar room is equipped with a piano due to an annual summer music convention hosted there. We are thankful to be able to meet in Brixen, as it is very centrally located in South Tyrol.

Lastly, I would like to mention something we will be trying for the first time in October of this year. From **October 21st to the 28th**, we would like to have an outreach, personally inviting anyone reading this letter to come. This **"Alpine Gospel Week"** will consist of a few days mail boxing and sowing of the booklets of John, with gospel tracts inside. It will also be a time of fellowship and comradery in the foreign field of harvest, bringing the gospel to a needy, dark area, while also enjoying the alpine beauty here. I have attached an invitation to register. If you are hearing or reading this letter in your local church and would like to receive an email with a brochure or invitation with information, please email me at germanpreacher@hotmail.com. Any questions or inquiries I receive, I will try to answer as quickly as possible. Thank you from us all and keep your eyes on him. **"...And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?" – (1 Chronicles 29:5b)**

– In Christ Jesus, Bro. Joel, Graziella, Tirzah, Luca

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