

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February and March 2024

I do not know how to express my thanks for your kindness and compassion toward us in the past couple months. My family and I are blessed to have your friendship and fellowship in our lives. The amount of love and help from you has been both humbling and encouraging. Your prayers are being answered and God is using them in a mighty way. Thank you for the heartfelt care and generosity through your extra financial gifts toward our accident and medical-emergency situation. Do not send any more. I, just two days ago, received the last bill from a hospital and all needs have been met completely and we are so grateful to you, praising the Lord! Only (Hebrews 6.10) comes to mind, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." May he bless you richly. Our physical recovery from the injuries has been blessed by the Lord in numerous ways. Graziella was healing so well, that she was able to go back to Italy with Tirzah and Luca about a month ago and get back into normal life there. The kids are back in school with friends, and we were so glad that the return for them was sooner than later. Graziella told me yesterday in a phone call that she still has some neck pain from whiplash and a bit of pain in her Sternum, after clearing some snow after a snowstorm. If you could please mention her in your prayers, that the pain would go away and healing would continue. I have absolutely nothing to complain about regarding the fractures in my pelvis. About ten days after the accident the Lord helped me to start walking and in three weeks, I was able to walk without a cane or walker. The physical therapy went very well and on my last X-rays on Tuesday the Doctor recommended another 4 weeks or so until the bones heal thoroughly, before starting any heavy or rigorous activity. Pain is zero and I want to thank you for your prayers. These last weeks have been very special, and this accident was no "accident" for the Lord. He allowed it to happen and during these past weeks with more quiet time, it really was a divine stop from him. I personally benefited greatly. I have learned and am learning many things and have a renewed, clearer vision and hope through God's grace alone to be a better husband, father and servant in days to come. I would not trade the past weeks for anything. God has been very patient with me and have much more to learn.

Underserving but rejoicing to be able to hold his word forth in dark Italy, I look forward to a fresh and new chapter open up upon returning to South Tyrol. I believe with my whole heart that the Lord wants to do greater things and I am glad that we all can labour with him. Tomorrow, I will board a plane in the evening to fly back over to be reunited with the family after weeks apart. We appreciate your prayers for the next weeks ahead. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33.3)

I was able to email and correspond with brother Andrew, who is going through a very trying time. He did not get into much detail but needs our prayers. His wife Laura relocated to NE Germany and now has initiated a legal separation, and he has a court date at the end of April. Please pray for him and a miracle in short time.

Graziella has met a nice family in a valley in South Tyrol and Teresa is one of the children. She is 13 years old, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. She has started chemotherapy treatment, and our hope is that the Lord could open a door for us to be a light to this family in his timing. Another prayer request is for my mother Debra, who in these past few weeks, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She has had one operation removing a nearby lymph node but has a second surgery planned on the 14th. If you could mention her once in your prayers, it would be a blessing. She has a firm faith and love for the Lord.

In closing, I am hopeful, even as gloomy and unsure 2024 looks, that there is much gleanings in the harvest in the alps. That there are souls searching and some are on the very edge of eternity. Please pray for

wisdom and divine guidance as we fully surrendered to the Lord's use, as he blesses his word. After praying and considering some factors, the Alpine Gospel Outreach planned for June has been cancelled. But please pray for the dates of October 5-12. There are many interested in the Fall Alpine Gospel Outreach, and I hope after Easter to include details and registration forms in the next prayer letter, Lord willing through God's grace. Thank you for your burden to see souls saved overseas and desire to see God's word change lives.

-Love, In Christ Jesus,

Brother Joel, Graziella, Tirzah, and Luca "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." -Luke 14.23

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