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MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER



SULMONA, ITALY

All Saint's Day

By John Inglese

During dinner on October 31st, we were invited to join my cousin the next morning to go to the cemetery, as it was All Saint's Day. We had to get there early to avoid the crowds and traffic, she said. In Italy it's a national holiday.

The next the next morning, when we arrived at the cemetery it was already getting crowded! My cousin said we would be visiting my grandfather's grave site, but not to worry about flowers because it was all taken care of. She brought an empty water bottle in which she filled at a nearby faucet to add water to the flowers in vases attached to the front of the mausoleum section where my grandfather was buried. There was a small picture of my grandfather along with my grandmother, and to my surprise,



there was a picture of my dad. My dad died when I was 5, in the states, but my grandfather wanted a photo

put on the front of his mausoleum site so that my dad would be remembered and prayed for. That was the first site we visited. For the next hour and 15 minutes we visited every site that held the remains of either family or friends, and watered the flowers at each one. The tradition on All Saint's Day is to visit everyone you knew who has passed away, tend their flowers, and say a small prayer for them. At every site



my cousin shared with us a little of her relationship and memories of each. The ages varied from 2 years old to 90 years. We found it to be very sobering (life is short), sad (in all likelihood, many probably did not have a saving relationship with God), and a good reminder of what God wants to do here in Sulmona (bring His Life into the hearts and lives of those desiring Him).

Please pray with us for the people of Sulmona to desire the good news of what Jesus accomplished through His life, death and resurrection. And please pray that God would send more laborers into the harvest here in Italy.



- It's Not My Game

By John Inglese

I don't know about others, but the one thing that the Lord has been working-out in me is that I need to stop trying to control situations and acknowledge He is in control, and I can trust Him. After all He says in His word *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose"* (Romans 8:28). I do love God.

I'm a strategist. I'm always trying to think ahead, always coming up with plan "A" and plan "B", that way I'm ready for whatever comes up. There lies the problem, I come up with plan "A" and plan "B", but the thing is that my life is no longer my

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*"Therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord
of the harvest to
send out laborers into
His harvest."*

—Matthew 9:38

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own, I gave it to the Lord, He's the Orchestrator. I am supposed to be seeking Him about His plan, not mine. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11), did you catch it? It says, "For I know the plans I have for you," It doesn't say anything about me knowing, It says "He Knows". It doesn't mean I won't see His plans as they unfold in my life, for example I'm a missionary in Italy because that is what He called me to be. But now that I am here, it doesn't mean now I can be coming up with my plan "A" and plan "B" on what and how I am supposed to be doing things. I must be seeking Him daily for guidance and direction. With that said, I also must accept what may come up during my day as His will. The interruptions, inconveniences, and challenges that come up should not frustrate me, because He is in control, and using the situation for His purposes and for His glory. I have often been living my life as though it's a chess game, and consequently, I'm constantly trying to figure out the next few moves. The Lord showed me this recently while I was speaking with a brother in the Lord. I was preoccupied at times with how I was going to respond during the conversation, which meant I was not really listening too well, because I was preoccupied with how I was going to respond. Though I may see life as a chess game, I must remember that it's not my chess game, it's HIS. And I need to rest rest in Him, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). One thing word assures us of, He never loses,

He is the Grand Master! And, if you play chess, you know this fun fact, a "pawn" can take out a "king"! So with God as the Grand Master moving the pieces, this pawn is putting all his hope in Him!

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:37)

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Above, l-r: P. Lorenze and P. Filippo from CC Ferrara, P. Tyler from CC Montebelluna, P. Landon from CC Feltra

Franklin Graham shared the gospel at the Noi Festival Roma in Rome, Italy on Nov. 4 & 5, 2023. More than 18,000 people from all around Italy attended to hear the message from Franklin Graham. More than 500 people responded to Franklin's invitation to receive Jesus Christ! This was the first of its kind in Rome.

Skip Heitzig was an invited guest and 2 days before the event held a pastors' conference in Rome, which I attended. I hooked-up with some Italy Calvary Chapel pastors I met at the pastor's conference back in May. Click this link to watch a 2 min. video of Franklin Graham at Rome's Noi Festival on YouTube!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PUPPET OPERA PRESENTING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST on DEC 8



Whenever you eat pizza remember to
■ Pray for Calvary Chapel Sulmona
■ Pray for the Ingleses

Prayer Requests

- Draw the Italians to Himself, give them a hunger for His truths, give them a desire to read His Word
■ God's guidance, direction
■ That we would meet the Italian Christians in Sulmona
■ Bind the Enemy and his attacks
■ Protection over our health
■ Language learning, to learn quickly
■ Raise-up people to come along side us, physically, prayerfully, and financially
■ A Vehicle
■ PRAY FOR PUPPET OPERA, Dec. 8, Sharing the gospel in the story of St. Nicholas here in Sulmona by Eric Elder Ministries of the U.S.!!!

Advertisement for 'SAN NICOLA' puppet opera at Teatro Maria Caniglia in Sulmona on Dec 8, 21:15. Includes cast list and ticket information.

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