



Dear friends & partners of the ministry,

Dear prayer warriors and faithful supporters of the ministry:

Here it is, a little report for you to rejoice and pray for the work of Act Now Ministries. Even being home for most of the summer, it seems time flew by too fast. Giuseppe spent a very meaningful time of rest and work with his family, some in Michigan and some in Virginia.

Between bible studies and preaching engagements, we celebrated our 38th anniversary together. What a blessing. That's hard sometimes when you miss some special dates in your life. This time it happened that there was a delay in departure for few weeks because of taking care of matters related to ANM.

God is gracious in putting people in our path that provide insight and wisdom. Some of these people are in a couple of photos from a Tuesday morning bible study held in Troy MI. This group has been vital to ANM throughout the years, and we are very thankful to God for their hearts and desire to serve God alongside ANM.

If you remember, it all started when I asked if someone could provide some bibles for the refugees. You know the story: 13,000 bibles later and many more are getting involved in it,

including many indigenous African churches all along the big leg and boot of Italy. Sitting at the Bible study, Giuseppe also shared that even more churches got started outside Italy.

Six months ago, he received a request from Germany from a refugee for an English bible which was provided by a university student who worked with Giuseppe in Sicily. Your prayers, financial support and some of you coming to help physically in Sicily and Sardinia are all bearing long-lasting fruits all over Europe. God is good.

Giuseppe has returned to Sicily and after a little jet-lag he is ready to go get them. The work is not finished yet!

Prayer is the most powerful tool in our hands, let's use it to advance His kingdom. We do covet ardently your intercession for us at His throne in honoring God and honoring your faithfulness.

Thank you for your love and prayers. God bless you...and as always, Let's go fishing (really) for One more for The One.
Ciao for now. Serving together,

Giuseppe and Pennie Collesano
with Act Now Ministries



5 WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR MISSIONARIES

1. YOU CAN PRAY FOR THEM.

Philippians 1:19 NLT

Do you get newsletters or monthly prayer updates? I speak to many missionaries every month that say that they never know if people READ their newsletters or pray for them! Pray for them as you read it, then tell them in a short email that you have prayed for them.

2. GIFT THEM A GIFT CARD VIA EMAIL, FOR NO REASON AT ALL.

James 1:17 NLT

Using their favorite music app, gift the new favorite worship cd you're listening to, or make a playlist of music they might enjoy. E-books are great too! Consider an online retailer gift card if they can receive mail deliveries where they are.

3. PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEEDS WHEN THEY ARE STATE-SIDE ON FURLOUGH.

Proverbs 3:27 NLT

Arrange for a rental house, loaner car, gift cards, and a few fun activities. Yes, they could stay with family members, but that's not always relaxing. (If they prefer to stay with family, offer to give them a weekend (or a week) away.)

We often think of their time stateside as "vacation," but it's often the time they work the hardest. It's nice to give them a little room to breathe.

4. IF YOU'VE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT THEM FINANCIALLY, DO IT.

Hebrews 6:10 NLT

Before a missionary goes on the field, they put together a budget and submit it to their agency (or sending church, depending on the situation). If your situation has changed, give them a head's up so they can pray for you, adjust their budget in time for the decrease, or raise new supporters.

5. ENCOURAGE THEM SPIRITUALLY.

Psalms 9:9 NLT

Take time to pray beyond the newsletters, letting God lead you as you pray for them. Pray for the people they are trying to reach, and follow what's going on in that part of the world with current events, weather, etc.

Praying Scripture over them is powerful, especially when you don't know what to pray. Once you select a Scripture, send it to them via email, God uses all opportunities to speak to us through His word.

6. VISIT THEM.

Hebrews 10:25

Visit them at their location (if possible) and / or visit them when they are stateside, often times your words of encouragement and support are greatly desired, but a face-to-face opportunity creates memories to carry for years. There is nothing greater for encouragement and support than human touch. Just a hug, shake of a hand, or a pat on the back.

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