



# The Leib Family

## Preaching the Gospel

### in Italy



**Hello dear brethren in Christ,**

**December - January 2026**

Thank you for your prayers for us as we continue reaching out with the gospel here in Schio, Italy. These past couple of months have been a mix of being very busy and then almost at a standstill due to sickness.

We have seen most of the folks you have been praying for attend many of the Sunday services: Sister Belkis and Sandra; also Tommaso and Matteo, Samuel and Leonardo, and another Samuel.

We invited our few contacts to join us for a postponed thanksgiving meal and had a blessed time together. The couples who attended had many questions about the idea of not having a pope over the churches and also seemed pleased with the fact that we do not teach celibacy for pastors, as the Catholic Church does.



We recently had lunch with Samuel's family. Andrea and Erika seem interested in "the Church," but did not open up much when I steered the conversation toward personal salvation. They have now attended church together once. They seem to want to know us better and have invited us to their home and also suggested that our families take a train ride together to visit another town.

Please pray for Stella, our upstairs neighbor. She is 95 years old and has accepted my wife Priscilla's invitation to spend time with her about once a week. The last time they were together, Stella asked many questions about God, suffering, and death, and Priscilla has had the opportunity to begin reading the Gospel of John with her. Please pray for her salvation. She has a deep-seated anger toward the Catholic Church because of its history of persecution and the abuse of so many young people, and she is very skeptical of anyone speaking about God or the Bible.

Please pray as I begin going back out into public ministry and confrontational witnessing. Our entire family fell ill with what they were calling the "super flu," which lasted, in my case, over three weeks with fever and chills on and off. I also completely lost my voice for more than two weeks. This gave Tommaso an opportunity to preach. I helped him extensively with the first message, and then he preached the second with very little assistance. His message was on the power of the Scriptures and focused on the life of William Tyndale.

At the start of the new year, we handed out a Bible reading chart that guides participants through the Bible in one year. It has been a blessing to see some people take an interest in reading their Bibles.

Please pray as I have also undertaken the task of creating a devotional that matches each day's reading. I have noticed that many people, even Christians, have never read the Bible and do not know the Bible stories nor their basic meaning. I am hoping this will have a positive impact on those attending, as the devotional is read and sent out daily.

**(Evangelizing at Christmas Fair and holding service in our home due to the Hotel's schedule)**





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Thank you for your prayers for Tommaso. He is doing well and growing. He is studying for a degree in microbiology and applied science. He has taught two brief lessons on creationism and why evolution, simply put, does not work. Please pray that these teachings will open the minds of other young people to see that they are not an accident, but were created by God and have a purpose: to know their Creator and accept Him as their Savior.



Thank you for praying for the Christmas concert. We rented a room in the local theater, where the children played classical music and sang hymns. I was also able to give a brief message on salvation. About 65 people attended. Please pray that the Lord will use each outreach to minister truth to the lost and to help us build relationships and friendships. As many of you know, it is difficult to reach complete strangers with the gospel.

While being down for the count with the flu, praise the Lord, I was able to translate the following hymns: *Constantly Abiding, Softly and Tenderly, The Bible Stands, When We All Get to Heaven*, and to finish *Rescue the Perishing*. Lord willing, this new songbook of 27 hymns will be printed and distributed to other churches by the end of February.

Priscilla and I were also able to hand out gospel tracts while the Olympic flame passed through our city, just in front of our apartment. Seeing the “passing of the torch” reminded me of when we passed the torch to the new pastor in Palermo, and even more importantly, when the Apostle Paul passed the torch to us, calling us ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19-20) “[...] and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”

Please pray as I am hopeful to begin teaching through 1 Corinthians with at least two young men. Pray for *Marisella*, a pharmacist who Priscilla is befriending. They have met for coffee a few times and she seems open to visit with us, she said that she has always been curious about the Bible.

May the Lord give us patience and wisdom as we serve Him.

(Evangelizing while the Olympic Flame passed)

(We finally found bacon in the North!!)

