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To Our Supporters and Praying Friends,

We wrote in our last letter that we would be purchasing another store front building adjacent to our current location to be added to it. We were able to make the purchase in February and began work to join the new addition to our older meeting place in March. The addition has increased our meeting space by 50%. The extra space was greatly needed, especially for special events like Evangelistic meetings, children's activities, meals together, etc....Over 50% of the purchase price was covered by offerings from supporting churches. We praise the Lord for that! Our church has taken out a loan to cover the balance.

There has been a lot of work to do with the addition. We have been blessed to be able to do all of the work ourselves as we have masons, electricians, and plumbers among our church members. That has helped us save a lot of money, and has been great for the spirit of the church.

We were blessed in February with the birth of our tenth child, a boy we named Levi Gregory. The birth went well, at home, without complication. We praise the Lord for His blessings!

We discovered in November that our fourth child, Elizabeth, has a very severe case of scoliosis. The curve in her spine was at 60 degrees. She is currently being treated by wearing a back brace 22 hours a day. It is very difficult for her, but, in the 4 months that she has worn it we have seen a lot of improvement in her condition. We are praying that the back brace will be sufficient and that surgery will not be necessary.

Our two oldest kids will be leaving us this fall to go to Bible College in the United States. We would appreciate your prayers for them as they take this next step in their lives that they would follow God's leading. We would appreciate your prayers for us as well as they will be greatly missed in our family and in our ministry.

We would like to remind you that we are always looking for interns to help us in the ministry through the summer. If any young people in your church are interested in spending the summer with us they are more than welcome!

Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for and support the ministry that the Lord has given us with the people of Italy.

 Psa. 57:7

Paul Childers

*1 Timothy 4:10 "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God..."*