

September 7, 2020

## *Happy Birthday, Terry!!!*

Saturday (9/5) was Teresa Regina Straub's first Birthday. Jarline was the day shift supervisor so she organized a big party for her.



I was at the hospital with her mother when she was born. An hour after her birth, I took the first photograph of her. Without my knowing, the mother put my last name on the birth certificate. A day after the birth, I brought them both back to Santa Chiara. A few days later, the mother left without her child. I named her after my two sisters.







*To give a newborn baby who was abandoned by her mom  
a chance for a life of love  
is a great joy.*



Today I'll go to a clinic in Stuart to get a Covid-19 test, which is required for me to enter Haiti on Wednesday. The test cost \$150. Here is a photo taken yesterday at Santa Chiara.



Last night I reviewed a grant application prepared by Grace Skalski, a SCCC Board Member for a grant of \$5,000 from the Sisters of St. Joseph. They have given us two previous grants.

Tomorrow, my last full day in Florida, Fr. Dumarsais will visit me in Ft. Pierce. I can't cook for him, so I'll take him to a nearby restaurant for lunch. I am very eager to get back to Haiti.

