



# THE COOK FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

*Teaching Italians to reach Italians and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**April & May 2019**

Dear faithful friends,

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad!" (Psalm 126:3) In the last months, 3 new people have begun attending the church services on Sundays and 4 new ladies have begun attending the weekly ladies' Bible studies! Brandon distributed 2,500 gospel tracts/ invitations in preparation for Resurrection Sunday's sermon "Substantial evidence of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection". The following week our family sang at the Ederly Center near our home. We are thankful for this opportunity to share the gospel with the edery, who are often very hard to the gospel due to their deep-rooted Catholic heritage. The edery are often said to even argue over who's "Mary statue" is better, as they have many different versions of "Mary" that they worship. Please pray for the salvation of these dear precious people.

Near the end of May, we had a family from the States come to visit on their survey trip and, Lord willing, they will be starting deputation very soon to come to Italy as missionaries. During this time, we also had a special international dinner for the church at our home and joined in prayer for the church's upcoming VBS on June 13-14. We are excited to see what God will do in the hearts of the children!! Please continue to pray for open doors to also reach the families of these children for Christ. We are rejoicing that, once again this year, God gave us favor and we were able to immediately receive permission from the City Hall to hold the VBS in the park again this year, as many of the parents will not allow their children to come inside of the church building since it is not Catholic, while other children have Muslim or atheist parents.

Kristan and a lady from the church returned to visit Clara Preziosi, who had several questions concerning the Bible, and asked us to come to her home to speak with her. God blessed, and the gospel was clearing given to her again. We continue to pray for her salvation.

Pray for a young man named Fausto D'Amelio. He is an Italian man who lives in Southern Italy and wants to become a pastor and start Independent Baptist churches. The Lord continues to bless as Brandon began Apollos advanced discipleship lessons with Bro. D'Amelio in training him to be a follower of Christ, a church planter, and a leader as a pastor. Please pray for Fausto and his wife Maria that we can train them more effectively and be in position to help them plant Italian churches. Italian preachers are few in Italy. There are no Independent Baptist pastors here. Italians are vital to reaching this country for Christ. And God is advancing.

**Praises:** Visitors that have begun to attend church regularly; Gospel distribution; More laborers coming to Italy; another opportunity to share Christ with Clara; Abigail's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 29th; Kristan's thirtysomething birthday on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Prayer Requests:** Clara's salvation; VBS June 13-14 (and Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>); Thomas and Titus as they take their end-of-the-year exams on June 11; church planters Fausto and Maria

*Brandon & Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, & Abigail Cook*

## SENDING CHURCH

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## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARY

Brandon: 2/26/1979

Kristan: 6/1/1987

Thomas: 8/8/2011

Titus: 7/10/2012

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Abigail Grace: 5/29/15



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*Pray For Revival "Blessed be the LORD God... who only doeth wondrous things." - Ps.72:18*

