



# THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES  
TO ITALY

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

**August & September 2019**

Dear faithful friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support for the work of the Lord throughout the world and here in Italy. In July, we were able to take a three day missions trip to Slovenia (north-east of Italy) to help the Norton family to distribute John & Romans in two cities: Logatec (Said like - low got it's) and Ajdovščina (ow doe shch ena). We are thankful for the encouraging time we had there with these faithful servants of the Lord. On our return trip to Italy, we were able to visit the city of Trieste, Italy. A city of 205,000 souls that, to our knowledge, has no Gospel preaching church. Please pray for a Baptist church to be started in Trieste.

This fall, God has allowed us to begin learning Italian Sign Language, which is something that we have been praying for for over five years! God has brought us into contact with a Christian that has also been praying about a way to use Italian Sign Language in the service of the Lord. Please pray that we can learn this language to reach the deaf and that the deaf will be open to Gospel. Pray for Vladimir, a deaf man in Reggio that we have already met since the classes began.

We are rejoicing in the Lord's faithfulness. At the end of September, our church plant, Chiesa Battista la Verità celebrated its 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. The day of the anniversary, God blessed with a new family joining the church, our children's choir singing for the first time, and a lady named Lem following the Lord in believer's baptism. Lem was reached with a John and Romans that was distributed back in March when Baptist Church Planting Ministry and several churches from the US and Italy came to assist in distributing around 39,000 John and Romans/ tracts! She started attending the church back in March, and this summer she came to trust Christ as her personal Savior!

In the last month, God has brought Larry and Maria Pieri, veteran missionaries in Italy, here to Reggio Emilia to assist here in the ministry for six months. We thank God for this dear couple. Please also be praying for our Month of Missions in October where every Sunday, missions is emphasized! We will be introducing Grace Giving. Pray that our church can support a native Italian Independent Baptist church planter in Foggia, Italy. Join us in our 24 Hour Prayer Vigil: Thursday, October the 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Choose an hour (Remember, Italy is 6 hours ahead of EST) to pray and give us your prayer requests. Spend an hour with the Lord and pray to our Mighty God for His power during these meetings for a Great Awakening in Italy and for our church to reach all of Italy and the world for Christ in our generation. And may the Lord thoroughly revive you and nourish you at His throne. Thank you.

**Praises:** Thomas' 8th birthday; Church's 2nd Anniversary; Lem Abraha's salvation and baptism; children's choir sang for the first time; new church members  
**Prayer Requests:** 24 Hour Prayer Vigil & Missions Month in October; Fausto D'Amelio, as we prepare him to plant an Independent Baptist church in Foggia; pray for the spiritual growth of our children; that we can make more disciples of Jesus

Until that glorious day when we meet again,  
*Brandon & Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, & Abigail Cook*

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

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