

Dear faithful friends,



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

December 2018 & January 2019

SENDING CHURCH Five Forks Baptist Church P.O. Box 6 Cedar Grove, N.C. 27231

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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARY
Brandon: 2/26/1979
Kristan: 6/1/1987
Thomas: 8/8/2011
Titus: 7/10/2012
Elisha: 1/26/2014
Anniversary: 6/26/2010
Abigail Grace: 5/29/15



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P.O. Box 519, Braselton, GA 30517 Thank you for your prayers to God on behalf of the people here in Italy and on the behalf of our family. The ladies' Christmas meeting was attended by ten dear ladies. The Lord blessed greatly and we thank God that veteran Italian missionaries Larry and Maria Pieri were able to come and be with us for that weekend. Sister Pieri shared her testimony and gave a wonderful challenge to the ladies at the meeting on Friday evening, and God used Brother Pieri in the hearts of our people on Sunday as he delivered a spirit-filled message. Brother and Sister Pieri also accompanied us as we made a visit to Giuseppe e Marietta (an elderly couple that made a profession of faith a little over a year ago), at which time we had the opportunity to share Christ with a friend of theirs that had come for a visit.

We would like to say THANK YOU to all of the churches and individuals that sent Christmas packages and love offerings. What an overwhelming demonstration of your love and prayer for our family. We cannot thank you enough. We pray that the Lord will bless you in return and that He will allow our family to be a blessing to those around us as you have been.

This January ended our church's first yearly Bible reading challenge: to read the entire Bible in one year. Gianna, the newest believer in the church, completed the Bible reading challenge and was presented with a study Bible and a certificate of completion. What a joy to see believers growing in faith and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Lord willing, at the end of February, 2 church groups will be arriving from the States to help with the church's upcoming canvasing/distribution project: distributing at least 30,000 John and Romans with invitations to our 2 day Get Acquainted evangelistic meeting on March 5-6 with Brother Jeremy Rowland and Baptist Church Planting Ministry. Please join us in praying that every home in Reggio Emilia will receive the Word of God and that souls will be saved as a result. During these two days, Bro. Rowland will be holding morning sessions for a missionary retreat in the mountains just outside of Reggio, and in the evenings Missionary Frank Maietta from Chiesa Biblica Battista (Bible Baptist Church) of Grosseto will be preaching for the evangelistic Get Acquainted Meetings. We are looking forward to what God has in store!

<u>Praises:</u> Larry & Maria Pieri and the ladies' Christmas meeting; growth in the believers lives; Loving gifts from supporting churches and families; Samuele began reading the Bible!; Elisha had his 5th Birthday on January 26th!

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Samuele and Fabiola for salvation; upcoming distribution and meetings March 5-6; Safety for those who will be arriving here from the States

May your soul be nourished at His throne, Brandon & Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, & Abigail Cook