



THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

June & July 2019

Dear faithful friends,

Thank you all for praying for this year's VBS. Over the two days, a total of 30 children attended and heard the Word of God! Fausto D'Amileo and his wife, Maria Pia, came up to help (this is the Italian preacher that Brandon is discipling that we had requested prayer for in our last prayer letter). The Yetzer family from Chiesa Battista della Grazia (Grace Baptist Church) in Milan also came to assist, as did Matthew Shrock, a missionary intern from Grosseto came up on Friday. What a great blessing they all were! We thank the Lord for their assistance and that the Gospel was proclaimed in the ears of those in need of Christ. The following Sunday, Fausto preached and there were three visitors in attendance.

We were thankful for the opportunity to take part in the VBS at Chiesa Biblica Battista in Grosseto, Italy during the first week of July. We were able to assist with registration, crafts, and served as "pew partners" during Bible/puppet time.

Vita Abbondante School of English finished up its first year, and the students passed their test as they taught the Bible stories of Adam and Eve, Abraham, and David and Goliath to children. There are already more students anxiously awaiting September when, Lord willing, the second year will begin. Please continue to pray for Giulia and Noemi, the two young ladies from last year's class that still do not know Christ as their personal Savior. We are excited that along with English, this September God has provided a born-again Sign Language Teacher that has agreed to offer a free basic Italian Sign Language course to our church folk so that they might reach the deaf with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

This summer, there have been quite a few guests that have visited the church and just in the last month, the Lord has brought 3 new families to the church (1 of which will be leaving Italy in a month, but have chosen to attend while they remain here in Italy). The ladies' Bible study continues to grow, and we have been greatly encouraged by the ladies' zeal to meet together to pray and study the Bible.

Through the ministry of the Clifford Keister family (who, Lord willing, will arrive in the field in Bologna at the end of February), we were put in contact with a gentleman that was wanting to have a Bible study. This man had previously attended a priest's training school. He was familiar with much of the Bible, but was not aware the God could and wanted to forgive *him*. After two hours with him, together with a veteran missionary friend Larry Pieri, we had the honor of seeing this gentleman bow his head and make a profession of faith in Christ. Please continue to pray for him.

Praises:

Salvation of an Italian man; VBS and those that came to help; Visitors and new families in the church; Vita Abbondante (Abundant Life Language School); our 9th wedding ann.; Titus' 7th birthday; Thomas and Titus passed their Italian 1st and 2nd grade exams

Prayer Requests:

Corrado (health); Language school beginning again in September; Italian man's growth; Fausto D'Amelio, as we prepare him to plant a Baptist church in Foggia; Lem to have a clear understanding of salvation to be saved and be baptized

May your soul be nourished at His throne,
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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