

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

October & November 2019

Dear faithful friends,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends praising God for His great goodness!!

October was Missions Emphasis month. Leading up to the meetings, the Lord blessed during the twenty-four hour prayer vigil, and we also want to thank many of you that joined us in prayer at God's throne during that time. Brother Larry Pieri and Brandon preached, and introduced the Biblical principle of faith promise giving (Grace giving) to the church. We thank God for Brother and Sister Larry and Maria Pieri and for their help in the ministry during the short period of time they are able to be here.

We are praising the Lord for the new discipleship class for new believers and new members of the church. We are currently preparing for our fourth annual ladies' Christmas gathering which we will host on December 13th. Please be praying for the lost that will be in attendance as well as our guest speaker, Maria Pia, who will be giving her testimony that evening. She is the wife of Fausto D'Amelio, future church planter in Foggia which, Lord willing, we will be assisting in planting. In a few days, he and his wife will travel up to Reggio Emilia. Fausto will be preaching at our church the Sunday following the ladies' meeting. We desire to create training opportunities for Fausto and his wife as much as possible before they start the first Baptist church of Foggia.

With 2020 just around the corner, we are beginning our "I am thankful to God for...." list of the goodness and blessings of God in 2019. During the last church service of 2019, our church will share these praises with one another and praise the Lord for who He is. We encourage you to do the same! Remembering God will carry you through 2020. Write down at least 25 things you are thankful to God for from 2019...and share it with someone!

And finally, we would like to say "THANK YOU!" to each and every one of you that have sent Christmas gifts to our family. You have showered us with love and prayers and have made an impact on our children's lives. Thank you for praying for us, loving us, loving the Italian people, and for letting our children know that there are people praying for them and that care about them even thousands of miles away. We truly have the best supporters. May the Lord bless you all and use you to reveal Himself to lost souls this Christmas!

Praises: Larry and Maria Pieri's help in Reggio; Missions' Month; new discipleship class; Fausto and Maria Pia – church planters in Foggia, Italy

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Ladies' Christmas gathering (lost to be saved), Maria Pia (ladies' meeting speaker), Fausto D'Amelio (church planter), Sally -salvation (Catholic "minister" ((her words)) in a nearby town who plans to attend the ladies' Christmas meeting)

May your soul be nourished at His throne, Brandon & Krístan, Thomas, Títus, Elísha, & Abígaíl Cook

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