



THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES
TO ITALY

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

December 2019 & January 2020

Dear faithful friends,

Thank you all for praying for our annual ladies' Christmas meeting. The Lord blessed in a great way with ladies from the church attending, as well as four unsaved ladies in attendance. Our guest speaker was Maria Pia, Fausto's wife (the Italian Church Planter that Brandon is discipling). She gave a wonderful testimony and a clear presentation of the gospel. The following Sunday Fausto preached a powerful message as well.

December also brought us the perfect opportunity to go Christmas caroling with some people from the church. This was the first time the church has gone out together. We were able to sing at the homes of three families, two of which do not know the Lord.

The last Sunday of 2019 we set aside as a church to give praise and testimony of what we are thankful to God for from the past year. This is also such a sweet time uplifting the Christ and encouraging one another in the goodness of God. This year we also had our first New Year's Eve service as a church. It was a wonderful time of prayer and edification as we talked about spending personal time with God through prayer.

Furthermore, there is a lady currently going through the new membership class and should join the church soon. And we are also going through our new Christians' discipleship course in Sunday School, called "Faithful Disciples of Jesus". Brandon recently asked Marco to prepare to teach a Sunday School lesson on "*Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God*". It was his first time teaching at our church and I was told that he did really well! Praise the Lord, it was that week that nearly our entire family came down with a virus similar to the flu. It was the first time that we've had someone clean the church for us, someone to teach Sunday School, and someone to preach for us while we could not be at church to attend regular services. We thank the Lord for the Pieri's cleaning and preaching, and for Marco teaching Sunday School. In the past, Brandon has rarely been sick; however, when sickness clashed with Sundays we usually would tell the people to gather together, sing songs, praise the Lord, pray together, then lock the church up until next time. It is not only a relief to see faithful men teach others also, it is a joy. We are grateful to God for His working in the hearts of people.

May your soul be nourished at His throne,

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

Praises: Larry and Maria Pieri's help in Reggio; Ladies' Meeting and Maria Pia speaking; Marco - a new member taught Sunday School; Fausto and Maria Pia - church planters in Foggia, Italy

Prayer Requests: Salvation of: Clara Preziosi, Dominico & Maria, Barbra, Maria, Marta, Leahai & Jemima Teah, Paolo Infernuse, Francesco Ragni, Giovanni, Stefania

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

