



THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

April & May 2021

Dear Praying Friends

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family and the Lord's work! Like a breath of fresh air, Italy has begun to open up again, this time to travel outside of the EU as well. It is so nice to have more freedom to get out and about and to travel distances without restrictions and continuous police stops checking where you are going and where you just came from.

God is at work friends! In April, Tullio began witnessing to his 77 year old friend, Angelo. After a couple of weeks, Angelo came to church and, after the service, trusted Christ as his personal Savior!!! Brandon has been discipling Tullio for a little over a year now and, together, they are both discipling Angelo! How beautiful to see God carrying out His plan all over the world, "That they may be able to teach others also". Italians teaching Italians to reach Italians with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God be praised! Please continue to be in prayer for these two men as they grow in Christ.

Fausto and Maria Pia's internship got postponed due to them having Covid19 which led to another delay of a different sort. They are feeling much better now, praise the Lord; please continue to pray for them.

We are grateful that we have, once again, been able to start back the Sunday School and children's choir. Everyone is so happy to be getting back to some form of "normal life" again. Also, in May, Thomas and Titus were able to play their instruments in church for the first time. This is an exciting step for them and the church: prayerfully it will be the beginning of an orchestra and encourage others to participate in serving the Lord in this way. We are grateful to God for our children's zeal in being involved in the Lord's work. We pray that they continue whole-heartedly following after Christ. Thank you for your prayers for our children as well.

The search for a place to live still continues. The agency came to take pictures of the house and to put our house that we rent, up for sale. Our search has not been an easy one. Renting has disrupted time to minister and makes this mission temporary. Renters want long term solid guarantees in order to rent, and we only have a one-year permission to stay in country which expires in November. Owning property should keep us in Italy on a longer term basis. WE MUST FIND A HOME BEFORE THEN. We know God is not done with us here, and we know that He will provide. It will certainly take a miracle but OUR GOD IS ABLE. Please pray that God leads us into His perfect will and His prepared home for future ministry outreach, and that He will provide the funds necessary, as purchasing seems to be our only option but will require more funds to do so. By faith, rejoice with us in God's fact that we will soon experience with our own five senses. We walk by faith advancing for the Lord. Thank you for being there with us.

Praises: Angelo's salvation!; Tullio discipling Angelo; Many answered prayers in God's perfect timing; Kristan and Abigail's birthdays

Prayer Requests: Fausto and Maria Pia D'Amelio; Pray for a house for us in the Provincia of Reggio Emilia

Have a sweet walk with the Lord. Find nourishment at His throne.

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

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Abigail Grace: 5/29/15



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