



# THE COOK FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

God did it! God has provided a home for our family! We were able to make an offer on a home, and the offer was accepted by the owners. The closing date has been set for April 30. Our landlord has offered a temporary contract until we are able to close on our new home. God has done and is doing amazing things! THANK YOU ALL for praying and giving towards the GOD CAN HOUSE. I wish you all could have been there in the room at the moment that the offer was accepted...even the real estate agent was speechless. It was a very memorable moment of praise to God. Afterward, the technician that has been helping us began asking about God, and was brought to tears several times. He knew our situation and how humanly "impossible" it was: but with God, all things are possible! Please pray for this Albanian gentleman and his family to come to Christ.

God is also at work in the church here. In the last few months, 9 new people have begun attending the church, others on Zoom, new discipleship classes have been started with new believers, and Lord willing, we will be having a baptismal service on March 20th with 3 possible candidates for baptism! Among those who are new to the church, are a brother and sister that live in Correggio. That is the same area that God has put on our hearts to plant a church in after Foggia. They are very excited about following Christ, and have already said that they are willing to help with this effort! God is at work! On March 7<sup>th</sup>, other preachers from across Italy will gather here in Reggio Emilia and we will ordain Fausto as a pastor. Then, Lord willing, at the end of March, we will have the honor and privilege to send out Fausto and Maria Pia as Independent Baptist church planters to start the Light Baptist Church in Foggia, Italy. They are currently in the second half of their internship here, and they have truly been a blessing! What a precious couple they are with a heart for God.

We are also grateful to the Lord for His protection on our family as Kristan and Titus just had covid over the last two weeks. Kristan only had a mild time of 3-4 days of sickness with only lingering exhaustion as a result. Titus barely had symptoms, which is a huge answer to prayer, as he is asthmatic. During this time, Tullio was sick and ended up at the emergency room only to be told he also has covid. He was very close to death, so we asked him to come and stay with us since we also were in quarantine with covid. He had 5 very rough days with falling, passing out before he had to be hospitalized last Saturday. Praise the Lord, he is doing much better now.

Friends, we would like to give an open invitation to anyone that has a burden for the souls of Italy. We are in need of helpers here in Reggio Emilia: be it preachers, youth workers, secretaries, teachers, etc. We are thanking God for the wonderful blessing of so many ministry opportunities and people to be discipled, that our family and those we are training here cannot do it all. Please come over and help us! We thank God for you. May the Lord bless you.

Until that glorious day when we meet again,

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

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### BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARY

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