



THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

MARCH & APRIL 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

What a wonderful two months the Lord gave us in March and April! It started out with the ordination of Fausto D'Amelio. I believe he's the first of many Italian Independent Baptist church planters to come. On March 7, it was thrilling to see several Independent Baptist missionary pastors in Italy joining together for the ordination council, and then for the ordination service that followed. Then, on March 21, we had a wonderful baptismal service and three people were baptized: our third son, Elisha; Alessio, a 32 year old Italian young man; and Franco, an Italian gentleman that Fausto baptized, as he personally discipled him over the last few months.

At the end of March, we finalized the six month internship, and Chiesa Battista la Verità sent out Fausto and Maria Pia D'Amelio as church planters to Foggia, Italy. They are currently spending the next months on deputation in Europe. Please contact me personally if you are a European missionary and would like to support this unique church plant. Pray that doors will open for Fausto to preach in English as missionaries interpret to their church's language, and pray churches will support this vital ministry.

Then, on May 2, we closed on the "God Can House"!!! God is so good! We want to say "thank you" to each and every one of you that prayed, encouraged, and gave toward this house. The past year has been a great trial of our faith...for the whole family. God has proven Himself once again! He has greatly increased our faith and, in direct answer to specific prayer, has shown our children that God is real, He does the impossible, and that He never fails!!! Words cannot express the joy in our hearts. Yes, it is exciting to have a home of your own and to prepare it to live in, but the greatest joy is know that it was our great God who did the impossible, and seeing the enormous smiles on our children's faces as they sing praise to God for our HE provided just like He said He would, as we literally cried out to Him to intervene. God has much more planned for His work here in Italy, and we are thrilled to see what God has in store. The month of May will be a transition month for us, as we prepare the new house and move our things. Just the other day, God gave Brandon another opportunity to witness to the previous owner of the home! We were expressing to her how God had used her and her sisters to answer prayer for our family, and she was brought to tears. A short while later, she began asking Brandon questions about what we believe. Please pray for Maura.

Please continue praying for the believers attending the weekly Bible studies. We currently are personally discipling 4 believers, in addition to the weekly Bible study, and another lady has recently showed interest in one-on-one discipleship as well. God is at work! Thank you again for all of your prayers and support. May the Lord bless you!

Until that glorious day when we meet again,

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

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