

THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

August-September 2022

Dear Fellow Laborers,

This time last year we were fretting, worried about how God was going to keep us here in Italy. But it was all in vain. We had faith that God was able, though it was mixed with some concern. That concern was sin and caused a physical toll of wearing down. Thank God for His forgiveness and His provision. He's perfect. To His glory, He had everything in order for us the entire time. The stress was my fault. God can do all things. We continue to work on the house preparing it for winter. Praise the Lord, in August, we were able to purchase a gas heated hot water heater. Kristan and I are eternally thankful to everyone who gave to the house and the hot water heater. The coming fall means preparation for homeschool. For weeks, the entire family worked extremely hard on turning a dirty old storage area into a beautiful bright place to teach the children.

Pastor Michael Plowman and his wife from Liberty Baptist Church in Lyons, Georgia gave us a wonderful surprise by visiting Reggio Emilia. The fellowship we had and love they gave to our children was like a fresh spring in the desert. No doubt we have the best supporting churches. We thank God for you. Come visit us when you are able.

Preparations for the church plant in Foggia continues by collecting donated items. Calvary Baptist Church in Aviano, Italy donated a sound system for The Light Baptist Church (Chiesa Battista la Luce) in Foggia for which Pastor D'Amelio and I are so thankful. If you would like to receive his English prayer letter, I've also attached it with ours. Please let me know, and I will add you to his email prayer letter list. Download his Prospectus and learn all about the ministry in Foggia and how you can more intelligently pray for them. The second week of September, I was able to travel to Foggia on a survey trip to walk the streets, know the culture, spend time in the D'Amelios' home, pray with them and encourage them, and to search for a building in which to begin the church. Praise God we found a building to rent. Pray for Pastor Fausto and Sister Maria Pia D'Amelio as they are on deputation here in Europe preaching in Romania, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, and Italy. They are currently at 29% support. Pray for open doors and a full schedule for Brother Fausto to preach, present his ministry, and be a world-wide blessing.

At the end of September, the church had our 24 hour prayer vigil to prepare our hearts for Missions Month in October and the coming year. We're honored to serve the Lord and excited to celebrate our church's 5th anniversary on September 26th. A young couple also dedicated themselves to the Lord in order to raise their two children in a Christ-honoring home. Italian families are being strengthened in the Lord. Praise God!

Until that glorious day when we meet again,

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

Praises: Thomas' 11th birthday; home repairs; Precious supporting churches
Prayer Requests: The Foggia church plant and Fausto D'Amelio's support

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

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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARY

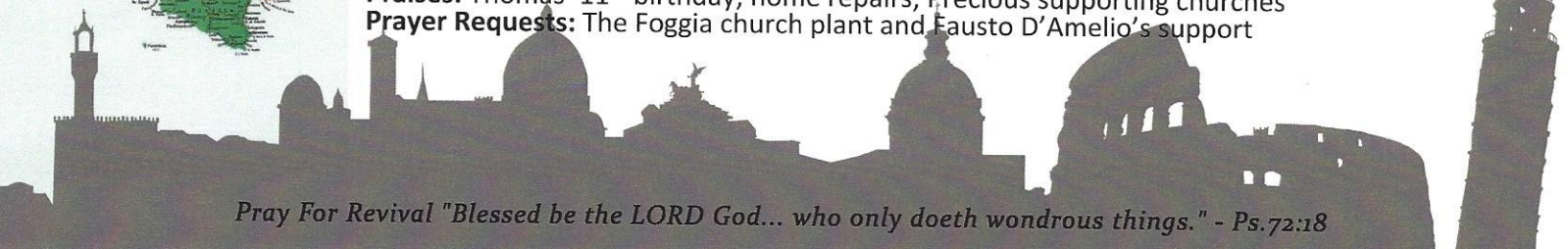
Brandon: 2/26/1979
Kristan: 6/1/1987
Thomas: 8/8/2011
Titus: 7/10/2012
Elisha: 1/26/2014
Abigail Grace: 5/29/2015
Anniversary: 6/26/2010



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Anniversary July 3 2011

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And ye shall be witnesses
unto me both in Jerusalem,
and in all Judæa, and in
Samaría, and unto the
uttermost part of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

Dear Prayer Soldier,

We reached six months since when we received the mandate by the Baptist Church in Reggio Emilia to plant the Baptist Church "La Luce" (The Light) in Foggia. Your prayers were an essential help for reaching this small first step and seeing the Lord effectively working for making the light of the Lord shine in the darkness of the area of Foggia.

We sent our last letter from Ireland, while we where in visit in some churches in that country. God blessed greatly our going around among them and we met many brothers and sisters that sincerely love the Lord. It was a good time while we were with them, because they showed us both great Christian love and great hospitality.

We also had the pleasure to receive the visit of our pastor, Brandon Cook, that was both a blessing and an encouragement for us. With him, we went searching for a place to hold a series of conferences to make us known in the city. We are praying that our support will reach a level that will allow us to organize these conferences by next spring or next fall at the most. Please, pray with us that the Lord will work and will allow us to hold these conferences. While we were searching for that place, we also found a place where we could potentially begin to have Sunday services as soon as we will be able to financially sustain the expenses for a place for the church. We also had the opportunity, together with the pastor, to shoot an evangelistic video that, once ready, will be a tool for reaching the lost of this area. We ask you to pray for this too.

About our work, we continued to pass tracts and we are praying that someone, reading them, will get in touch with us. We also finished to prepare the New Testament Survey 1 lessons (Matthew to Ephesians) and will continue producing part 2 of this material that we hope that will soon be useful for other churches in Italy. A very important news is that there is a couple of friends of ours with which we began to have Bible studies. They didn't decide yet if they will join us becoming members of The Light Baptist Church, but we are praying that the Lord will conquer their indecision and bring this family in our church. We ask you to join us in praying for them.

In the next future we will go in Belgium (October 2nd and 9th), in Germany (October 16th) and then to Reggio Emilia (to meet our sending church on October 23rd). Thank God we succeeded to get our passports and this will open us the possibility to go outside the European Union to visit other churches.

The 100% of the support is still far, but we trust that God can work, as we already saw Him work, in extraordinary ways so that other churches can receive us and help us to reach the lost people in Foggia and also beyond.

We want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts and thank to the Lord, Who is faithful and shows His power and love working great things before our eyes, thank also to your prayers. We know, as a matter of fact, that your prayers were a big contribution in reaching all of this and we ask you to continue to pray, because the Lord hears and answers them.

God bless you greatly.

With love in Christ.

Fausto and Maria Pia D'Amelio

