



# THE COOK FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

**October-December 2022**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!**

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Thank you to each and every one that helped to make Christmas such a special time for our family. Many of you send words of encouragement, cards, special love offerings, and packages. May the Lord bless you!!

October started out Mission's Month at church. God worked greatly in hearts, people submitted themselves to the teaching of the Word of God, and God put on their hearts a greater zeal for missions and church planting, thus giving us an even greater unity in the church. Fellow like-minded pastors and preachers from various cities in Italy came to preach during the month: Francesco Maitta, Paul Childers, Giuliano Falossi (from Grosseto) and Fausto D'Amelio (church planter to Foggia).

Immediately after closing mission's month, we headed to Grosseto for a couple days of much needed rest and encouragement at a two-day retreat for missionaries and their families. We were greatly blessed and refreshed from this time of preaching and fellowship, and God strengthened our hands for the work. Later in November, during one of our weekly discipleship meetings, we noticed a marked difference in one of the believers. In the weeks that followed, he shared with us God's working in his heart, and how God has freed him from the bondage of sin and he has completely surrendered to God! He is full of excitement to read the word of God, pray and witness for Christ! In December, we started an Evening School of the Bible class beginning with Old Testament Survey and God has greatly blessed.

December was full of surprises! It kicked off with our annual ladies' Christmas gathering, with the largest attendance yet for that particular meeting: 20 ladies. We had several first-time visitors, some of which were unsaved. One lady in particular, Maura (the previous owner of the home where we now live), has expressed interest in the Gospel in the past few months, and was especially moved by the testimony of our guest speaker: Jenny Tacon, wife of Pastor Joey Tacon from Pisa. Two ladies in the church reached out to Maura and invited her to dinner, at which time she requested a Bible! Please pray for Maura to be saved.

The Sunday following, the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 3 believers were baptized: Nicola, Rosy, and our daughter Abigail. Nicola is taking large strides in his Christian walk, and God is speaking to his heart, and he is fully surrendering to God! These are very exciting days in the life of Chiesa Battista la Verità (Truth), and we are full of anticipation for what God will do in 2023.

**Praises:** Mission's month, encouraging time with believers, Thanksgiving, growth in the lives of church members, Ladies' Christmas gathering, baptisms

**Prayer Requests:** Maura-salvation; Alba-salvation/cancer; Foggia church plant in Sept. 2023

Until that glorious day when we meet again,

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

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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  
Anniversary: 6/26/2010  
Abigail Grace: 5/29/15



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