



THE COOK FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

JANUARY—MARCH 2023

Dear Fellow Laborers,

January led off with recognition of the eleven people who took "The Challenge to know the Living God": a challenge to either read the Bible through by its stories (for families), to read the Bible through in one/two years, or for those under 18, to read the Bible through in three years.

On January 12th, a shipment of 200,000 Italian John and Romans arrived at our house. About half for our Province in Reggio Emilia and half for the city of Foggia. Lord willing, in September, we will begin distributing in preparation for the Foggia church plant that will take place on October 1st. We'd like to send a huge thank you to Bearing Precious Seed in Milford, Ohio and to Baptist Church Planting Ministries! And we want to thank those of you who support these invaluable ministries.

We also began two new weekly discipleship classes in January: Brandon meets on Monday evenings with Silao, and Kristan meets on Friday afternoons with Rosy. The ladies' weekly Bible study on Tuesday and the men's evening school continues to meet every Thursday evening are still going strong. Praise the Lord!

The adult Sunday School class finished the New Testament Survey course and began Bible Doctrine I. We are grateful to God for Fausto D'Amelio and for his assistance in preparing and translating materials for these Bible School courses. We hope to publish these and other Bible studies for other churches soon.

In February, at the end of a Sunday afternoon Bible study with a young couple, the wife bowed her head and trusted Christ as her personal Savior! Halleluia! Please pray for Ilenia and her husband and two children. Later, on March 7th, the women of the church invited their friends and colleagues to an evangelistic outreach with a Ladies' Tea. And God greatly blessed.

Fausto and Maria Pia are continuing deputation. Just this week, the countdown has crossed the 6 month mark for the opening of The Light Baptist Church (Chiesa Battista la Luce) in Foggia, Italy. Please be in prayer for them as they are now at 62% promised support. Pastors, please let us know if you have any contacts in Europe that might like to have them present their ministry. They have been to Romania, Hungary, Belgium, Liechtenstein, Germany, Scotland, and Ireland. If your church would like to support them financially through our church here or receive Pastor Fausto's prayer letter in English please contact Brandon.

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!! Lord willing, we will be taking a furlough this summer!

We plan to be in the States from May 2-July 12.

Praises: Ilenia's salvation, Ladies' Tea, more John and Romans in Reggio Emilia and Foggia, new Bible studies, Fausto and Maria Pia and the Foggia church plant, Elisha and Brandon's birthday, furlough in USA from May 2 to July 12

Requests: Upcoming furlough, Fausto and Maria Pia (support and safety while traveling), spiritual growth of the church in Reggio Emilia, more laborers in Reggio Emilia, Italy

Until that glorious day when we meet again,

BRANDON & KRISTAN, THOMAS, TITUS, ELISHA, & ABIGAIL

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