

THE

COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

April & May 2023

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Thank you for your prayers to God for us. In April, along with many preparations for furlough in May, we received a call from a family whose mother was about to pass away. The mother, by her testimony, knew the Lord as her personal Savior, but most of the family were Catholic. They knew that she would not have wished to have a Catholic funeral, so they asked that the funeral be held at our church and that Brandon would preach the funeral. What an open door for the Gospel! Please pray for the salvation of the Sica family.

On May 2, we traveled back to the States for a 2½ month furlough. It has been a great blessing to visit with so many of you and to thank you personally and to tell of the wondrous works that the Lord is doing in Italy! We are grateful to God for the members of the church back in Italy and friends that are keeping things running while we are in the States. In four weeks, we have been in 16 services, and have many more scheduled for the remaining 1½ months in June and July. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for safety on the road as we travel.

We were privileged to have Fausto D'Amelio join us for a zoom meeting during Sunday School at our sending church, where he shared with the church in English about God's call on his life, the upcoming church plant in Foggia, Italy, and this was followed with a Q&A time... and the church voted to take him on for support!! Praise the Lord! If any of you would be interested in having Fausto preach/teach/present at your church through Zoom, please call Brandon.

Praises: Safety traveling to and in the US; Abigail's 8th birthday; Kimesville Road Baptist Church loaned us their church van for our travels while in the US; after 12 years of praying, Fausto and Maria Pia are expecting a baby!!!!!!

Requests: Safety on the road; 40,000 John & Roman distribution in Foggia, Italy from Sept. 25-29, and the Oct. 1st church plant of Chiesa Battista la Luce (Light Bap. Ch.)

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