



THE

COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY



June & July 2023

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Thank you for praying. On July 13, we arrived safely home in Italy, and we are very grateful to God for His protection during our 10 week furlough. In June and July, we visited 16 different churches, traveling from NC to TN, KY, OH, back through TN, then to AL, and finishing up in Georgia. At the beginning of June, the children were able to attend Mt. Moriah Christian Camp in Powell, TN. They had a lovely time, made great memories, and we all had a special opportunity to see friends and supporters that we had not seen in 10 years or more. While there, we were also able to visit a print shop and publishing ministry in the area, and gleaned much during our time there.

Then we headed off to KY and OH where we spent 2 days at Bearing Precious Seed in Milford, OH. We are so grateful to God for BPS, and the total of 600,000 Italian John and Romans that they have printed, collated, and shipped to us through the years, which we have distributed to many churches, distributed in Reggio Emilia, and other cities in Italy. What a blessing it was to see the ministry, volunteer a bit in the print shop, fellowship with the directors and operators, and receive great insight regarding the possibility of a future printing ministry in Italy.

After traveling again through TN, we journeyed to south Alabama. After wonderful meetings, on June 23 we had a time of visiting dear friends. While we were making our way back to where we were staying, on a long country road, an intoxicated driver crossed the line and slammed into our van spinning us 180°. We praise God for His precision and protection. Both vehicles were totaled. Thank the Lord we were driving a 15-passenger van (on loan from Kimesville Road Baptist Church, a supporting church in NC) and the other vehicle was a very small 5 passenger car. The other driver's wife was life-flighted to the local hospital with a ruptured spleen, while he was arrested on the spot. Thankfully, all six of us came out of the wreck completely unharmed! Hallelujah! We would like to thank Pastor Aaron Pack, his family, and Lighthouse Baptist Church in Hartford, AL, for the kindness to us and for the help they gave to our family during this time. The Packs allowed us to stay on at their house, and the church provided transportation for us while we were trying to organize other means to make the final leg of our trip to Georgia. From there, God's Way Baptist in Troy, AL was kind enough to loan us their 15-passenger van to transport our family to Atlanta for our departure and return to Italy. So many brothers and sisters in Christ, in America and Italy, went entirely out of their way to be a blessing to us this summer. While in Georgia for the last two weeks, we also went to Calvary Baptist Church's print shop in Tunnel Hill, GA, and they were also a huge help to us sending out new prayer cards, especially Bro. Bill Goins. Please pray for him as he has recently had a heart attack.

Upon our return to Italy, our church family were eagerly awaiting and gave us such a lovely welcome home. Please be praying for the distribution of 40,000 John and Romans September 25-28 in Foggia, Italy, the evangelistic meetings that week, and the grand opening Sunday of "Chiesa Battista la Luce" with national Pastor Fausto D'Amelio on October 1, 2023. Praise the Lord, the D'Amelio family is at 69% support. Thank you to all of you who support him and have sent love offerings. He is still accepting Zoom meetings to preach in English and present the work. Pray that in our lifetime, we may plant or help plant a church in each of the 107 provinces of Italy where there are none.

Praises: God's faithfulness; ALL of you brothers and sisters in Christ that have immensely helped us this summer; Safety on the roads; Kristan and Titus' birthday; Glory to God for our 13th anniversary

Prayer Requests: Foggia, Italy: 40k J&R Distribution Sept. 25-28 and church plant on October 1st; We need hundreds of laborers.



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