



THE

COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY



August - October 2023

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Thank you for joining us in prayer for the people of Italy. In September, we had our annual church-wide "24 Hour Prayer Vigil", with people also participating all over Italy, in the US, and Venezuela. We also celebrated the 6th anniversary of Chiesa Battista "la Verità" in Reggio Emilia! The prayer vigil led up to the Get Acquainted Meetings at the new church plant in Foggia, Italy, with national Pastor Fausto D'Amelio and his wife Maria Pia. We are so grateful for those that came from around Italy (Reggio Emilia, Foggia, Grosseto, and Naples), Germany, England, and the US to help with the distribution of about 37,000 John and Romans in Foggia, along with an invitation to the evangelistic meetings. Bro. Jeremy Roland and Baptist Church Planting Ministries has been a tremendous blessing in the work of the Lord in this 107 Italian Province Objective: to help plant or plant an Independent Baptist church in each of 107 provinces of Italy. Chiesa Battista "la Luce" in Foggia is doing well, and they have had a great first month with the blessing of the Lord. Please continue to pray for Maria Pia and their little son Samuele that is due at the beginning of January.

October was Mission's Month at Chiesa Battista "la Verità" in Reggio. It is my great pleasure to teach new Christians the joys of giving to church planting and world-wide missions. We have also had the honor of 9 guests visiting the church over the last few weeks, and the young man that trusted Christ while we were on furlough this summer has begun attending regularly. Also, a daughter of the lady whose funeral was held at our church back in the spring has contacted us asking us to do Bible studies with her. We have been working with her now for the last month or so, and she visited the church in October with her husband and two family members.

Recently, our friends the Keister family, who are ministering in Bologna, Italy, introduced us to a wonderful Gospel video presentation that had been translated into Italian. We are thankful for the opportunity to have this video presentation in the heart language of the Italian people, and Brandon has worked with the ministry to get *The Gospel Film* cards into Italian! Young people especially receive these well. I believe we will be printing 10s of thousands of these in the future.

The Evening School of the Bible classes continue to go well, and we are a little over half way through Bible Doctrine 2. Please pray for the upcoming annual "Ladies' Christmas Gathering" on Saturday, December 2, and for the lost souls that will be in attendance. I want to give a special thank you to our mission board Macedonia World Baptist Missions who have been an immense help!

Praises: Prayer vigil; 6th Anniversary of Chiesa Battista la Verità of Reggio Emilia; Italian John and Romans distribution & Get Acquainted Meetings & Foggia church plant; Mission's Month; visitors; 20k Gospel Film Card Initiative; Thankful for Macedonia World Baptist Missions

Prayer Request: church plant - Chiesa Battista "la Luce" in Foggia; Maria Pia and little Samuele; new Bible study and souls to be saved; Ladies' Christmas Gathering; Kristan's migraines to ease; salvation of guests. We need hundreds of laborers.

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