

THE

COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

May - June 2024

Dear Fellow Laborers,

God is continuously working! We are praising the Lord for 3 souls saved over the last two months!! A lady named Stella has been visiting the church off and on for a while, and she began asking questions about baptism. She had a religious background and was even baptized. Years ago, we received wise advice to ask "Why were you baptized?" The answer quickly defines their understanding of salvation. Kristan met with her to explain Biblical baptism and clearly shared the Gospel. She was very receptive, joyfully trusting only in Christ as her soul's salvation! Then, a few weeks ago, Alessio started a Bible study with a young adult named Francesco, and he prayed and trusted Christ as his Savior during their first meeting! The third soul that came to Christ was a young boy whose family attends the church. The little boy really listens too and looks up to our oldest son Thomas. He came to his mother one day and told her that he wanted to repent of his sins and trust Christ as Savior. During Vacation Bible School, he met with his parents, Brandon, and Thomas to talk about salvation. He understood the Gospel and asked Christ to save him that night!

Thank you all for praying for our VBS. It went very well, and was a special time for the church as we served the Lord together in unity. Many were encouraged, including the Pastor, as this year we had 5 new adult workers and 4 youth from the church helping to make VBS possible! God has recently brought several new families to the church, and we are rejoicing as they are ready and willing to serve the Lord. The church youth orchestra is growing too! We now have two violins, a flute, a trumpet, and two up and coming pianists.

Brandon has been preaching a series of sermons on Science and the Bible, which has greatly helped the families in the church and we even had several unsaved visitors come specifically to listen to these special messages. Please pray for Vittorio, Giuseppe, and Umberto to be saved.

Lord willing, in July, we will take a missions trip to Foggia to help Fausto and Maria Pia with their church's first VBS on July 10-11. Please pray for the salvation of souls and for Chiesa Battista la Luce in Foggia. Thank you for your prayers and support. May the Lord bless you as you faithfully serve Him!

- Brandon, Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, and Abigail Cook

<u>Praises:</u> 3 souls saved; VBS in Reggio Emilia; church youth orchestra is growing; our 14th wedding anniversary; Kristan and Abigail's birthday.

<u>Prayer Request</u>: VBS in Foggia July 10-11; 8 candidates for baptism; a larger place for the church to meet in Reggio Emilia; application for citizenship; Kristan should be called in for surgery in the next month due to a hole in her heart; Laborers to work with us in Reggio Emilia and Italy: We need hundreds of laborers.

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