

THE

COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

September - October 2024

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Thank you to all who joined with us during the twenty-four hour prayer vigil in September. It is always a tremendous blessing to see what God does when we seek His face, and how God honors this time of agreeing together in prayer.

Giosuè and Ilenia, a young couple that has been attending our services for some time, followed the Lord in believer's baptism on September 8. We had a wonderful time of singing and testimony at the river before the baptism. And then, due to the rain, we all returned to the church building for the preaching and meal that followed. Giosuè and Ilenia are the parents of the young boy that trusted Christ during the week of Vacation Bible School here in Reggio Emilia back in June! Please pray that God will protect this family, and that they will continue to grow in the Lord. On that day, we also celebrated our church's seventh anniversary here in Reggio Emilia.

The beginning of October marked the first anniversary of our church plant in Foggia with national Pastor Fausto D'Amelio! Praise the Lord!! God is faithful! The month of October is an exciting month in Reggio because it is Mission's month. This year we had people representing the countries of Romania, Cuba, Samoa, and Kazakhstan. We are praying for souls to be reached and churches to be planted in these countries. During Mission's Month, our city received a torrential amount of rain over a period of three days, especially one Saturday evening. We awoke to a pond in our front yard and a lake across the road where fields and crops were just the night before. Some areas were flooded due to a dike breaking in a nearby city where one of our church folks like. We are praising the Lord that God protected each one in the church and none of our homes were flooded, although some had to move furniture from the bottom floor upstairs. Thank God for His protection!

Thank you for your prayers and support. Your Christmas gifts and offerings have been an enormous blessing. May the Lord bless you as you faithfully serve Him! Until that glorious day when we meet again, have a sweet walk with the Lord.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! And we pray you and your family have a Merry Christmas!!
- Brandon, Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, and Abigail Cook

<u>Praises</u>: Giosuè and Ilenia's baptism; 7th anniversary of Chiesa Battista la Verità in Reggio Emilia; 1st anniversary of Chiesa Battista la Luce in Foggia; 24-hour prayer vigil; Mission's Month

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: a larger building for the church in Reggio to meet in; upcoming annual Ladies' Christmas Luncheon and Faithful Men's activity the second week of December; to receive our Italian citizenship; Laborers to work with us in Reggio Emilia and Italy: We need hundreds of laborers.

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