



THE

COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY



December 2025 – January 2026

Dear praying friends,

December started out with great expectation as we prepared for the annual Ladies' Christmas meeting and the men's meetings. The Lord gave us a great turn out with more guests in attendance each year. The Lord worked in hearts and the lost heard the Gospel given to them, for some it was the seed being planted, for others it was the seed being watered over and over again.

The youth choir & orchestra were given the opportunity to sing and play at a local nursing home in December. This was an open door that God brought about as a result of letter boxing with John and Romans. One of the staff called and invited us to come and sing. The children were wonderful, and the elderly really enjoyed the music. We thank God for the opportunity and pray for many more open doors.

January, a time of new beginnings and new opportunities for more faith in God! We are grateful for the 2nd semester of the Evening School of the Bible and five new students that have joined as we finish out Old Testament Survey. These are the best students we have in our churches, who love to learn more about each book of the Bible. Some Italians are reading through the Bible for the first time.

Our theme for 2026 is Psalm 37:4 *"Delight thyself also in the Lord"*. How can you NOT delight in the Omnipotent self-existing Eternal God who offers eternal life? So let's put this to the test immediately in 2026. This past week, the building our church rents was put on the market, giving our church a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith by delighting in the Lord, giving sacrificially, and watching God provide a much-needed larger building. We delight in Him, waiting for our steps to be ordered by the Lord. Many of you have already been to the throne of God praying for a larger church building. Thank you! Please continue to fervently pray. IF it were purchased today, we would have about 6 months to get out. Through the years, our church has saved enough for a small down payment on a building, but we do not have enough to purchase. It would require a minimum of \$200,000 to purchase a building large enough for the ministry needs of the church, church planting ministry, and future publishing and printing ministry, and possible pastor's college. It would not be a wise purchase to pay about \$76,000 + closing costs for the current ~25ft. x ~26ft meeting space. We need God's wisdom, in leading us to the right place. Pray that He will show Himself strong on behalf of the believers here in Reggio Emilia. The lost are watching to seeing how God will answer. May God's name be exalted! We are coming up on the 4 year mark when God provided us a home when all seemed "impossible": we know our God is able!! Delight in the Lord in 2026.

- Brandon & Kristan Cook - Truth Baptist Church (Chiesa Battista la Verità) - Reggio Emilia, Italy

Praises: Ladies' Christmas Meeting and Men's Meeting; Youth Christmas presentation and ministering at nursing home; Evening School of the Bible 2nd semester with 5 new students!; first Master Club book in Italian went to print!; opportunity to see God work by faith in providing a church building; Elisha's 12th birthday; huge spiritual victories in lives of believers in the church

Prayer Requests: Salvation of Giuseppe, Vittorio, Rosetta, Denny, and Aaron; funds to purchase a building for the church; to receive our Italian citizenship; laborers to Italy; Brandon's ACL knee surgery recovery; Salvador - a young preacher who wants to be trained to plant churches in Italy

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