THE

COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

April – May 2026

Dear praying friends,

The first year of the Evening School of the Bible has been completed! Please pray with us as we open registration for the fall sessions. April saw great special Sunday events such as Easter, Friend Day, and "Next Generation Sunday" - where the young people of the church participated in everything from cleaning the church, to opening the church doors, turning on the lights, greeting people, directing music, playing in the orchestra and piano playing for the congregational singing, giving the announcements, giving a Hymn History, taking up the offering, audio/visual, paying the bills, and preaching the Bible! Our oldest son Thomas preached for the first time, and brought a challenging sermon. What an encouraging time for our church and for the next generation! Each one had their part in serving the Lord!

In May, we spear-headed VBS prep with a yearly church-wide cookout at Pastor's house and had our VBS meeting that evening to organize volunteers for the event in June. Brandon also had the opportunity to speak with another future missionary to Italy who is praying about going to Torino (Turin). Praise the Lord for laborers responding to the Lord's calling to go to the 107 provinces of Italy. Many more laborers are needed!! Also during May, Brandon took an exhaustive 12-hour course given by the Association of Italian Editors on how to start a Publishing House in Italy. We are weighing the legalities, taxes, and man power available on how to move forward. Please be in prayer with us about this, as Biblical resources in the Italian language are greatly needed here. God has allowed us to have a part in translating and preparing dozens of resources, and still working on others. Very few churches, very few laborers, very few resources, for a very great harvest but we serve a VERY BIG GOD!!!

Precious laborers are coming! Bro. Luke and Sis. Vivienne Magner are at 26% on deputation to come along side us here and help. Please take a moment and pray for them now. They're on the road all the time, and within the next month(s) their landlord wants to sell their rental house in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Pray they don't have to cancel meetings and that they can find another home until they make it here to Reggio. Thank you.

The search for a church building in Reggio nell'Emilia continues. Praise the Lord for this opportunity to grow in faith. I know you've been praying and we cannot thank you enough. May God bless each of you who have given toward the church building. You all are an incredible blessing and encouragement! This is much bigger than us, our church, and our city. We feel as if God is about to open it up, for all 107 provinces. You'll have to come and see for yourself. He will lead us and provide in His time and in His process. Please pray with us!!!

- Brandon & Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, & Abigail Cook
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Praises: Magners at 26% support on deputation; Abigail's and Kristan's birthdays; several resources completed for distribution; God put it on a brother's heart to come and build us a new gate for our driveway at home; TJay Bing is going to work with Fausto in Foggia; The end of the school year!

Requests: Church building; Citizenship; Luke Magner needs a house; Brandon's mom: Marilynn Lance surgery recovery; Death of uncle Roger Lyons, survived by aunt Betty Lyons

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