



# THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

*Teaching Italians to reach Italians and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**February & March 2018**

Faithful Friends,

Thank you for praying so faithfully for God to work amongst the Italian people. God is moving! We are rejoicing over another precious soul that has come to Christ. On February 13, a lady named Gianna came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She had first visited the church a couple weeks before and showed an interest in attending the ladies' Bible study. The second week she came to the Bible study, she was having chest pain and high blood pressure. Kristan and one of the ladies from the church accompanied her to the emergency room and that night, in the waiting room, Gianna asked the Lord to forgive her sins and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord! Gianna's daughter and son-in-law in the Ukraine have been praying for her and sharing Christ with her for years. Never cease praying for a loved one: God hears and answers.

God blessed during the Baptist Church Planting Ministry's European Conference at the beginning of February, with missionaries from the UK, Slovenia, and a number of Italian missionaries in attendance. We are grateful for Bro. Jeremy Rowland and his wife Teresa for the great blessing they were to our family personally and to our church. How refreshing! **Bro. Rowland plans to return in February 2019 with churches from the US who will come to Reggio Emilia, Italy to distribute 30,000 to 50,000 Italian John and Romans. Pastor, if your church wants to pass out a portion of these, contact us and make plans to join us. Church planters, join Bro. Rowland here March 5-6, 2019 for a Church Planter's Couples Retreat.**

On February 25, our church had its second baptism. Corrado was our first Italian to follow the Lord in believers' baptism, along with his wife, Renata. Another independent Baptist church in Milan joined us for the baptism, as they do not yet have space or means to baptize. We are thanking God for the 5 believers from Chiesa Battista della Grazia (Grace Baptist Church) and the two from Chiesa Battista la Verità (Truth Baptist Church), that were baptized. We are planning to baptize again this summer.

For about a year now, we have been praying for the Lord's wisdom and provision regarding a vehicle, as ours has been breaking down every several months. Last week, our van broke down again on the interstate on the way to a Creation Seminar, but we are thankful for the Lord's protection. We knew immediately that it was time to find a different vehicle. A couple of hours later, we received a message from a supporting Pastor in Alabama; Pastor Aaron Pack and Lighthouse Baptist Church (a new church plant). During the very moments that our van had broken down, they were having their morning service, and voted to send a love offering to our family for a vehicle. They knew we were in need of a vehicle, but had no idea of the circumstances happening thousands of miles away. Our God is faithful!!!!

**Praises:** Your faithful prayers and support for the work of the Lord; Gianna's salvation; BCPM conference; Baptism & fellowship; finding a reliable vehicle; Servants of God

**Prayer Requests:** Salvation: Davide, Jessica, Clara Preziosi, Domenico and Maria, Maria F. (the children's language teacher) and Victor Riccardo

\*Pray for our church people to have the mind of Christ

\*Pray for Corrado's health: hernia, liver disorder, and brain aneurism

May your soul be nourished at His throne,

*Brandon & Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, & Abigail Cook*

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