



# THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

**August & September 2018**

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Our family would like you to know that we are eternally grateful to each and every one of you that intercede before the throne of God on the behalf of our family and the precious souls here in Italy. As summer came to end and autumn began, we celebrated our church's 1 year anniversary: one year from the time we saw the first soul come to Christ here in Reggio Emilia, Italy! Glory be to God! On Sunday, September 30, our church, Chiesa Battista la Verità, officially constituted the church, establishing a constitution, membership, etc., as well as seeing our son Titus follow the Lord in believer's baptism. What wonderful things the Lord has done!

In October, our first English class begins. This class is free and open to anyone in the community; we will be teaching English using the Bible and its stories. Please pray that God uses this ministry as a door to bring souls to a saving knowledge of Him. We have people committed to attend from our church, as well as from the community. The Lord has led us to delay the prep classes of typing and Word until a further date, due to a lack of interest. There was only one lady interested, and that would not have been a wise situation so we have delayed those classes until there is further interest.

The men's and ladies' Bible studies continue to meet on a weekly basis. The men completed their discipleship series a month or so ago and Brandon is working with Corrado specifically, teaching him how to disciple others; and Corrado is eagerly reading, studying, preparing, and teaching those lessons with Brandon. Corrado just celebrated his 1<sup>st</sup> spiritual birthday at the end of September! The ladies have just completed their first series on discipleship and are eagerly delving into a study on true joy.

Thomas and Titus have joined the local baseball team and their coach, Angel Vargas, came to church the whole month of August and also attended one of the men's Bible studies. Please be in prayer for his soul's salvation. Also, one of the team member's entire family visited the church, and returned for Titus' baptism! We thank God for answered prayer and we pray that the Lord will help us, that in whatsoever we do, we will do all to the glory of God...even playing baseball. May the Lord receive the glory due unto His name!

One of the ladies that trusted Christ last fall, Simona, has come back to church again, this time bringing her 8yr old son Samuele with her. This is very encouraging. He is usually with his father on the weekends, but he has asked to go back to his mother on Sunday so that he can come to church and go to Sunday School. Praise God!

The Lord is doing great and marvelous things, and we exalt His name.

**Praise:** 1yr anniversary of Chiesa Battista la Verità; Constitution of the church; Titus' baptism; new visitors; Simona's son attending church; Thomas' 7<sup>th</sup> birthday; this Fall will be 15 years since Brandon was saved and answered God's call to preach

**Prayer Requests:** Salvation of Angel, Daniele and Silvia (children Giulia and Antonio); Revival in Reggio Emilia, Italy: our four children Thomas, Titus, Elisha and Abigail

May your soul be nourished at His throne,

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

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**BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARY**  
Brandon: 2/26/1979  
Kristan: 6/1/1987  
Thomas: 8/8/2011  
Titus: 7/10/2012  
Elisha: 1/26/2014  
Anniversary: 6/26/2010  
Abigail Grace: 5/29/15



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