



# THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

**February & March 2019**

Dear faithful friends,

What a wonderfully busy two months it has been! Thank you for praying with us. The Lord prepared all of our hearts in the 24 hour prayer vigil for what He was about to do. The "Ammunition of Truth" project involving the printing and shipping and distributing of the Italian John and Romans continues as God's Word has gone out into the homes of thousands of people here in Reggio Emilia. We are grateful for the help of Director Jeremy Rowland of Baptist Church Planting Ministry and his wonderful family, South Haven Baptist Church in Springfield, TN, Five Forks Baptist Church in Cedar Grove, NC, Fairview Baptist Church in Athens, TN, our mothers Marilynn Lance and Donna Pulliam, and several Independent Baptist missionaries across Italy and their churches, and our church folks here in Reggio Emilia for their hard work and labor of love in preparing and distributing John and Romans and invitations with the Gospel to reach approx. 39,000 homes. With joy on his face, Brother Craig Stumpf said he tracked walking 54 miles (and that was in 4 days). What a blessing to know that God's people came to our Jerusalem and walked more than two marathons to help our people receive the gospel. Amazing! The Gazzetta of Reggio took notice and wrote a nice little article which said the city "was inundated with flyers and a booklet containing the Gospel...". Since the distribution, we have had a total of 15 visitors to the church (and we expect more), several of which have attended on a regular basis. We thank God for His working in the hearts of men and women. To top it off, on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> (one of the first days of distribution), we celebrated Brandon's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. We were celebrating many things that God had already done and all that He was in the process of doing, as everyone could see the hand of God at work and blessing.

After the week of distribution, we held two nights of "Get Acquainted" evangelistic meetings at the church. During the day, the Rowlands taught in the Church Planters' Enrichment Retreat for Independent Baptist Church Planting couples here in Italy. At the same time the missionary kids were excited to be apart of the Youth Enrichment Retreat. It was a refreshing time in the Word of God and such an encouragement to be with Brother Jeremy and Sister Teresa Rowland of Baptist Church Planting Ministries. We thank God for their ministry and great sacrifices they make to help start churches across America and around the world. They've greatly impacted church planting here in Italy. If your church does not support BCPM yet, you're missing out on being apart of a wonderful ministry.

Brandon's grandmother, Edna Hawkins, passed away on March 22. We rest in the promises of God that we will see her again one day in Heaven when we see the blessed face of our precious Lord. If you have a godly heritage, always remember to thank God for it and to not take it for granted. Grandparents, your labor is not in vain in the Lord! Brandon was able to fly to Atlanta to assist in preaching the funeral, then return to Italy for Sunday.

We rejoice in the goodness of God that leads sinners to repentance. Our son, Elisha, trusted Christ as his personal Savior just last week! Brandon and Kristan led him to the Lord using their grandfather Thomas Hawkins' Bible. Three of our four children have now trusted Christ for salvation. THANK YOU for praying for the salvation of our children. Please continue to pray for our daughter, Abigail, that as she grows and matures, she too will realize her need for a Savior.

**Praises:** Salvation of our son, Elisha; 34,000 John and Romans and 5,000 gospel tracts distributed in Reggio Emilia; visitors that came as a result of the distribution; Missions groups that traveled here to help; safety for all of those that traveled; Brandon's 40<sup>th</sup> b-day

**Prayer Requests:** Salvation of lost souls in Reggio Emilia; the need for more laborers in North Italy; upcoming Resurrection Sunday service; Corrado Marchetti's health that is poor

May your soul be nourished at His throne,

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

Pray For Revival "Blessed be the LORD God... who only doeth wondrous things." - Ps.72:18

## SENDING CHURCH

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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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