



# THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

**February & March 2017**

Hello Praying Friends,

**Romans 10:17** "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

What an exciting two months this has been, as we have seen God working and answering prayer. At the beginning of February, Renata expressed an interest in beginning to attend our church services. She does not drive, but her husband Corrado willingly offered to bring her if she wished to come! They both attended for the first time on February 12, and then, shortly thereafter, Corrado had surgery on the aneurysm on his brain. Please pray for his complete recovery and that they might be able to return to church. Just this last week, during the Bible study with Renata, Corrado sat down and asked if he could have a Bible of his own! As he expressed his desire to participate in the Bible study and read the Word of God for himself, Renata has asked him for months about taking down the Catholic items on the walls; to which he finally responded, YES! When we returned to their home that evening with a large print Bible for Corrado, the pictures were already gone! This is a huge step in Corrado's life and he told us that slowly, page by page, he is going to read the Bible: he has already begun. God hears and answers prayer!!!!

For those of you that have been praying for Kelly....She came to church the same day that Renata and Corrado began attending, but Kelly showed up right after the service had ended. She willingly agreed to take a Bible study home to read at her own pace, which she did that very week. Two weeks ago, Kelly agreed to meet Kristan for a coffee, and the Lord opened the door wide for Kelly to, once again, hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. She is very open to hearing the truth, and is visibly moved when hearing the Word of God. Please continue praying for her, as she seems very close to trusting Christ as her personal Savior.

At the beginning of February, we were able to help a church in Milan with their first English service. It is amazing how many immigrants are here: much of the world at our doorstep.

Our permesso renewal was approved and we now have the hard copy in hand! It is wonderful to see God's hand at every turn: may the Lord help us all to see Him even in the "little things" every day of our lives. We were able to celebrate Brandon's birthday with Domenico and Maria (God has used them in this renewal), and we are so grateful to God for their friendship.

We are rejoicing in our son, Titus, making a profession of faith recently. What a joy it is when our children choose to walk in truth! And we look forward to our children meeting many of you, some for the first time, during our upcoming furlough (June 12-Aug 18).

**Brandon, Kristan, Thomas, Titus, Elisha, & Abigail Cook - Phil. 1: 21**

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Kristan: 6/1/1987

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Elisha: 1/26/2014

Anniversary: 6/26/2010

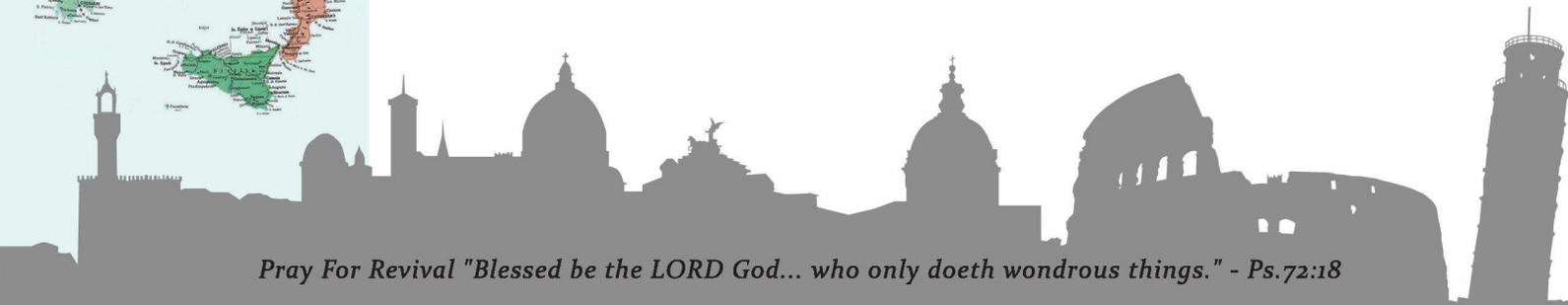
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*Pray For Revival "Blessed be the LORD God... who only doeth wondrous things." - Ps.72:18*