



THE COOK FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ITALY

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

April & May 2017

Dear friends and loved ones,

We are excited about what God is doing here in Reggio Emilia, Italy! The Ammunition of Truth Project that so many of you have been praying for and taking part in, is still going strong. In our province of Reggio Emilia, our family is near to reaching the 10,000th home to which we have given a John and Romans since their arrival last June. Hundreds of other boxes of these Italian John and Romans have also been sent to the cities of Trieste, Padova, Verona, Milano, Collecchio, Montova, Pisa, Grosseto, L'Aquila, and Amatrice.

Many people here in Italy live in apartments, and many times the door to the lobby (where we are able to then distribute the John/Romans) is locked; and furthermore, there is a gate at the entrance of every property, which is also locked many times. This has been our greatest hindrance to seeing the Word of God reach every home in our area. Please pray specifically that apartment buildings will be open so that more families can have the Word of God to read for themselves.

We continue to have weekly Bible studies with Renata and she is very eager to study the Word of God. Her husband Corrado's health is doing much better, and he still takes an interest by participating in the Bible studies we hold with Renata; thank you for praying for this dear couple.

We are praising the Lord for Kelly. She has such a longing for peace and direction for her life and she is so open to receiving direction from God's Word that she is even coming to us seeking spiritual direction in situations in her own personal life. She is slowly coming to realize that what God says is truth and that it is effective in our lives personally when we trust Him. Please continue praying that she will see, most importantly, her need to be born again. She speaks of wanting to do better and follow the Bible, which is, of course, fantastic. But first and foremost, she needs the Holy Spirit for this to be possible.

Happy 30th birthday to Kristan and 2nd birthday to Abigail! Thank you all for the birthday wishes. Thomas, Titus, Elisha and Abigail are excited about our upcoming trip to the US, and are counting down the days on their calendar. Thomas just finished kindergarten, Titus will begin K5 in the fall, Elisha is now 3yrs old. The Lord has recently provided a language teacher for the children, and they are doing very well. Their teacher, Maria, has been asking many questions about what we believe and has expressed much surprise over how frequently and excitedly the children speak of Jesus, church and the Bible. God delights in using children to bring Him glory! "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings though hast perfected praise" (Mt. 21:16) May we encourage our children when they speak of Christ to others, and may we as adults have the kind of boldness and faith of a child!

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

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

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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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