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Dear Praying Friends, March, 2025

These are exciting times for Jennie and me as well as for the church in Grosseto. Let me take a few moments to describe our ministry in its three-fold aspects.

Church planting in Grosseto and beyond is our main focus—For the past 19 years, we've seen God do amazing things in the Biblical Baptist Church of Grosseto.

Salvation — During our recent evangelistic meeting, we had the joy of seeing Groom, a young Ethiopian student, accept Christ as his personal Savior. Please pray for Groom as he seeks to

grow in the Lord.

Nicola—Please continue to pray for Nicola and Donata. Recently, he began teaching in our children's program and leading the Bible memorization in our Sunday services.



Alessia — We rejoice in seeing our faithful members step up and get involved. Alessia joined our church in 2022 and is a great help in our Sunday School.





Couples' Banquet—Our couples were strengthened by the fun activity Paul and Kelly Childers organized in February, which focused on God's love for us. Joey and Jennie Tacon came down from Pisa to help us

Missionary internships and hosting mission trips are a great opportunity—While we continue in Grosseto, we passionately pray "the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into his

harvest" (Matthew 9:38). This has led to an opportunity to host mission students and mission trips in an effort to expose prospective missionaries to the ministry in Italy. Over the years, we have hosted 11 interns and countless mission teams from colleges and churches from all over the U.S.

Mission trips—Matt and Bethany Romeo visited with us in January. They are seeking the Lord's leading and praying about coming to Italy as missionaries. We also will be hosting a mission team of 35 students from Pensacola Christian College in June and a youth mission team from Northern Virginia in August.

Summer interns — This coming summer, we have four interns from Ambassador Baptist College and four interns from The Crown College of the Bible scheduled to spend anywhere from four to eight weeks serving with us in our church. After he graduates this coming May, Luke Hargis (last year's intern) is preparing to do a missionary apprenticeship for one year with us in Grosseto. Please pray with us that all the necessary details will work out and that God will use these trips and internships to call many missionaries to Italy.

An additional ministry opportunity as Baptist World Mission European Field Administrator—Last year, Jennie and I volunteered to help Dr. Ben Sinclair at BWM as assistants to the Field Administrator for Europe while continuing as full-time missionaries in Italy. Since this past January, we have taken on the full responsibilities of the Field Administrator for Europe & the UK. This added ministry allows us to be a help and an encouragement to the missionaries in Europe, while still maintaining our primary role as church planting missionaries in Italy. Please pray that God will use us for His glory to be a help to our fellow missionaries.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto, Italy, Frank & Tennie Maietta