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Dear Praying Friends,

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"Brethren, pray for us" (1 Thessalonians 5:25). The Apostle Paul cherished the prayers of the brethren, recognizing that the mighty hand of God is often moved by the faithful prayers of God's people.

We desire your prayers for this unique season of ministry in Italy

We have had countless mission teams visit us over the years, and we've hosted many interns for summer ministry. Our prayer is that God might use these visits to put the ministry in Italy into their hearts, and so the Lord of the harvest might then send forth laborers into the harvest field of Italy. Our plea is: "Come over..., and help us," just as Paul heard in what is known as the "Macedonian call."



Specific request for this summer—We have 64 individuals spending anywhere from 6 days to 3 months at our church this summer. We ask that you would pray with us that God would call 15 new missionaries to serve God in Italy. This would essentially double the number of Independent Baptist missionaries in the entire country of 60 million people. This could potentially transform the whole church-planting effort in Italy. This is something only God can do.



Pensacola Christian College (YOM) concert—The concert with the PCC group was an enormous blessing. We had several visitors attend because of a newspaper ad we had published, and some came from the flyer we distributed at the open market. We were delighted to also have our neighbors Amelia and Franco and many others come hear the Gospel presentation and the music.



Vacation Bible School and combined evangelistic meeting

—One family that attended our concert also brought their three children back to participate in our 5-day VBS. Ambassador Baptist College student, Peter Smith, joined us in Grosseto to be our main speaker. Peter had visited our ministry several times with his parents, evangelist Dwight & Amber Smith. God clearly moved among us as he preached 14 times in just 8 days. Several children responded to the invitation for salvation.



Summer interns—Luke Hargis was our intern last year and came back this year to spend the whole summer with us. Will Raub is fulfilling his music internship with us. Danielle and Christine are teachers at The Crown College of the Bible. Joel and Brett are students at Crown College as well. These all came to help in our VBS and to help in the first-ever two weeks of Camp that our co-workers will be hosting on their property.



August mission trip—In August, we are expecting a group of 12 from a church in Dulles, Virginia.

A new name written down in glory—Costantino is a 20-year-old young man who was seriously doubting the validity of his infant baptism. After meeting with our coworkers, the Childers, Costantino accepted Christ as his Savior. His countenance shows so evidently the





peace of God he now has since coming to Christ. He is reading the scriptures fervently and passionately, sharing the Gospel with everyone he can. We are looking forward to baptizing him in the coming weeks.

Please continue to pray for fruit that may be to God's glory from this summer's ministry.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto, Italy,

Frank & Jennie Maietta