

# The ITALIAN BATTALION

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Dear Praying Friends,

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**Grosseto Church ministry update**—We experienced the most action-packed summer we've ever had.

*The Gospel Film*—We printed a new tract for mass distribution, which also has a QR code leading to The Gospel Film, a 14-minute video presentation of the Gospel. Costantino and others are busy passing these tracts out every week.

*Christian Camp*—There has never been a Baptist camp in Italy until now. Our co-workers, Paul and Kelly Childers, have begun "Camp Aquila" (Eagle) on their own property just three miles from our church. We got to help with a fellowship for all the Baptist churches in June, one week of junior camp and one week of teen camp. Although overnight stays at the camp are not yet possible, we pray that in the coming years the facilities will be developed to expand this ministry. Several preaching sessions, games, meals, devotions, singing, horseback riding, and bike rides filled each day and led to many important spiritual decisions being made.



*Investing in future missionaries*—Luke, Will, Tucker, Tara, Peter, Joel, Brett, and about 45 others got to be deeply involved in the ministry in Italy this summer. Hosting interns and mission trips allows us to show them the great need for churches in Italy by sharing the history of Baptist church planting, offering opportunities to preach, sing, and hand out tracts, and introducing them to other missionaries in the country.

*Mighty Men*—Recently, we began a leadership development class with some men in our church. We meet every other Thursday for now. We hope this will lead to Bible institute-type training beginning this fall to teach the Bible in-depth, doctrines, and ministry.

*Church Van*—Several years ago, I sold our family van to a fellow missionary, who then sold it to another missionary. We're so thankful that the opportunity came around for our church to acquire this same van from the missionary who was "getting rid of it." This van was already very helpful when we had the team visit from Virginia. We hope to do some necessary repairs to ensure many more years of usefulness.



*Prayer for Salvation*—We've seen four people come to Christ this summer, but there are many more we're praying for.

Please pray for Clara, Federico, his wife Elisa, as well as the couple who own the pizzeria behind our house.

**Baptist World Mission Field Visits**—In our role as field administrator for BWM, Jennie and I recently made our first field visit to Albania to minister alongside fellow missionaries, the Fiocchis and the Brewers. This trip was truly life-changing and has increased our desire to advance the cause of church planting in Europe. Please pray as we seek to encourage our fellow missionaries with practical help, prayer, and counsel.

**Family**—Arianna returned to the States to complete her student teaching and teach 2nd grade in Virginia this year. Upon her return, she developed a very serious infection, which hospitalized her for several days. We are thankful for the Lord's care for our children. Please pray for her complete recovery.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto, Italy,

*Frank & Jennie Maietta*