

The ITALIAN BATTALION

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Dear Praying Friends,

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Return to Italy – After finishing up our last few meetings and taking care of getting Katiana back in school for her second semester, we made it back to Italy in late January. For the first time in 20 years as missionaries, we returned to the field without any of our three children. Our “mommy and daddy hearts” sure miss the kids, but we’re so thankful the Lord is leading each of them as they grow in their young adult lives. The sadness of leaving them behind was offset by the joy of seeing the dear folks in our church in Grosseto. We’re very blessed to have great co-workers, the Childers family, and godly church members who serve so faithfully during our absence.



Couple's banquet – Our couple's banquette each February is a great opportunity to preach the Gospel to unsaved friends and acquaintances and to strengthen the couples from our church. Besides our church families, four couples attended the event. Please pray for the salvation of Luciano & Daniela, Alessandro & Verusca; Gianni & Gloria, and Sandro & Carla. The following week we traveled to Pisa to help fellow missionaries, the Tacons, with their banquet. You could tell that God was working in the hearts of Giada and her husband. Please pray for their salvation as well.

Developing leaders – Nicola and Donata are a young couple that got saved in the past year and a half. They are growing wonderfully in the Lord. Please pray for them as they serve the Lord and raise their young family in our church.

Sunday School - Jennie has begun training Donata as a Sunday school helper with the intention of Donata eventually becoming the teacher.

Children's Activities – Nicola has begun teaching the lessons during our monthly Children's activity.



Music program – In addition to leading the youth and children's choir, Jennie is training some teens on the piano and other instruments during the congregational songs. Italians love coming to hear children sing, so our children's music program turns out to be a great outreach instrument.

Unexpected witnessing opportunity – Last week a young lady named Mikola stopped by our church to ask some advice about moving to America. After chatting for a while, the Lord opened the door for us to share the Gospel with her. She seemed deeply touched by the message and said she wanted to visit our services. Please pray for her salvation.

Furlough Video – If you haven't had a chance to view it yet, our furlough video is available at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0P51baOmVlc&t=15s>

Thank you – We want to express our deepest thanks to all those who sent special gifts and cards for Christmas. We are always amazed at God's abundant provision for our needs. It is a joy to serve Him and a blessing to have you all partnering with us.

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