

# The ITALIAN BATTALION

*On the Front Lines of World Evangelism*

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Dear Praying Friends,

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**Easter Concert** – In our last letter, we mentioned preparing for our Easter Concert. It went very well. It is wonderful to see our members growing and getting involved. Jennie and our co-worker, Kelly Childers, put a big emphasis on developing children and young people through our music ministry. Italians love children, and they love music, so a children's music ministry is a very effective way to reach the lost.

**Alessia church membership** – It's a special encouragement to see people get serious about serving the Lord. Alessia is a young lady who was saved before she began attending our church about two years ago. She recently joined our church and has jumped right into helping out in various aspects of the ministry.



Edoardo, Luisa, Marco, Elizabeth

**Developing leaders** – We came back from our furlough encouraged to see several folks taking on more responsibilities around the church. Nicola has been leading the verse memorization during our services. His wife, Donata, has been helping Jennie with Sunday school. Giuliano (former atheist but now a preacher) continues to teach in many of our mid-week services. Edoardo and Luisa faithfully clean the church each week and help out anywhere needed. We have always counted it a privilege to serve the Lord alongside these choice servants and many others.



Church Fellowship

**Quick trip** – Jennie and I traveled back to the States for a few weeks to participate in a missions conference in a church we had not been back to since arriving on the field in 2006. It was a very special reunion with some great "old friends." We had the chance to visit three supporting churches, speak at our home church in North Carolina, and participate in the Baptist World Mission Orientation week in Louisiana. Along the way we got to see Jennie's parents and each of our children as well.



Nate and Luke helping out

**Arianna and Katiana summer ministry** – We headed back to Italy in early May and brought the "girls" home with us after they got out of school for the summer. It's a great joy to have them home and also have their help in the church. Arianna is doing her music internship in our church in Italy and Katiana is teaching some private English and other odd jobs throughout the summer.



MK & intern fellowship

**Hosting mission trips and interns** – As church planters, we are committed to reaching and equipping nationals for ministry in Italy. At the same time, Jennie and I, with our co-workers, are passionate about encouraging new missionaries to come work with us in Italy. We encourage ministry students to consider mission trips or internships with us in our ministry to help expose them to the many aspects of church planting in Italy. Nate Bonnell visited for three weeks, and Luke Hargis is currently working on his mission internship this summer. Our internship program includes having them study Italian, teaching teens, preaching, music, tract distribution, and involvement in VBS. We try to share our 20 years of missionary experience, addressing several helpful topics. The final "project" is to have them preach to our church in Italian by the end of the internship. Our desire is to help young potential missionaries see that God CAN use them on the mission field and help them consider whether the Lord might have them join the Lord's work in Italy.

**Upcoming events to pray for** – Vacation Bible school, camp meeting, special meetings with evangelists.

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