



# Luke & Vivienne Magner Missionaries to Italy



Thank you so much to everyone who has been praying for our survey trip!

On September 22, we left the United States of America with so much excitement to see what God would do on our survey trip. There is no way we could have known what amazing things God was going to show us during the next five weeks! We were so blessed to spend the first portion of our trip with the Cook family in Reggio Emilia. The Cook family welcomed us into their home as if we had known them our whole life. Immediately we saw the great need for the Gospel in Italy. The Cooks started *Chiesa Battista La Verità* (Truth Baptist Church) eight years ago (but have been serving in Italy for eleven years) and have recently been seeing a consistent group of around thirty people each week. During the first Sunday we were in Italy, one of the young teens at *Chiesa Battista La Verità* accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior! The Cooks have played a vital part in connecting the Independent Baptist missionaries in Italy together. While they are a small group, they stick together and encourage each other working for the Lord and praying for the lost souls in Italy. With help from some of those missionaries, they started Scuola della Bibbia. This is currently a night school with fifty students meeting once a week via zoom. The prayer is that Scuola della Bibbia will one day be a Baptist Bible College in Italy!

We had the opportunity to visit Joey and Jenny Tacon in Pisa for one week. The Tacon family have been in Pisa for eleven years pastoring *Chiesa Biblica Battista di Pisa* (Bible Baptist Church of Pisa). Their church is impacted by the large university that is in Pisa. God has brought a few people to their church through the university that are a huge help to the Tacon family. Joey Tacon gave Luke the opportunity to preach while he translated into Italian and Vivienne was able to share her testimony at the ladies meeting. While we were in Pisa, we were able to visit Florence and the leaning tower of Pisa. We were also blessed to briefly meet the Childers family in Grosseto.

God opened the door for us to spend a week in Naples. God has used David and Tina Bowidowicz to pastor over Bible Baptist Church of Naples the last four years. This church is necessary to reach the English-speaking people in Naples, Italy. That church is filled with American military that are stationed in Naples and English-speaking African immigrants. That Sunday, we presented to the church how the Lord has been working in our hearts during our trip in Italy. After visiting the Bowidowicz, we got to meet some of Luke's family that live near Naples. Luke's great aunt opened her home allowing us to meet and get to know her family. We are praying that the bloodline connection through Luke's grandfather will allow us to easily attain Italian citizenship.



After Naples, we were excited to make our way back to Reggio Emilia and be with the Cooks again. During our time traveling from north to the south of Italy, God made it clear in our hearts who He wants us to work with. The day after returning to the Cook's house, we told them that God made it

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clear we need to work with them in Reggio Emilia. They were beyond happy and so thankful that God had answered their prayer for more labors in the harvest field. As soon as we raise our support, we will be moving to Reggio Emilia to learn the Italian language. During that time, we will help the Cooks and *Chiesa Battista La Verita*. We will be praying with the Cooks that: a publishing house can be started, Scuola della Bibbia will become a Bible College, and churches will be planted in all 107 provinces of Italy, as we pray and desire for lost souls to get saved every day! We believe that God will show us when the time is right for us to plant a new church in one of the remaining 97 provinces that do not currently have a good, Independent, Baptist Church preaching in the Italian language. At the end of our survey trip, God allowed us to get our "Codice Fiscale." This is the first of many important steps we will need to take to be able to live in Italy.



While still in Europe, we had the opportunity to spend a week in Germany for the Mission Possible European Retreat, a retreat that has been helping missionaries stay encouraged and remain on the field since 1997. We were greatly encouraged by the preaching and fellowshiping of other ministry workers. This retreat also allowed us to begin friendships with other missionaries that we hope will last for many years to come.

As we look forward to November, we will be returning back to the States. Our first missions conference will be in Florida the first week in November. We are praying that God will help us book many meetings for 2026. Please pray that our November and December will be productive. We still have things to put together in preparation for future mission conferences. Our prayer is that we will be able to make the phone calls and send the e-mails necessary to fill our schedule with the meetings that God wants us to have.