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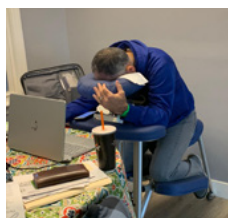
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Dear Praying Friends,

December 2023

Furlough Meetings – Jennie and I have enjoyed the wonderful blessing of reporting back to about 25 churches since we began furlough in September. The opportunity to show what God has done over the past several years in Grosseto has been a joy to share and an encouragement for our churches to see. We still have a full schedule before our return to Italy in late January and are looking forward to those meetings with some of you. We deeply regret not being able to schedule all of our supporting churches on this trip but we plan on getting to those of you whom we were unable to schedule the next time we are on furlough.

Summer Internships – One of our biggest emphases on furlough is recruiting potential new missionaries for our field. In addition to the churches we have visited, we have had the privilege of speaking at our alma mater, Ambassador Baptist College, several times this fall. This has resulted in several students considering an eight-week mission's Internship with us in the coming summers. Our prayer is that these internships would result in permanent laborers in the harvest field of Italy.



Unexpected Eye Surgery – At the end of October, a regularly scheduled doctor's appointment resulted in the diagnosis of a partial retinal detachment in my left eye. I was immediately referred to an excellent surgeon in Asheville, NC and underwent emergency retina surgery. Praise God, my eye is recovering well and we only had to reschedule one meeting during my down-time. I would appreciate your prayers for a full recovery.



Grosseto Church – We are so excited to see our people growing in the Lord. Nicola and Donata have been helping with the children's ministries. Andrea and Evalyn are ministering in music. Former atheist, Giuliano Falossi, is preaching each week in our mid-week service. Many others are contributing with cleaning the church and the various aspects of the ministry. We are so blessed to have faithful co-workers, Paul and Kelly Childers, that make it possible for us to come home on furlough with the confidence that the church is in good hands.

Facility update – New flooring has been installed on the entire ground level and two pellet stoves are being installed to help with this winter's cold. We also want to thank those churches who have contributed since we've been on furlough toward the extinguishing of the balance of our church mortgage.



Family – Jennie and I are so grateful that we were able to visit with Jennie's grandmother before she passed away in October. Jennie's grandmother was the first person saved in her entire family. This resulted in many being saved, including Jennie's grandpa, who preached the gospel for forty-eight years. Grandma's testimony was greatly used of God. We're so thankful to enjoy such a godly heritage.

This furlough has also afforded us the opportunity to spend precious time with Jennie's parents and help them in their move from Missouri to Alabama to live near Jennie's sister. Jennie's dad suffered a minor stroke recently but is recovering well. We were so thankful to be here to assist them through this time.

Furlough Video – Our furlough video is available to be viewed at the following link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0P51baOmVlc&t=15s>. If you would prefer to receive the video in a different format, please feel free to email me.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto, Italy,

Frank, Jennie, Frankie, Arianna and Katiana Maietta