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Dear Praying Friends,

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Grosseto Church ministry update

Bible Institute—The Mighty Men program, we began in February, has developed into an opportunity to start Bible institute work. The Instituto Biblico is the only Baptist Bible institute in the country. It is based on Crown College's Evening School of the Bible. Five church plants around the country are collaborating with over 50 students enrolled. We just completed our first semester with Old Testament Survey part 1, and will resume in January with Old Testament Survey part 2. Each of the missionaries teaches a class on a rotation. I recently taught Genesis and 1 & 2 Samuel. The plan is to build the curriculum into a thorough ministry school for training nationals in the Word of God and the Work of the Lord. Please pray God will grow our students and call many of them to serve Him full-time in Italy.

College Campus recruitment—In October, we travelled to three college campuses (Maranatha Baptist University, Ambassador Baptist College, and Pensacola Christian College), preaching in chapel or missions prayer band, and interacting with hundreds of students. This was an exciting chance to expose young people to the great opportunity that exists for missions work around the world. Several students are lined up for an internship with us in Italy for the summers of 2026 and 2027. Plans were also laid out for hosting three mission trips from two different colleges during the months of May and June, 2026. Please pray the Lord would use these trips to touch the hearts of many to come serve Him in Italy.

Christmas Evangelistic Meeting—This year, we hosted our 15th annual evangelistic meeting the first week of December. It was such a pleasure to see folks who were saved in that very first meeting in 2010, serving the Lord 15 years later. We packed out our auditorium with nearly 100 people on the last evening of the meeting. A few of the people for whose salvation we are praying were able to come and hear the Gospel by way of the children's Christmas musical program and the preaching of evangelist Paul Crow. Please continue to pray for the salvation of Federico, Elisa, Franca, Amelia, Roger, Rosa, Alessio, and many others. It was a joy to see our faithful members inviting, praying, and bringing many visitors to hear the preaching.

Baptist World Mission Field Visits—In our role as field administrator for BWM, we recently made our second field visit to a missionary in a difficult field. It is our privilege to serve alongside men and women who are willing to give their lives to share the Gospel even in dangerous and challenging fields!

Family—Thank you for praying for our children! Arianna is much better since her blood infections in August. Please continue to pray for her healing. Our constant prayer is that our children will each love and serve God with their whole heart.

Update video – If you haven't already viewed our most recent video, you can find it at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edCbfc5Ls6A>

Thank you – We have so much for which to thank God. We are truly grateful for your continued prayers and generous support. May the Lord bless each of you, your families and ministries, especially during this Christmas season.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto, Italy,

Frank & Jennie Maietta

