

# The Italian Battalion

On the front lines of World Evangelism

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Dear Praying Friends,

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One very important aspect of missionary work is covering for other missionaries who periodically must return to the States for furlough. In addition to our regular services, our church has had the opportunity to cover for two furloughing families, the Tacons and the Pieris.

**Pisa Church** – The church plant in Pisa is still in its infant stage with the Tacon family, having begun regular services just this past November. Giuliano Falossi and his wife Damaris have been travelling up to Pisa from our church in Grosseto (a 1.5 hour drive north) almost every week to conduct services. When we arrived on the field in 2006, Giuliano was an atheist. God has transformed him into a preacher of the Gospel. What a joy it is to see this couple grow in the Lord. Please pray for the stability and growth of the Pisa church and the safe travels of the Tacons while on furlough.

**Refugee ministry** – Missionaries Larry and Maria Pieri minister to the many African refugees in and around our area through our church in Grosseto. During their recent furlough, we had the privilege of continuing regular services on Tuesdays and Saturdays, in an attempt to preach the Gospel to these men who come from various African countries that are hosted by the Italian government while they await commissions. Many of these individuals spend 2 or 3 years awaiting paperwork. Though the refugee situation is a huge social problem in Italy and Europe, we thank the Lord for the opportunity to share the Gospel with these men and women.

**Missions trip** – Mr. Ted Alexander is a dedicated Christian and the former mayor of our hometown, Shelby, N.C. He recently came to visit us, bearing donated homeschool materials for our family and many English Bibles for the refugees. We are so thankful for his sacrificial service and humility during his time with us.

**Internship** – In our desire to see more laborers come to Italy, we pray for interns who are willing to spend eight weeks with us experiencing the ministry in Italy. It is our great pleasure to have a fine young man from Darlington, S.C. and student of Crown College, as our intern this summer. We are thankful for the opportunity to share in greater detail the deep burden we have for church planting in Italy. Please pray for Andrew Byars as he serves as our intern this summer and for many others to come join us in the harvest field of Italy.

**VBS** – June 26-30 will be VBS week in our church. The two major outreach efforts throughout the year are VBS in June and Evangelistic meetings in December. Please pray for much fruit from the ministry of VBS.

**Skype calls & Church YouTube** – With technology advancing more and more, keeping in touch with our supporting churches and prayer partners has become much easier. Recently, we have connected with two churches through a Skype call, and we established a YouTube channel to go along with our church Facebook page. If you would like us to report back to your church live through a Skype call, we would be glad to schedule one with you.

Your fellow servants,

Frank, Jennie, Frankie, Arianna and Katiana Maietta