

The Italian Battalion

On the front lines of World Evangelism

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Dear Praying Friends,

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Couple's banquet – In addition to our regular services, in February we also have our annual couple's dinner, which is designed both to reach unsaved couples with whom we are acquainted and to encourage our own church couples. This year there were 15 couples in attendance, including three unsaved families who heard the Gospel and spent a wonderful evening with our church people. Please pray for Verusca, Alessandro, Carla, Sandro, Federigo and Luciano for salvation.

Anniversary/Evangelism – Each February, we travel 140 miles into Italy's "heartland" to a fellow missionary's church in Deruta (Frank & Sherry DiBagno). Frank had the privilege of preaching their 22nd anniversary service, which was geared toward reaching lost friends and neighbors. This year, there were at least a dozen unsaved people in attendance as I preached from Luke 15 on the prodigal son. Please pray that the DiBagnos will see fruit for their labors.

Public school opportunity – Jennie's English class in the local middle school has just begun again for this spring. The time and effort she puts into volunteering for this class has turned out to be a tremendous testimony to the teachers and families in the public school. One of the teachers with whom Jennie is great friends brought her husband to the banquet mentioned above (Carla and Sandro).

Hungarian missions – Last August, we had the privilege of speaking at a family camp in Hungary. There, we met Pastor Ervin Andrasik and his family. He is the pastor in Dunakeszi, northeast of Budapest. I was so blessed to learn of the humility and godliness of this family serving sacrificially in this needy part of the world. Just a few weeks ago, we got to connect with the Andrasiks through a Skype video conference during our midweek service. It was with great joy that our church decided, through a church vote, to take these servants on for support.

Skype calls – Since we have postponed our regularly scheduled furlough for this summer due to several commitments we have here on the field, we would like to make ourselves available for a Skype call to any of our supporting churches interested in a live report.

Internship opportunity – In our desire to see more laborers come to Italy, we are praying for the possibility of hosting interns who are seriously interested in Italy or European ministry. There are two churches we could get started right now if we had the missionaries to lead these churches. Please pray that God would send forth laborers into the harvest field of Italy. We need church planters/pastors, music leaders, and assistant pastors.

Thank you – We are so grateful for the correspondence and gifts we receive from so many of you over the holidays and for birthdays. Thank you!

Your fellow servants,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Maietta".

Frank, Jennie, Frankje, Arianna and Katiana Maietta