

# The Italian Battalion

On the front lines of World Evangelism

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Dear Praying Friends,

April – May, 2018

In January the Lord burdened our hearts to put a renewed emphasis on prayer. Looking back to the early years of this ministry, we remembered many people came to Christ. Without a doubt, that initial harvest was the result of the twenty years of prayers that had gone into the preparation of the soil here in Grosseto. With that in mind, we sent out our last prayer letter asking for your intercession on behalf of Fabrizio and other souls on the brink of a salvation decision.

**Fabrizio** - After dealing with Fabrizio almost daily for several weeks, he finally professed faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This massive bombshell is one of the most amazing things I've seen happen on the field. Fabrizio was an agnostic for whom we prayed and with whom we shared Christ for ten years! It is amazing to hear him expound biblical truth that the Holy Spirit is opening his eyes. He is sharing his new faith in Christ with others and is amazed at their negative reactions. He has stated that when he put his pride aside, it all made sense to him. Thank you for praying for his salvation. He has many battles before him, so please continue to pray for his growth.

**Prayer is needed** - Gloria and Angela are two ladies who are faithfully attending (and bringing their families as well) but still need Christ. Let's pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts as we continue to share the Gospel with them.

**Couple's Banquet** – This year's couple's banquet was the best ever for attendance. The modifications to our facility allowed us to invite more people and prepare the meal for a fraction of the cost of previous years. The goal of the evening is both to reach lost friends with the Gospel, as well as strengthen our church families. We thank the Lord for His choice servants with whom we have the privilege of co-laboring. The Childers make this annual event really special.

**The next generation** – On our church Facebook page, you'll find brief videos and pictures of the children in our church playing musical instruments for the services. It makes me a proud father and a hopeful missionary to see them growing in their abilities to minister effectively and eagerly.

**Interns Jon and Jennifer Smith** – In May, our interns will arrive for ten weeks. This young couple is anxious to learn and be a blessing to the ministry here in Italy. Please pray that the Lord will provide for their trip and that He might lead them to Italy permanently.

Thank you for your prayers, support, emails, cards and especially your faithfulness there in the States! America needs revival about as badly as Italy does.

Your fellow servants,  
*Frank, Jennie, Frankje, Arianna and Katiana Maietta*