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Dear Praying Friends,

Interns Jon and Jennifer Smith – “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). These words were among the last words penned by the Apostle Paul right here in Rome just a short time before his Martyrdom. Motivated by this imperative, we have determined to seek missionary candidates by offering internship opportunities to students preparing for ministry. Jon and Jennifer Smith are concluding their ten-week stay with us. During this time, they have met several missionaries throughout Italy, conducted weekly refugee chapel services in our church and passionately prepared, labored, and led in our annual vacation Bible school, among many other selfless activities. Jon and Jennifer are missions majors at Ambassador Baptist College, who we hope will return to Italy for long-term ministry. Wherever the Lord leads them, I’m certain they will be a great asset.

Please pray with us that God would “send forth labourers” into the harvest field of Italy.

Wedding – We had the joy of performing the wedding for Giuliano Bechini and his new wife Deisy. Giuliano is a faithful man in our church who had been widowed for many years now. It was a joy to see the Lord bring Deisy and him together and to see them now serving the Lord in our church.

Growing nursery – Our recently-expanded Sunday school room has turned into a much-needed nursery. Pray for Matteo, Matthew, Amelia, Virginia and Perla to come to know the Lord at a young age.

VBS – This year’s construction-theme VBS was not only the best ever for attendance, but also the response from the children and parents was extremely encouraging. There were as many as 40 children on our high day, and never fewer than 28. Our prayer, of course, is for lasting fruit in the lives of the folks who heard the Gospel this wonderful week.

Visiting groups – Pastor and Mrs. Rice from Beaufort, South Carolina, visited with us during the month of June. These dear folks played a huge role in my young Christian life and were very influential in me going into the ministry. It was a special joy to be able to show them some of what God has done as a result of their selfless service.

Opportunities to share the Gospel – We are truly living an exciting moment in our church. On several occasions we have been approached by people seeking help with their spiritual needs. Please pray for the salvation of: Stefano, Barbara, Gloria, Elizabetta, Angela, Gabriele and many others.

Your fellow servants,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Maietta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frank, Jennie, Frankie, Arianna and Katiana Maietta

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