



# The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

Nov/Dec 2022



## ***Buon Natale and Buon Anno from Italy! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

It's currently January 5 and we have finally had a few moments to catch our breath and recover from all of the activities and events from the holiday season. We hope that your festivities were as joyful and well-attended as ours were!

November started off with a two-day **Italian Missionary Fellowship** at the Maiettas' church in Grosseto. Eleven missionary families, all serving in various parts of Italy, gathered to worship together and encourage one another. It was a huge blessing to meet some new missionaries and spend precious time together. One of those couples, **Fausto and Maria Pia**, visited our church the following Sunday, which was our church's **6th Anniversary**, to present their church-planting ministry plans. The response from our people was wonderful! Missions giving has greatly increased since their presentation! We also had the privilege of hosting two other missionary families, one from Sardinia, Italy, and one from Romania. Joey traveled to speak at a **Mens' Retreat in Sicily**. The last week of November, we had our **Thanksgiving Revival Meetings with Dwight Smith** and family. They were with us for a week, preaching and doing special music for three services with the central theme of gratitude. Attendance was incredible, and we had **two first-time visitors**. One of those visitors, Belle, returned for one of our Bible Studies. Joey continues to **train Marco**. Jenny is meeting with **two ladies for Bible Study**.

Throughout the month of December, Joey preached a series entitled "**Christmas Demands a Response**" and challenged each of us in our personal response to the birth of Jesus. He also wrote a beautiful "**Reflections on Christmas**" **booklet**. We have heard stories of how the Lord has used this booklet to encourage believers and give other missionaries opportunities to witness! Jenny had the opportunity to speak at a **Ladies' Event** at a church near Bologna. She also hosted a **Ladies' Christmas Craft** night at our home, which was a lot of fun! On December 18, we had a **Children's Activity** called "**Wise Men Still Seek Him.**" The kids had a blast seeking clues and going on a treasure hunt through the church! Two visitor kids came (the same ones from last year).

On **Christmas Sunday**, five men shared short, devotional messages with the church, and we had the Lord's Supper. After the service, we had a **Christmas lunch and party** for anyone who wanted to stay and celebrate together. We expected only the singles and students to stay since they don't have families in the area, but almost the entire church signed up to stay! We ate, played games, and exchanged gifts. Several shared emotional testimonies about how much they appreciate the church and how the Lord is working in their hearts. What a perfect way to end the year! We wouldn't have those precious testimonies if it weren't for your prayers and support. **We thank you, and our church members truly thank each of you.**

**Looking ahead:** January 26-29 Joey will be preaching Revival Meetings in Sardinia, Italy.  
February 4-6 Joey will be preaching a church anniversary service in Milan.  
February 17- Couples' Sweetheart Banquet at our church

***Your friends, Joey and Jenny Tacon***

**Missionary Fellowship in Grosseto**



**Smith Family Special Music**



**Italian Church Planting Missionaries**



**Children's Christmas Activity**



## Ladies Christmas Activity at our house



## Christmas Day at church

