



The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

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Hello, Everyone! Greetings from Pisa!

Our last update was around the first of the year and we were looking ahead to some exciting travels and church events. Let's get you all caught up on what's been happening these last two months!

Joey had the opportunity to preach a **three-day Revival Meeting at a church plant in Sardinia**, which is a large island off the coast of Italy. This was an amazing experience as we had never visited this region before. Joey preached a series about the Apostle Paul's dedication and **prioritizing following Christ**. The church was so encouraged and we truly enjoyed fellowshiping with the many friends and contacts that the missionaries, The Faulkners, have been working so hard to reach. They are currently on a furlough, so Joey will be returning **March 19 to fill the pulpit for Brother Chris**. He is looking forward to seeing the church again!

Just one week later, we took a train to **Milan** in order for Joey to preach at the **11th anniversary service** of the **Chiesa Battista della Grazia** (Grace Baptist Church), pastored by **Missionary Chris Yetzer**. Joey spoke at a service after dinner that Saturday night, and three more times on Sunday. Jenny shared her testimony during the Sunday school hour. The church and the precious missionary family were so welcoming and grateful for the fellowship and time spent in the Word. Both of these trips really made an **impact in our hearts**; seeing the need for more and more churches in ALL parts of Italy, and seeing the importance of **encouraging our missionary friends and their kids**. We are praying for more opportunities to help our missionary friends.

As soon as we returned from Milan, we began setting up for our **Couples' Banquet**. It ended up being absolutely amazing! Not only did we have seven couples from our own church, but we also had three missionary couples and a visiting couple from one of their churches! **Missionary Frank Maietta** shared an excellent devotion about love from 1 Corinthians 13. The best part of all is that **two unsaved spouses attended with their husbands**. Please pray for Massimo's wife, **Federica**, and Ray's wife, **Sara**, to be saved.

Other than that, we continue to plug away with the **normal weekly ministries**. Marco is doing very well in his training and preaching. All of the Bible studies are going well, but we have seen a couple men drop out of the Young Men's Study, which is disappointing. Some visitors haven't returned for a second visit, and we recently lost one of our students who finished their studies and returned to their home country. So, so many have come and gone over the years and it makes us both realize how precious and fleeting these moments are. We both desire to use our time here wisely and **invest in eternal things**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt.

We also want to mention that we will be returning to the States for a **brief visit with family** to celebrate Jenny's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. **Joey will be gone from May 1-31**. Marco will preach while he is away.

Looking ahead: March 19- Joey returns to Sardinia to fill the pulpit
April 1- Spring Ladies' Meeting
April 9- Easter Service

Your Friends, Joey and Jenny Tacon

Special Music in Sardinia



Soul Winning in Milan



Grace Baptist Church- Milan



Couples' Banquet 2023



Game Night at church

