



The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

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Hello, Everyone! Greetings from Pisa!

We have some truly joyous news to share with you in this update! **Ray's mother-in-law, Anna, received Christ as her Saviour!** Joey and Ray went to visit her one morning and they both spent time sharing the Gospel with her. She told Joey the Catholic church had lied to her for her whole life, and she wanted to turn away from that and place her faith in Jesus alone. Joey and Ray prayed with her and it was such a precious, wonderful morning. Unfortunately, we also have some **heartbreaking news to share about Massimo.** A few weeks ago, he asked Joey to meet him for coffee because he wanted to talk. When they met, he shared with Joey that he was having a crisis of faith, he was conflicted about his ties to the Catholic church, and he had decided to take some time away from our church to decide for sure what he really believes. We then found out that he had another conversation with a church member and told them that he had made his choice already. He said "I am a son of the Catholic church and I'm going back." I can't even begin to tell you how we have cried and prayed and wondered what went wrong. He had attended our church for a year and was growing and he seemed so genuinely convinced. We know all of you have experienced this kind of loss in your church and how devastating it is personally. We trust you will **pray for him fervently.**

Other than that we have just been plugging away. **Joey returned to Sardinia** and preached on March 19, **Italian Father's Day.** We invited the **Childers Family** to come and preach at our church while Joey was away and we had a nice potluck lunch afterward. Each father received a small gift. Our Easter service went very well. We had a great turnout and we truly enjoyed celebrating the resurrection together with our church people. We met a little earlier than normal to have a delicious brunch before the service. **Ray's wife, Sara,** attended for the first time since the Couples' Dinner back in February. We were so happy to see her.

I (Jenny) am about to head out to the airport to **fly back to the States for a six-week visit** with my family and to celebrate my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Joey will join me in the States on May 1, and then we will return to Italy together on May 31. **Marco will preach** for the four Sundays that Joey is gone. He is doing a great job training for ministry and we appreciate your prayers for him as well as our trip. We appreciate your generous, sacrificial giving each month. We praise God for you all.

Your Friends, Joey and Jenny Tacon



Easter at CBBDP

