



The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

May/June 2023



Greetings from Tuscany, Italy!

We are **back home in Pisa** after our brief trip to our “other” home in the States. We had such a wonderful time celebrating special events with family and spending time with our children. Joey had several opportunities to preach and teach and serve in our home church, so he was quite happy to stay busy with the ministry, but we were both **thrilled to get back to work in Pisa!**

Before our trip, Joey had been praying fervently about taking the step to **formally constitute the church**. This is a step he has been wanting to take for a long time; however, when he first presented this idea several years ago, he was met with quite a bit of resistance, so he let it drop. A lot has changed during those years and the resisting people are no longer with us, but some of our people still had questions about doctrine and separation and practices. They were still asking, “**What is a Baptist and why should I be one?**” So Joey asked Missionary Frank Maietta to come and preach a “**Baptist History Day**.” He taught and preached three informative, powerful messages about the past, present, and future of Baptists. We have received excellent feedback since that day. Several have said what a blessing it was and that they finally get what it means to be a Baptist and why it is so important. We will keep you posted on the further developments about constituting the church! We are super excited about this!

We are scheduled to **fill in for a fellow missionary** in Italy, Brandon Cook, three times during his furlough. We did it for the first time last Sunday evening, and it was such a blessing to spend time with his church people. We are looking forward to the next time!

Massimo texted Joey and would like to meet for coffee. Please, please pray. This is the first contact we have had with him since he left the church right before Easter.

Last night, **someone broke into the church**, as well as all the other rooms in the Community Center where we are located. Thankfully, they only stole our speakers and a small amount of cash. We are praising God that there were no other damages! It could have been much much worse. There was a significant amount of damage and theft to other parts of the building, but not to our rooms. **Praise God!**

We have several in our church that are either desiring to **be baptized** or are considering it and praying about it. Please pray about this as we aren't sure of a good location and are looking into different options.

Lastly, we ask for prayers for our upcoming events in June and July. This Saturday, June 24, we are having a church activity at the Childers' Family Farm. **Evangelist Thomas Engle** and family will be with us July 14-17 preaching and helping with our two-day **VBS** and a **Glow-in-the-Dark English Outreach**. We will also be hosting visitors and an intern who has been called to Italy to be a missionary!

Thank you all for your prayers, support, and care for this precious church in Pisa.

Your friends, Joey and Jenny Tacon

Baptist History Sunday with the Maietta Family



Family time in Texas



Some of our ladies and children ministries



Some of the members of Chiesa Battista La Verità- Reggio Emilia

