



# The Tacón Family

PLANTING IN PISA

July/Aug 2023



## Greetings from Tuscany, Italy!

We want to thank you all for your faithful support and prayers for us. We have much good news to share about the fruit we have seen due to your fervent prayers and giving!

First of all, we are thrilled that **Massimo has started coming to church again!** He has met with Joey and talked about the choices that he is facing and how difficult it has been for him to know for sure what he truly believes. Please keep praying for him. We are so, so happy he is back!

We were busy all summer with **activities and outreaches**. We had a fun Day on the Farm, a two-day VBS, and a Glow-in-the-dark Game Night for English speakers. **Evangelist Thomas Engle** and his family were a big blessing to help out with these events. The VBS turnout exceeded our expectations. We had **seven first-time visitors**, two children and their family members. They haven't returned for a church service, but we have been able to remain in contact, and we hope to develop that relationship more and keep inviting them. We were all very encouraged to see new faces!

Speaking of new faces, we are now heading into September and are already starting to see the wave of **new students arrive** to study at the Pisa University. **Lucina is a student from Mexico**, who showed up one Sunday morning and has been enthusiastically attending and inviting and serving ever since! We are in contact with more students who will be arriving soon and are already searching for a Baptist church to attend. We are also anxiously awaiting the arrival of **Elle's three daughters** from the Philippines. They have been separated for so long, and we are praying for this family, especially Elle's husband, to be reunited and added to the church as quickly as possible.

We were able to attend the **Baptist World Mission European Missionary Retreat** held in Germany the last week of July. What a huge boost! It was wonderful to have our very own Pastor Jeremy Cochran from our home church in Alabama as one of the special speakers. And the time with all the other missionaries was edifying and encouraging. We are grateful for the opportunity to attend!

We have saved the best news for last. Two of our young people, Japhesito and Alesha, were baptized this past Sunday! This was our **first ever baptismal service**, and it was an absolutely amazing day. We are hoping a few others will be ready to take that step in their faith soon!

**Upcoming events:** Joey will be preaching in Hungary September 10, and England October 15.

We will be **adding a Sunday school hour** to our normal Sunday morning services beginning October 1! This is a big step for us and we are so excited!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! **Your friends, Joey and Jenny Tacón**

# VBS & Evangelist Thomas Engle



# BWM European Retreat: *“we then, as workers together with him”*



**Baptism Sunday**



**Please pray for these  
dear people:  
*Santina (left)*  
*Elle & Family (right)***

**Food Pantry**  
*(not mentioned in letter)*

