



The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

Summer 2024



Greetings from Sweet Home Alabama!

We apologize for not getting this update out sooner, but as you know we have been hitting the furlough trail hard! We have already visited many of you since we arrived in the States back in July. It has been such a tremendous blessing to update you personally on all the Lord has been doing in Pisa. We appreciate the opportunities to preach, teach, share testimonies, and invite you all to come see for yourselves how the Lord is blessing. We have slowed down our travels now as the arrival date of our first grandchild approaches. She is due **September 21**, and we appreciate your **prayers for a safe delivery**. We will **return to Pisa on October 16**, and we're already so excited to get back to work.

Joey has stayed in close contact with everyone in the church, and all is well, praise the Lord! **Marco** is doing a wonderful job preaching, as well as **Missionary Paul Childers** and **Brother Giuliano Falossi** from the Grosseto church. We have even had a **new family attend regularly!**

Now, to backtrack a little bit, we wanted to share the results from our summer events and special meetings. We had asked you to pray for our **Children's Activity** (a one-day VBS), and we are happy to report that it was a blast for everyone involved! Unfortunately, we didn't have any of our expected kid visitors, but the unsaved father of one of our church kids came and really enjoyed listening to the teaching and participating in the fun. Please **pray for Daniele's salvation**. We plan to have our next activity this fall.

On June 30, **Evangelist Paul Crow** and his wife were with us for our morning service, as well as **Frank and Jennie Maietta**. It's always a blessing for our English-speaking church members to have the opportunity to hear a message in their own language! They provided beautiful special music, which was a treat for us since we don't have musicians in our church. We are so grateful for those who can minister in that way.

June was also packed with house guests and visitors! Among those, we thoroughly enjoyed a quick visit from **Dr. Ben Sinclair**, the Executive Director of our mission board. He and his wife, Becca, spent the day with us and enjoyed some sightseeing, good pasta, and a precious time of encouragement. We are so grateful for their words of wisdom drawn from their many years spent on the mission field in Cameroon. We love hosting visitors and look forward to seeing many more of you this fall and into 2025. Please let us know if you would like to visit! In July, a missions student from Ambassador Baptist College who was interning for the summer in Grosseto came and preached in Italian and did a great job!

Besides traveling to church meetings, we have spent this furlough time catching up with family and friends, getting our medical check-ups and some testing done, enjoying time with our children, preparing for Baby's arrival, and taking each opportunity to share Christ with those around us. Even on the plane leaving Italy, Joey was able to spend two hours witnessing to a prominent businessman from Pisa who promises to come to our church when we return in October.

Prayer Requests : The protection of our flock in Pisa
Safe labor and delivery for our daughter and precious baby
Travel safety in the States and home to Italy Oct. 16

In Christ, Joey and Jenny Tacon

Children's Activity



visitors in church!



Sinclair's visited us!



Ambassador Baptist College summer intern preached in Italian!



visiting old friends on the road!

