



The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

Fall 2024



Greetings from Pisa!

Thanksgiving Day is upon us, and our hearts are full of **gratitude** for the Lord's abundant blessings. He has given us another beautiful year of ministry in Pisa and a fruitful furlough in the U.S. What a joy and encouragement it was to visit 18 of our supporting churches over the summer. We also had the blessing of being present for the birth of our first grandchild, **Willow**, born just one day before Jenny's 50th birthday. We are anticipating a fantastic December filled with many holiday events, Joey's birthday, and the beginning of our 11th year of service in Italy. We thank each one of you for your fervent prayers and generous giving throughout the year. ***We are truly thankful for you all.***

Just one week after our arrival in Pisa, we were back at the airport to pick up **Jenny's mother and aunt**, who flew in from Texas. During their three-week stay, we enjoyed all the usual sightseeing, but it was a special blessing to have them both here for the **church's 8th-anniversary service**. During the Sunday school hour, church members shared testimonies about the importance of having a church home. It was a beautiful time of fellowship. **Missionary Frank Maietta** preached the morning service. The Lord used the message to touch many hearts, including the son of one of our faithful ladies who shared his need to be more faithful in attending church. It was a delight to have Brother Maietta with us since he was instrumental in getting this church plant off the ground.

We had an interesting new event after the service on Nov. 24 - a "**Clothing Swap!**" But it wasn't limited to only clothing. Church members brought in all types of gently used household items they were no longer using and swapped them out for new "treasures." It was a big hit and a great way to save money on Christmas gifts! On Monday, we also had an unsaved lady we are working with come and take some things for her family. Sunday afternoon, we also had our monthly Ladies' Meeting and Bible Study with the theme of Meekness.

Our focus has now shifted to the **Evangelistic Meeting with Dwight Smith** (Dec. 15), **Children's Christmas Program** (Dec. 22), **Christmas Eve Service** (Dec. 24), and **New Year's Eve Game Night** (Dec. 31). We will also host another missionary friend for the holidays and as always, we enjoy opening our home for the university students who are missing their families during the Christmas season. Christmas can be a lonely and depressing time of year. Hearts are soft, tender, and ready to receive a tract and an invitation to a Christmas event. Please pray with us for the Lord to bring in some new folks who are seeking Him. We know you are all doing the same thing, and we are praying for you as well.

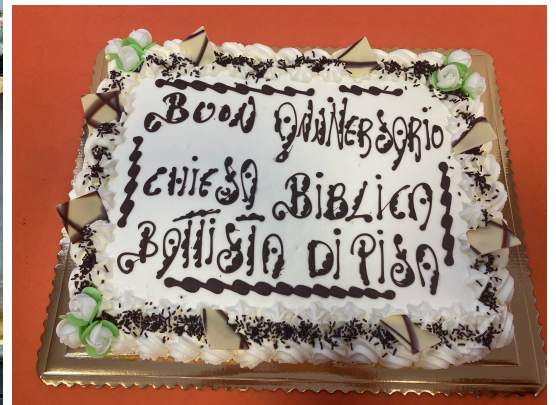
Praise: Jenny got her "green card" to stay in Italy until 2030!

Pray: Joey scheduled a meeting with the prominent businessman that he witnessed to on the plane. Please pray for Mario's salvation!

In Christ, Joey and Jenny Tacon



Church Anniversary



Clothing Swap

Family visiting!



Ladies Meeting

