



The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

Summer 2025



Greetings from Pisa

It has been a hot and busy summer in Tuscany, but we are so grateful to see the Lord's continual blessing on the work here.

June 23- July 4 our church youth were able to attend a brand-new **Summer Camp** hosted by the **Childers Family in Grosseto**. Once again, the church van was put to good use, driving the kids each day on a three-hour round trip so they could have this amazing opportunity to grow in the Lord and make new friends from other churches in Italy. Joey was invited to preach two of the camp services. Joey really enjoyed the long drives to and from the camp because it allowed him the opportunity to have some **deeper conversations with the youth group** and build his personal relationship with each of them. Many of the kids were deeply touched by the preaching and made good decisions to improve their walk with the Lord. What a blessing!

July 13- we baptized Sophie and Betty, who were saved back in February. We also had **Furlough Replacement Missionaries, Jim and Myra Wright** with us that day. It was truly a day of celebration as the kids also shared their **camp testimonies**, and we enjoyed a **potluck lunch** after the service. We had several unsaved friends and visitors with us that day.

July 18-25- we traveled to Germany to attend the **Baptist World Mission European Retreat**. While sightseeing in France, **Jenny experienced intense abdominal pain**. We rushed to an **ER in Germany**, near the retreat, expecting she would have to have emergency gall bladder surgery. They admitted her and performed many different tests, but couldn't determine the cause of the pain. After undergoing exploratory surgery, they diagnosed her with infection and inflammation of the intestine, gastritis, and possible Crohn's disease. It was a VERY difficult week for both of us, but the Lord strengthened us in ways we cannot begin to describe. **Jenny was discharged from the hospital** on Friday, July 25th, and was able to make it to the last 30 minutes of the retreat! The doctors cleared her for travel, and we finally made it safely home. She is recovering and taking it easy. Thank you for all of you who knew about this from social media and prayed. Not the week we expected, but the Lord is good.

Jenny continues her **Saturday morning Bible Studies** with Elle and her daughters. Joey and Marco are taking a summer break from **Bible Institute classes**, but will resume in September. Joey is currently working on multiple **book translation projects**. We were blessed to have **Evangelist Peter Smith** and **Intern Luke Hargis** preach for Sunday morning services June 29 and July 20.

Thank you for your continual prayer and financial support. The Lord is working here in Italy!

In Christ, Joey and Jenny Tacon

Praise the Lord for steps of faith and obedience and from our kids



And for friends!

