



The Tacon Family

PLANTING IN PISA

Sept 2025



Greetings from Pisa

August is the peak of summer holiday here in Italy. It is the time of year when Italians rest, relax, take vacations, and try to escape the summer heat. Many stores and businesses are closed, and work is the last thing on everyone's minds. For us Americans, it can be a little frustrating because we feel the need to get stuff done year-round! We hoped to spend the month of August working at our desks to get ahead with translation projects and Bible study preparations in anticipation of normal life to begin again in September; however, Jenny ended up spending that time in the States after an incident with our home in Alabama. A water pipe behind the washing machine broke on **Aug 11** and **flooded the house**. There was extensive water damage, and repairs were necessary. This situation coincided with the need for childcare for our granddaughter, as well as other home repairs and follow-up visits with the doctor. While Jenny was handling these needs in Alabama, Joey stayed busy with the ministry in Pisa. We are so grateful to have a church that can step up and use their spiritual gifts and abilities to serve and be a blessing when one of us is called away. What a great blessing to see this kind of growth!

September life has been much more back to normal. Italians call it "reentry." We reenter our familiar routines of school and work and leave the summer days behind us. Joey and **Marco** have restarted their ministry training classes. We both have **discipleship** on Saturdays. Our Sunday morning attendance is going back up. For our Tuesday night Bible study, we are wrapping up the book "**Portraits of Grace**" and are about to begin supplemental teaching for the new Bible school that has been started online. The ladies are meeting monthly for fellowship and studying **Biblical Womanhood**. It feels good to get back into the flow.

September 11 was the first night for a **new Italian Bible Institute** that meets on Zoom every Thursday night. **Missionary Brandon Cook** developed this Bible school as a way to teach and train people throughout Italy. Missionary pastors, including Joey, will take turns teaching and moderating the courses. Nine of our church members meet in person at the church to follow the class on Zoom, while others follow from home. We are really excited about this new opportunity to reach and teach! The first course is **Old Testament Survey**.

September 20-26, we hosted a couple from our home church, Calvary Baptist in Huntsville, Alabama. This was their first overseas mission trip, first time leaving the country, and first time flying. We had a wonderful week showing them the sights of Italy, ministry life in a foreign field, and the need for more missionaries to serve all over Europe. Please pray for **Daniel and Sarah Howard** as they seek to discern the will of God for their lives.

The first week of October, we will host another young couple, **Luke and Vivienne Magner**. Luke was only 15 years old when he came to Italy on a mission trip, and the Lord used that trip to call him to Italy as a missionary. Now he and his wife are visiting together on a survey trip and hope to begin deputation soon. We are absolutely thrilled to hear of the Lord stirring hearts and calling families to Italy. God is already working here, but with more workers headed to the field, we can't help but expect bigger and better things are coming!! Praise the Lord! The fields are white unto harvest! Please pray for Luke and Vivienne as they seek to follow the Lord.

One more prayer request. It's Joey's turn to make a quick trip to the U.S. for three weeks in October. He will attend the **Baptist World Mission Annual Meeting** in Virginia, as well as tie up all the loose ends with the house repairs and insurance claims in Alabama. Jenny will remain in Pisa to keep things going here. We appreciate your faithful support and prayers always! Dio vi benedica—God bless you all.

In Christ, Joey and Jenny Tacon