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To Our Supporters and Praying Friends,

We held our annual Vacation Bible School in July. As we did last year, we held an Evangelistic meeting the same week as the VBS with an American Evangelist as our guest speaker. We have found that during that week we have a lot of people around who do not typically attend our church, but are there because their children are attending the activities. Having an Evangelistic meeting in conjunction with the VBS has given us a unique opportunity to reach many new people with the Gospel. Several professions of faith were made during that week.

The new addition to our church from back in February proved to be a real blessing during the week of our VBS and Evangelistic meeting. The extra room has made it much easier to manage those kinds of events.

In late July we held a baptism for two ladies in our church. One was a 19-year-old girl who has grown up in our church. The other was mentioned in our prayer letters last year for salvation. Her husband was saved a year ago during our summer Evangelistic meeting and was baptized. We had asked that you pray for her salvation. She has since received Christ and has also been baptized.

Kelly left for the US in early August to help our two oldest kids, David (19) and Emma (18), get settled into life there. They are both attending Crown College in Powell, TN. We thank God for the decisions they have made so far in life, and we ask that you help us pray for them and us as we start this new phase of life.

We are honored to be able to participate in a new church plant in the southern Italian city of Foggia. The church is being started through the efforts of another Baptist church in Reggio in Emilia with an Italian man, Fausto D'Amelio, as the pastor. Fausto was trained for the ministry in the church in Reggio in Emilia. Our church has been supporting this effort financially for the past two years. The church will officially open the first Sunday in October, but we will be involved in an Evangelistic meeting that will be held the 27-28 of September there in Foggia as the commencement of the new church. We will be helping with the distribution of 40,000 John&Romans along with invitations to the Evangelistic meeting. Please be in prayer for the start of this new church and for Fausto and Maria Pia D'Amelio.

Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for and support the ministry that the Lord has given us with the people of Italy.

Paul Childers

1 Timothy 4:10 "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God..."