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To Our Supporters and Praying Friends,

We held our annual Evangelistic meeting from December 18-22. Bro. Joey Tacon, pastor of a Baptist church in Pisa, did the preaching. The sermons were all Christmas themed Evangelistic messages. There were good crowds in attendance, and there were lost people present each evening. Some were people that we have been witnessing to for years. Others heard the Gospel preached for the first time. No professions of faith were made during the week of the meeting, but we pray that the seeds that were planted in the hearts of many will soon grow into conversions.

The church people participated greatly during the meeting: inviting people, special music (especially the children), preparing food, and many other things that are necessary during such a meeting. Though the Evangelistic meeting is held to preach the Gospel to the lost, it is always a great time of growth and encouragement for the people of the church.

Our trip to Foggia in September to assist in the establishment of a new church there was a blessing. Please keep Pastor Fausto D'Amelio and his wife Maria Pia in your prayers as they continue the new work there!

We will be holding our annual couple's banquet in a couple of weeks. It is always a real highlight for the couples of our church.

We expect to have a busy summer as several groups will be visiting. The most important being a number of college students who will be interning with us, and several others who will be coming to assist in the ministry for several weeks. We also expect a visit this spring from a college student who is praying about the possibility of coming to Italy as a missionary. Please help us pray as we do what we can to recruit new missionaries to Italy.

We will be in the States this fall for a furlough from mid-September to mid-December. We hope to see many of you then. It would be great to know if any of you have special meetings in the fall, such as a mission's conference or anything other than a Sunday or Wednesday evening service, that we could be a part of. Those kinds of meetings allow us to report to more churches. If you have a special meeting planned during that time that we could be a part of and give an update about our ministry, please let us know.

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

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