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To Our Supporters and Praying Friends,

We have had a pretty big summer. After many years of praying and planning we held two weeks of camp on our family farm in July. If you keep up with our prayer letters you know we have been mentioning this for several years now. Since our family purchased about 22 acres of land in 2017 we have wanted to do camps for children. Our goal has been to edify and encourage the young people in our own church, and several other churches, through the fellowship and opportunity that church camp provides. Churches in Reggio Emilia, Pisa, Bologna, and Milan participated in the camps. We have videos and pictures of the camps on our church's Facebook page. We anticipate the camp ministry being a major part of our ministry in the years to come.

Several of you donated in a very special way to make the camp possible, and we thank you for that. Some of the important things you provided were a septic system, storage container, tables, and other equipment.

We were blessed with the help of a New Testament Church Pioneers group from Crown College that was with us for four weeks. They helped us with our vacation Bible school, evangelistic meeting, and two weeks of camp. We also had three other young men interning with us this summer who were a great help. We praise the Lord for the help we had from these young people. What was accomplished through their efforts is immeasurable. We pray that some of them may return to Italy as missionaries in the future.

In June we were contacted by a lady who wanted us to talk with her 20-year-old son about baptism. He had recently become disillusioned with the idea of his infant baptism saying it meant nothing since he was not conscious of spiritual things at the time. He had been studying the Bible on his own before he met us and had already placed his faith in Christ, and had prayed that God would lead him to a church that taught the Bible. A mutual friend put him in touch with us. He was baptized in July and is growing quickly. Please help us pray for the rest of his family to be saved.

We held our Vacation Bible School and Summer Evangelistic meeting together the last week of June. That meeting is the highlight of our evangelistic outreach every year. The meeting and VBS were both a blessing again this year. Several people heard the Gospel preached who had never heard it before. We pray that the seeds planted in those days will take root and bear fruit.

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..."