



*Buon Giorno di Italia*

*Praise the Lord God, Jehovah-Jireh (My Provider), who gives more than we can ever ask or hope for*

Philippians 4:19 says, “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” This verse echoes in our heart lately. For quite some time we have been thinking and praying about leaving the Chapel and starting a ministry in the township of Aviano. This past Fall we stepped out in faith. The Lord graciously provided a venue that includes an auditorium for Sunday worship, a fully-equipped kitchen and multiple classrooms for weekly fellowship meals and bible studies. This venue is in the heart of Aviano thereby making it easily accessible to the military, Italian and international community. Though we are small, we have a strong core group that is committed to the study of the Scriptures and the spread of the gospel. We call ourselves Grace Bible Fellowship. Grace—because it is only by God’s grace that we have been reconciled to God and can have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Bible—because we are committed to the expository preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Fellowship—because Christ-centered community is the key to expressing love and care for others. We continue to build into the lives of individuals through one-to-one discipleship throughout the week. We praise the Lord for providing more than we could hope for. Please pray for our growth and outreach.

On a cool Sunday afternoon in October I had the pleasure of baptizing three adults, two teens and a young boy in the cold waters of a nearby river. After meeting with Tray and Kate Berry and their two older boys to discuss believer’s baptism the four decided they didn’t want to wait for warmer weather but wanted to be baptized right away. Dustin Taylor decided to follow through with baptism at the same time. Young Abel Sonnenmoser had been praying about baptism since he came to Christ, thus he and his parents decided the timing was right. Later that evening we came together for a celebration meal and fellowship. What a beautiful time it was for all.



On the home front the Lord continues to provide wonderful blessings for our family. Our family is growing and doing well. Our oldest daughter Megan and her husband Jon are expecting their second boy, Samuel Tucker, at the end of March. Their first son, James Robert is a great joy to all of us. Our second daughter Laura and her husband David are buying their first home in Kansas City after relocating there last spring. David completed his training at the police academy and loves working as a police officer in the heart of Kansas City. Laura continues to teach fourth grade in an inner-city school. Jenny, our third daughter, is currently deployed to the Middle East. Please pray that the Lord continues to protect and uphold her and the troops in these trying days of global unrest. Our son Daniel and his wife Ashley are settled in their assignment in Nevada. They are expecting their first child in August. We were delighted that they spent the Christmas holidays here with us in Italy. As for us, we love Italy and our wonderful Christian community. Our hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving for the goodness of God.

Serving Together in Christ,

*John & Anna*