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Dear friends

Without your prayers, generosity, friendship and partnership in the work, much of the below would not have happened!



Please give thanks...

For Chiesa Evangelica Neapolis' third birthday on 6 October! For the many miracles that the Lord has worked over the last three years in establishing a church through which he has reached out to seek and save the lost sheep of Naples. In a piece of school work, Archie recently described the church as 'old on the outside (we meet in a 150 year old Anglican building) but a real party on the inside!' It continues to be an enormous privilege to be involved in the Lord's work through CEN!

For two evangelistic opportunities - an evangelistic concert (1 October) and the distribution of 1,000 John's Gospels in the area around church (14 September) to coincide with a teaching programme working through the gospel. For the 28 American musicians who very kindly played for us, giving Mark the opportunity to call people to a reasonable faith (Thomas - John 20). We planned for 50-60 people but at one point we were concerned that there would be more people in the orchestra than in the pews. In the end we were over 150. Absolutely amazing! For many conversations and seeds sown as the gospels were handed out to shop owners and people living locally.



For a preaching conference (28-31 August) led and hosted by a great young Irish missionary based in Rome on how to preach the prophets. It was very encouraging to meet with other church leaders to learn and give feedback on each other's sermons. It's the first time I've heard of such an initiative here and we hope it will be the first of many.



For the arrival of new folk - Rob and Claire, Barney and Toby Law from Oxford have joined us as Crosslinks associate mission partners. It has been a joy to see them get stuck into church, Neapolitan culture and the Italian language. We're very grateful to the Lord for them. For five sets of friends of ours who came to the concert and were struck by the talk. That they would see their need to respond to the Lord Jesus.

Please pray for...

L (a mother of a boy in Archie's class), who has been coming to church for two years and has professed faith. She was married on 17 October and T, her partner of 12 years, is not yet converted. On 20 October we prayed for their marriage in church and many of her non-believing friends and family were present. Please pray for the Lord to move through that family bringing about new birth. L hopes to be baptised in January.

F has been attending for the last seven months and has professed faith. He is also hoping to be baptised in January. Ask that he would grow in his understanding of the gospel over these months and see that believing comes before belonging to gospel community.

A, that she would be soundly converted. That she'd find answers to her questions in God's word and that her confusion would no longer be an issue.

S (a young student) and F (a father of one of our Sunday schoolers). Both have been coming for two years and neither has professed faith. A work of the Spirit in each of their hearts, softening and convicting. Love and patience for us as we continue to point them to Christ.

Our second members' meeting (27 October). At the beginning of the summer we established a church membership with 13 adults. We hope to increase this to 16 after this meeting. Please pray for ongoing unity and a sense of shared vision for the work. That we would grow as a core team in our zeal for the Lord and our longing to see his kingdom advance here in Naples.

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