



Thank you all for your commitment
to give and pray for our family as
we live and serve in Italy.



Quick Ministry Recap:

- Partnered with the local Italian church to host a family Christmas event. Snacks, presents, photos and photo frame, presentation of the gospels through drama skits and songs. 48 children with the addition of teens and adult family members attended!
- Chris preached at ICF on Christmas Eve and there was a powerful prayer time
- Helped with the Children's Christmas performance at ICF
- Chris was a part of the Billy Graham NOI Festival held in Rome
- Taught classes and led Chapel at the Christian school our children attend. It was fun to share about the Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day holidays.
- Kim has been attending the women's bible study with the Italian church weekly and has enjoyed getting to know the ladies more.
- Participated in the Prayer Week at ICF and led the service one evening.



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Prayer Requests:

Family:

- Bria has recently experienced some allergic reactions to foods. The results of a blood test showed some food allergies that we were not aware of. Please pray for her as we continue to find foods she can and will eat. Some of her favorite foods are now on the 'no' list.

Ministry:

- We are preparing and planning for three big VBS events this summer. We will have one at the Italian church and one at the International church. We are also heading back to Germany to lead the children's program there. Please pray for us as we continue to plan for these events. Pray for the kids, parents, volunteers, and the events themselves.
- We are looking forward to hosting our first US mission teams this year. This summer we have one team coming to help lead a VBS at the Italian church and another team coming to lead a VBS at the International church. Another team is coming in the fall to serve the Italian church.

Coming Opportunities:

- Planning for three church teams coming this summer/fall
- Planning for VBS events at ICF, the Italian church, and in Germany
- Helping plan and prepare for Inspire Italy (a Women's conference)

**"I have chosen you and have not rejected you.
So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Isaiah 41:9b-10

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Christmas and More

December of 2023 was a busy time of ministry for our family. We were so grateful to be able to be a part of ministries in both the International church and the Italian church. Both churches are near and dear to our hearts and we are grateful to be able to minister alongside them here.

We were able to come alongside the Italian church and throw a children's outreach event. This event encouraged both children from the church and children from the community to come. The children heard the gospel presented in a drama based upon **The Tale of the Three Trees**, learned some new songs, each child received a gift, got to make their own photo frame and place a photo of them from the event inside as a gift to their parents, and had snacks and played games. There were so many children, teenagers, and family members present and everyone left with a smile and the knowledge that there is a God who loves them.

We were also able to be a part of the Christmas events at the International church here in Rome. Chris preached at the Christmas Eve service and there was a powerful time of prayer with the people that attended. As a family, we were able to help with the Children's Christmas performance and it was a special time.



This year we have started attending the Italian church 2 weekends a month and the International church 2 weekends a month. This allows us to continue to help the ministry leaders at ICF but also get to know the Italian church in a deeper way as we hope to work with them in the future. We are looking forward to starting a children's program on Tuesdays at the Italian church sometime in the near future and we have started to look for new ways and ways that we can support them in the ministries they already have.



Family Update

The kids are in the middle of their 4th grade school year. Chris and Kim have been able to teach some classes at the school on Fridays and we have enjoyed getting to know the kids and ministering to them. Cooper and Bria are also continuing in their chosen sports. Bria takes a dance class with other local Italian girls, including a friend she made in the Italian school they attended last year. Cooper is enjoying soccer. He is learning new skills and loves being the portiere (goalie). His teammates are a mix between school friends and new friends.

Christmas experiences change the lives of children and adults!

Thank you again for partnering with us to help make these meaningful moments in each of these lives happen.