



a monthly newsletter for the friends and supporters of Justin and Abbey Valiquette missionaries to Salerno, Italy



## INTRODUCING CAYDEN LUCA

Happy Summer! I'm sure, like us, you are very happy to welcome warmer weather and sunny days! For us, summer brought a wonderful blessing. We are very happy to introduce you to the newest addition to the family. Cayden Luca was born on April 28, 2009 weighing in at 8 pounds 8 ounces. Cayden represents our third baby born three April's in a row! We're thinking about taking a break for a little while.

Cayden was born right here in Salerno, Italy! The experience of an Italian hospital wasn't too bad. It was just very different. Abbey was a trooper as she patiently handled all the differences. However, despite all the differences, we felt very safe and cared for, which is the most important thing.

We are truly excited to have Cayden with us, and we know he will be a tremendous blessing to our family. To be honest, at times it is a blessing we believe in faith but don't experience every day. Cayden has struggled with some stomach problems that cause him to scream after every feeding (sometimes for hours). It can be very draining and difficult when combined with the constant needs our other two children have. But, he is showing signs of change. If you could, **please pray for his health and continued growth and development.**



The new family of 5



Noralea reading to Bryce

## PRAYING FOR GOD'S PROVISION

Having three children that are so young and very dependent on mommy and daddy has posed many difficult challenges to both us and our team this year. We have had to rethink what life will look like for us, and how we will be able to survive for the next few years. God recently blessed us with Noralea, who randomly contacted Italy asking for opportunities to serve this summer before she begins a study abroad program here in July. We emailed her, and she decided to join us for 3 weeks helping us with the kids and around the house. Having her here has made us realize that the help we need could easily be a full time position. So, we have been praying for God to provide a girl next year to join our team in that capacity. Currently there is a college student that is considering this opportunity and praying about joining us for 9 months starting in September. Can you **please pray** for her as she makes this decision? We can't express how much of a blessing this would be!

**NEW ADDRESS**

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## A POTENTIAL BIG STEP

We have always known that in order to effectively reach the Italian culture, we need Italians running along side us in ministry. Our long term hope is that our team would be equipping local Italian believers to reach their friends, family, co-workers and fellow university students with the Gospel. So, we have been praying specifically for this.

In efforts to make this a greater reality, Agape Italia (Campus Crusade in Italy) has created a 9 month internship program called Nuova Generazione (New Generation). The program is designed to better equip Italian students in the things necessary to walk with Jesus for a lifetime, and to be effective missionaries to their own culture. This will include weekend and week long training sessions, involvement with our staff team here, and specific assignments locally for them to lead missional community groups with our help.

Here in Salerno, we have invited 4 students to participate in Nuova Generazione. So far, it seems that 2 men (Renzo and Andrea) are the most interested in this opportunity. It will require a large time commitment with no pay, but the long term spiritual benefits are invaluable. **Please pray** that God will give them clarity during their decision making process. We hope and pray that they would join us, and know that their participation with us would be a tremendous asset to the ministry here.



Weekly BBQ Outreach



Andrea



Renzo



Summer Project Students

## SUMMER PROJECT

Every summer, students from the University of Central Florida and Mississippi State University come to Salerno to invest 5 weeks joining us in our ministry to Italian students. You may remember these trips called Summer Project, because we used to be on the other side of the coin visiting Italy. Now, we are on the receiving team!

This summer there were 23 of them, and they were very eager to jump in. They primarily focused initiating and sharing the gospel with as many students at the university as possible. Not in a forceful way of course, but they were seeking and praying for students who were interested in talking about spiritual things. In regards to this effort, we were all very encouraged. They were able to successfully initiate with hundreds of English speaking Italians. In each of these interactions, God's word was shared with the central topic being the person and work of Jesus. In striving to be faithful in sharing God's word in each conversation, our hope is in this truth:

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall **my word** be that goes out from my mouth; it shall **not return to me empty** but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and **shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**"*

Isaiah 55:10-11

## PLEASE PRAY

- For Cayden's health and growth
- For the potential nanny to join our team
- For Renzo and Andrea, deciding about next year
- For those that heard the gospel this summer, that the Word would take root in their lives

*We are honored that you continue to partner with us in our ministry. Please contact us if there is any way we can be praying for you!*

*With Love,*

