

Kieth and Linda Bloyd

Missionaries in Italy
since 1987



Dear Friends,

5 February 2021

As we have been saying for a very long time, we are so thankful for the privilege of serving the Lord in Italy, and for almost our whole time in Italy we have been in Terni. We arrived in Italy as missionaries in June (after 3 years of deputation) in June 1987! God is so good to us!

We started the Evangelical Baptist Church of Terni the first Sunday of September 1992. My how the years go by. Kieth often says that this past year has probably been the best for our church, especially the last 6 months. We are thankful for a good group in church, that is numerically steady and growing in the Lord. We obviously have good fellowship. It's great, really great. Please continue to pray for them all, both individually and as a church group. We also have all ages, Kieth being the oldest! We have 7 kids, ages 1-13, with one on the way (due date 2 May). If you remember, we started renting another room 2 or 3 years ago, and that is where we have Children's Church. Linda and Miriam take turns teaching. The 2 oldest children in there are 7. Please pray for the ladies, and for the kids salvation.



One couple coming, with 2 kids and one on the way, need to be saved. Fabio and Melody. They have been very faithful attenders now for about 3 years. Even during the various lock-downs and church "closures," they still came, even when most members of the church didn't!

While out for a drive just over a year ago, we met a priest that's about our age. We asked him out once for pizza, and another time we went out for coffee together. Kieth talked to him today, and we're going to have him over for lunch next week. His name is Claudio. Please pray for us and his salvation.

Church cleaning is always somewhat undesirable, but we now have 4 ladies working at it, Linda being the one that is always there.

We are having a weekly Bible study with Aurelia, a mother of 3 girls that comes to church. She is saved and has expressed her desire to be a member of the church, but before voting, Kieth has 2 series of studies he does with folks. One is on salvation, and the other would usually be describe as new convert material, but Kieth believes it's more than that! Linda continues to participate in a ladies Bible study. 3 ladies take turns teaching it, and it is usually held at our house (as it was today).

Since time immortal, Kieth has enjoyed studying at coffee shops, even doing that frequently while a student at Maranatha Baptist Bible College. Here, it isn't any different, but because of all the restrictions, all restaurants and coffee shops are carry-out only. Therefore, just to get out of the house, he sets up a table at church, by the front door that is all glass (no curtain), and studies. People are not use to seeing the church open all the time, and various folks stop and stare inside (and Kieth waves at them!), and 1 man came in to talk. Please pray.

We continue to pray for all of you. Life has certainly changed, but apart from what one might think about the "pandemic," the political situations (the Italian government collapsed again last week, so we are in a political crisis), one thing hasn't changed, our privilege to serve the Lord, and the possibility to do it faithfully. So, we just have to grab the ball on the bounce, and change the ways we reach people for Christ and serve other Christians.

Maranatha!
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