

PRACTICAL MISSIONS cohort



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Italy update from Jesse & Jeryvee and Cornelius!











Above Photos: Tracts for Evangelism, Park Ministry from Cohort 00, Impatto Italia group (Acts 29), The Bungalow we lived out of until finding our new home.



Greetings in the Lord, we write today after a season of trial while trying to relocate into a new region and city of Italy, Venezia Mestre. Finding a home to live out of here has been no easy task as prices are higher and less is available that meets our needs as church planters, but by God's grace and after countless hours of searching and praying, God answered and we are now settled in to a new place and bearing fruit in daily evangelism; currently through personal tract distributions to every household and coffee bar of the city. Our time living on the road and out of the 'bungalow' was a huge blessing in disguise. It seems God has done a genuine work of revival in our lives and hearts, and though it was difficult we are so grateful for these challenges we faced, and would have it no other way. All glory be to God.

Back in August we hosted a few friends from the USA, joined them with a few friends in Italy and formed what would later be known as *Cohort 00*, our first short-term evangelism team through Practical Missions cohort. Praise be to God that we evangelized several small towns, including Conegliano and Gemona, met knew people and made new contacts based on the gospel. We look forward to hosting up to 2 small short-term teams every year in order to concentrate efforts on kids ministry in the local parks.

Baby Cornelius is growing daily! He is such a blessing from the Lord! Yesterday we had an ultrasound to see his lone kidney - it appears well but is a bit smaller than a lone kidney should be. Will

Partnering

Until we notify you that PM^c is ready you can send tax-deductible financial donations to Serenissima Ministry Group International - SMGI, and mail to:

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**Leave the memo section blank. Instead include our pledge card or a slip of paper stating:

"Conegliano Church Plant"

*Donations can also be made online at www.smgroup.info. **Select

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Prayer Requests

- God-given courage, boldness and energy to evangelize daily.
- Constant open doors to proclaim the gospel.
- Salvation of Italians in Mestre.
- New Partnerships w/ US churches and members.
- Increased monthly support as a family we must maintain a minimum of \$2,850 USD / month.
- New missionaries to join us and our team.

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. John 10:16



you please pray with us for his kidney to grow strong and healthy? Our next checkup will be in 3 months.

From Jeryvee - "I love God" and "I will see Him", these are two thoughts that carried me through our trials this last season. I pray they may encourage you as well. 'I love God' - so I am willing to endure our trials as we follow and obey Him. 'I will see Him' - so I will persevere until I get my prize, to see Him one day. Glory be to God!

Church Planting - to reach Italian people

Now that we are living in the city we are able to engage the people daily and personally with the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we begin evangelizing Jesse is personally distributing custom-made tracts to every household. Some tracts are with pictures only and one comment or question. Others treat one word that is often completely misunderstood in Italy, like 'truth', 'church' or 'faith' for example, and then give an informative exhortation and invite to get more info or a free booklet. Tracts work great in postmodern Italy to help sow the gospel to the masses and turn hearts rightly toward the things of God and they help us find those whom God is currently drawing to Himself.

At current, we are gathering for worship on Sundays out of our home and joining other fellowships part of Impatto Italia (Acts 29 Italy) where we have friendships with like-minded church planters in Italy. As soon as possibile, as the Lord wills and more lost people get saved, we will begin renting out a hall downtown for a few hours on Sundays to worship. We also plan to begin free conversational English courses in early 2017 to be a blessing to the people of the city. Though not part of church *planting*, directly, we are making efforts to care for the needy, as able, simply because it's right.

Practical Missions cohort - PMc

The new mission and nonprofit is coming together well, praise God. We are very excited about this calling from the Lord, to both create and oversee PMc in Italy. As soon as things are finalized and we can take on tax-deductible donations we will notify you personally. We are thrilled about the possibilities of involvement for you and your church: short-term teams, interns, long-term missionaries. Please continue to pray for the mission as we follow the Lord's leading, and pray for us to be able to form a team to partner with us on the field here in Italy for the new church plant. A good team is a mini-church in the sense that it lives out the Christian

life; sharing all things in common, rendering to the Lord's service each unique talent and spiritual gift, and together bringing the Gospel to the lost in the formation period of the church.

To God be the glory. In His grace, Jesse & Jeryvee