

## PRACTICAL MISSIONS cohort



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

















Above Photos: Social Media pages being developed | Family | Videos for Vera Vita outreach ministry | PMc Academia - the first course is now complete (more info coming soon!)



Greetings from Italy to our dear friends and partners,

We write today having just come out of another lockdown. When we started the 1st quarter we were in a lockdown for the holiday season. The restrictions lightened up for a bit but again increased (no leaving the city proper without a permit). For 3 weeks before Easter, we couldn't leave the *house* without a permit... Needless to say, it has been a complicated start to the year! On top of all this drama, we have also been following the news back in the US... Heartbreaking.

Italy as a nation is suffering greatly from all the lockdown restrictions. Many people in our area have lost their jobs. Our area depends largely on tourism and tourists have been absent for over a year now. Even with all the craziness here and around the world we are fully convinced that Jesus is Lord and accomplishing His purposes. Amidst the madness, we are mindful of the need to abide in Him and stand firm, by His grace.

Beatrice is now 5-months old and doing well. Cornelius is now 5-years old. We are astonished at how quickly he is growing. He is a smart and energetic boy with a tender heart. Jeryvee finally got her tooth pulled and is finally pain-free. Jesse & Jeryvee celebrated 9 years of marriage. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and for how He is growing us and shaping us daily more into the image of Christ.

Serving in Italy, we are acquainted with loneliness. The lockdowns only magnify this, but they also remind us of the blessed hope we have in Christ that so few have here in our context which is 99% unreached. The fellowship of the Lord's day mornings has been extra sweet. We look forward to the better weather now on the way, and we pray for restrictions to soon lift so we can be more among the people.

# **Partnering**

To partner with us please send your donations (tax-deductible) to PRACTICAL MISSIONS COHORT, and mail to:

Practical Missions Cohort 500 Westover Dr. #10079 Sanford, NC 27330

Simply write "Schreck" or "general fund" in the *memo section*, depending on how you would like to support us and the PM<sup>c</sup> ministry. Note: we are currently praying for more monthly ministry partners.

\*Donations can also be made online at: <u>practicalmissions.org/</u>donate

## **Prayer Requests**

- **Sound Conversions** through our evangelism efforts.
- Wisdom for gathering people together around God's word.
- That we trust God's timing.
- A bigger vehicle.
- Physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual stamina to keep evangelizing and making disciples as the pandemic continues.
- Core group of believers to take form in Mestre city.
- Long-term missionaries to apply and get accepted
- Persons to fill roles of On-field Administrator and ESL Director
- Increased and ongoing monthly <u>Financial Support</u>



While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

- Acts 10:44

#### VERA VITA

### CHURCH PLANTING - Vera Vita Outreach Ministry

When we were allowed out we have been continuing distributions from house to house and at the market in the piazza. We have made some new contacts, but we are still not permitted to gather in homes. This has made ministry very challenging, to say the least. We are now taking to the streets again by faith and looking forward to beginning home gatherings in Mestre Venezia where we are currently located, as soon as it is permitted.

In addition, we are also continuing to proclaim the Word in the digital piazza. Some generous donors have funded the PMc Recording Studio and we can now quickly create quality Gospel content. We also managed to get a fiber-optic hooked up directly to the house and it has made a *huge* difference for us in uploading and streaming content! We look back to a year ago when we began making videos and it's astonishing to see how far we've come. We learned a lot of new skills and are continuing to learn how to maximize our impact for Jesus on the various digital platforms.

We continue to pray for souls and for God to direct us to the people He is calling to Himself now for the initial phase of this next church plant. When we first arrived in this area a few years ago, we remember looking everywhere for an apartment to rent that would meet our needs as a family and ministry. We exhausted all our efforts and found nothing. It was an experience we'll never forget. We were homeless and living out of a bungalow that normal people use for vacations. The season was coming to an end and the bungalow was soon to be no longer available. All we could do was pray and wait... A brother in the Lord encouraged us in a very timely manner of the need to wait on the Lord. It wasn't easy, but that's what we did, and after a few days a new apartment became available. We checked it out and decided within an hour to take it. We weren't sure about the area, but it has proven to be a great fit for us. It's a great location for our needs, and our proprietor has also become a friend. This experience of God's provision after we exhausted our efforts and could only wait on Him, makes us think of the outreach here as well. We are doing all that we can, and exhausting ourselves. We must continue to do all we can, but also wait on God's perfect timing. Please pray for us to stay energized and faithful to the call while fully trusting in God to save and form for Himself a people here.

#### PRACTICAL MISSIONS COHORT

Despite the worldwide complications, PMc continues to grow and expand thanks to our wonderful ministry partners united with us in Christ. The PMc board had to make a difficult decision to cancel all potential short-term cohorts and helpers that were hoping to serve this summer in Italy. We now look to 2022 and pray for numerous participants post-pandemic.

The Media Ministry of PMc is growing as we labor to incorporate US Christians into the Lord's work in Italy. We are grateful to have now welcomed Christine to the cohort as our social media assistant manager. She is doing a great job creating content for our social media platforms. The PMc Academia is now welcoming ministry partners to join Members Access - our online courses for Christian edification. Our first course is now complete - 12 Points on Church Planting in Italy, Our Philosophy of Ministry. If you are a partner, stay tuned for more information as to how to sign up and benefit from this material. There are many good resources in this course for you, as well as many practical applications for following Christ. Thank you for playing a valuable part in this ministry to the Italian people.

To God alone the glory,

Jesse & Jeryvee and all at PMc