



PRACTICAL MISSIONS cohort

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - ministry update from the Schreck family



PRACTICAL MISSIONS COHORT
IMPACTING ITALY
 Like Jesus driven to His cross, so we drive ourselves to the singular task of the edification (planting) of Biblical churches in Italy.

PARTNER WITH PMIC TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

LONG-TERM MISSIONS
 Join a church-planting cohort to evangelize the "red" state dropouts of Jesus Christ, and the desperate missionaries of the land of Christendom and Italian mission.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS
 Join a dynamic short-term, multipoint mission to bring the Gospel to the people, to reach through education, distribution, life-giving ministry, teaching, planting, and prayer activity.

VISION TRIPS
 Short-term trips to the mission realities of Italy, intensive prayer in the field, and the practical reality, while working the contact network. Contact a cohort of the need and opportunity to take back the lost church.

THE FORGOTTEN MISSION FIELD
 Italy is home to approximately 40 million inhabitants, with about 85% identifying as Roman Catholic. However, the percentage of those actively practicing Roman Catholicism is only 20. Evangelicals make up less than 1% of the population. Surprisingly, around 30% of long-term missionaries leave Italy within just two years. Furthermore, we are one of very few time pastors in Italy who are fully funded by their congregation.

PMIC is both a legal, non-profit, 501(c)(3) church-planting organization registered in the State of Pennsylvania. Our mission focus lies in the work of church-planting in Italy.

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Pastor Tobias Lutz

I WILL KEEP THE GROUND THAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME AND PERHAPS, BY HIS GRACE, HE WILL IGNITE ME AGAIN. BUT IGNITE ME OR NOT, IN HIS GRACE, IN HIS POWER, I WILL HOLD THE GROUND.

JOHN KNOX

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 Biblical Church Planting and Missions in Italy

ACADEMIA PRACTICAL MISSIONS

THE ITALIAN COHORT
 The Online Community of Practical Missions Cohort for Planting the Church

DALL'ISOLAMENTO ALL' APPARTENENZA

Above Photos: Schreck Family in the US, new PMc promo flyers, quote from John Knox, PMc ministries, Video tract cover by Vera Vita outreach ministry in Italy - "From Isolation to Belonging"

Hello dear friends and partners! We are finally in the USA for a long-overdue furlough. The Lord has graciously provided lodging for us with a super host and now dear friend. It's been a busy season of maximizing our time in Italy with people, preparing our son to pass the homeschool exam, and preparing for our travel home to the US. By God's grace, we did it. After not being allowed by governing authorities to enter the States with my wife (non-US citizen) it felt surreal to be on the plane heading home after all these years of pandemic complexities. We've been spending as much time as possible with family and friends in PA and we are grateful to reconnect.

Our souls have been especially blessed and refreshed with our time together with our official home church on Long Island, Levittown Baptist Church (LBC). The love, support, friendship, and hospitality there have been truly invigorating to our souls. Seeing the many ways God has been working in our home church is awe-inspiring. We praise God for all He has done. One of our highlights has been the week of the VBS in which our kids got to participate. Seeing our son with so many other kids from Christian families was such a blessing! Stuff like this in Italy is extremely hard to come across. Italy has the second lowest birth rate in the world, and the evangelical communities are truly small, few, and scattered. It's also been a blessing for me (Jesse) to see Jeryvee making friends with other godly women and moms at LBC. We long for more quality friendships like these. Missions endeavors are so much richer (and fruitful) when done together with a band of brothers and sisters. It's our prayer that after several years of sacrificial pioneering and foundation building for PMc to be well-established for long-term impact we will soon welcome more quality missionaries into the work in Italy.

At this point, we are now already halfway through our 4-month stay here in the US. We are currently staying in Pennsylvania, but in an area where we don't have many friends or connections. We are, however, making a few new friends and enjoying the fresh country air and beautiful landscapes near

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 PMc ministry. Note: we are currently praying for more monthly ministry partners.

*Donations can also be made online at: practicalmissions.org/donate

Prayer Requests

- **Healthy pregnancy** for Jeryvee and the baby, relief from the debilitating nausea.
- **Fruitful Furlough** - heart revival, new friendships, partnerships, financial contributions, and monthly partners.
- **Long-term missionaries** to apply and get accepted and a new band of missionaries to form
- **Provisions:** A larger home and/or facility for PMc in Italy that lets us host more people, missionaries, events
- **Provisions:** cash via PayPal to fund the grade 2 homeschool curriculum for Cornelius starting in Sept.
- **Provisions:** tech upgrades for the PMc media ministries
- **God to draw people** to Himself for life and salvation even while we are away from Italy on furlough.



I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- Psalm 121:1-2

Lancaster. We pray to continue to see family and friends as much as possible with our remaining time here. We pray to form new friendships and ministry partnerships for the sake of the Gospel in Italy. In September, Jesse will be joining some dear brothers from a supporting church at a conference and debate featuring Dr. James White. He's so looking forward to this! Amazingly, it's only about 30 minutes from where we are staying.

Big news - Jeryvee is now expecting our 3rd child! She and the baby had their first checkup a few weeks ago and all is well. The expected time of birth will be in March 2024. While in PA we have been accompanying Jesse's mother to her doctor visits in this challenging season of life. Praise be to God, we received the good news that she is officially cancer free. The full recovery is still a work in progress, but thankfully she is improving. Please keep us in your prayers for our time to be fruitful while in the US and for a healthy baby and pregnancy. In particular, pray for Jeryvee as she has lots of nausea and it can be debilitating.

CHURCH PLANTING - Vera Vita Outreach Ministry



One thing we continue to see in Italy during this season is that more and more people are living in fear of the future. Anxiety is high. Many people are waking up to the evils of the world. This is good and is an open door for evangelism and leading others to Christ. It's good to be aware of the evils and deceptions in the world, but it's not enough. Some have come near to Christ but also then drifted to carnal securities. We must also come to know the One who reigns as Lord over all, Jesus Christ, the King of all kings. It's important for us as Christians to teach the reality that King Jesus has declared, particularly, that all who are not for Him are actively against Him and all who do not gather with Him are scattering (Lk. 11:23) and in need of salvation. Now is the time to proclaim the excellencies of Christ and His Lordship and to bring others to saving faith! In the midst of chaos, Christians, by God's grace, can bring order and peace. May we all be ready instruments in the Lord's hands wherever we are in this season. Amen.

We are eager to return to Italy this fall and continue leading others to Christ. We pray for summer helpers to join us in 2024. We pray to receive new missionaries before the end of the year that are currently raising funds to relocate to Italy full-time and join the church plant effort in Mestre. We pray for a powerful move of God the Holy Spirit to now draw many to God the Father through faith in Jesus Christ. We pray for years of sowing in this town and among these unreached people to explode in an abundant harvest of souls. Foundations are laid, relationships have been formed, and thousands have been exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." - **Ephesians 3:20-21**

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By the grace of God and with the support of amazing ministry partners who sacrificially give in order to see the Gospel advance in unreached places, PMc continues forward to the glory of God. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining a **Short-Term Evangelism Cohort** for the summer of 2024. Consider also doing a **Vision Trip** with 3 or 4 other members of your church to experience the unseen side of Italy and learn about the ministry firsthand. We now have the ability to include a small reformation tour with Italian believers in a town not too far away so participants can even learn about Italian reformers and what they had to endure in Italy for Jesus. If you are a friend of the ministry, be sure to get on our mailing list and/or come on over and join us on the inside at PMc's newly forming online Discord community, **The Italian Cohort**. It's the best way to keep in touch with us personally and get inside access to all things Italian and the ministry! Thank you from our hearts for your love, support, and participation.

To God alone the glory,
Jesse & Jeryvee and all at PMc

