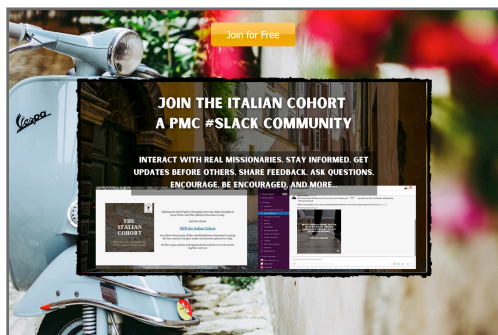
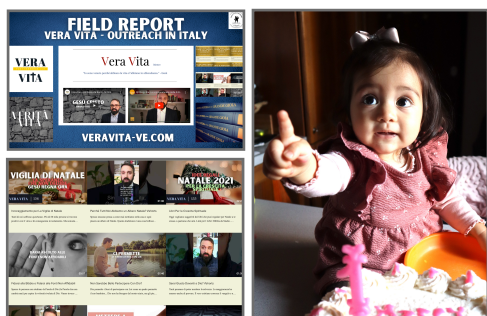




PRACTICAL MISSIONS cohort

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - ministry update from the Schreck family in Italy!



Above Photos: Vera Vita outreach min. | Baby Beatrice 1-year old b-day | PMc Instagram | Advent books we gave out | Missions Webinar | Missions Incorporated ep. 266 | The Italian Cohort online Slack community is available for you to join



Hello dear friends and partners. Greetings from Italy. What crazy and disturbing times we are all living! By now I would have thought we would be long past all the madness from the beginning of 2021 when we were locked down in red zones here in Italy. Yet things just seem to go from bad to worse as far as the pandemic goes. In August, they began the vaccine passports calling it a green pass. Not long ago they 'upgraded' it to a 'super green pass', and now they speak of a 'mega green pass'... Having natural immunity, and being aware of the good (but censored) medical treatments and protocols for covid patients, we have believed it best to avoid vaccination. By God's grace, we are among the few to successfully avoid it until now in Italy where they continue to double down on forced vaccinations. Vaccinated neighbors of ours are now worried they will get the virus as they tell us that their vaccinated friends are now testing positive...

Just across the border, in Austria, they are making plans to fine €200 per month for anyone who is not vaccinated. If they refuse to pay, they will be incarcerated. We don't know what will become of Italy, so we are preparing our hearts and minds for whatever may come. We even heard rumors of a potential blackout... They are also now pushing the vaccination for the kids. To protect our son we are now setting up homeschooling and making plans to work with other parents interested in doing the same. We are excited about this opportunity, as the madness of world affairs this past year has made it much more clear to us as to the importance of educating our own kids with a Christian worldview, rather than giving them over to the 'state'. At the same time, we recently joined a network of 3,000 other families in the Veneto region who are seeking better things for their families and workarounds for the mandates. We'll see what becomes of this, but perhaps it will be a way for us to lead others to Christ as well. It's still so hard to believe all this is happening! Beatrice is now 14-months old and is walking! Cornelius will be

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Practical Missions Cohort
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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

- Lord's help to get **homeschooling** going and to form a local group
- [Long-term missionaries](#) to apply and get accepted - this is our biggest need
- **Vera Vita** gospel content creation, tract distributions, evangelism leading to **New Contacts & Sound Conversions**
- God-given **ability** to start **Biblical house churches**
- God-given **strength** to persevere and **boldness** to keep preaching and teaching
- Increased and ongoing monthly [Financial Support](#)
- **Ongoing Wisdom** to navigate the pandemic restrictions
- The **Lord's guidance** for **our family** as Italy is pressuring all its people with forced vaccinations...



Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. - 1 Cor. 16:13

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.
- Eph. 6:13

turning 6 in April. Jesse and Jeryvee will be celebrating 10 years of marriage in late January. Soli Deo Gloria. The kids are doing well, but currently dealing with the hand-foot-mouth disease that Cornelius picked up at nursery school. Thankfully their symptoms are not too bad. By the grace of God, we persevere.



CHURCH PLANTING - Vera Vita Outreach Ministry

We praise the Lord for some recent movements of the Lord to draw people to Himself. Through the many restrictions and complications this year, we've been tempted on more than one occasion to forsake the call God has given us among the Italian people, but the Lord continues to remind us that our lives are not our own. He decides where we are to live and what we are to be about. We're convinced that His work for us in Italy is far from done. Interestingly, since the pandemic first began the average Italian person (secular and post-catholic) has not been moved much to think about the things of God and how to be saved. It wasn't enough to get their attention. Now, with the ever-increasing mandates and the vaccines that don't do what they were promised, the people are growing more frustrated by the day. We pray this will cause more people to begin to think deeper and consider the things of God as they ought.

There is another family of four in our area that we are now leading to the Lord and teaching the Bible. Previously, they decided to just remain Catholics, but thanks to the current situation in Italy, the lack of pastoral care from the local priests, and even the pope himself giving his blessing to a pro-abortion president like Biden, they are being drawn by the Lord to know the Word of God and desire true Christian community. Interestingly, they just got covid, and since we had been with them 3 times in the previous 2 weeks for several hours inside their home, we decided to get tested. Our family tested negative, likely because we have natural immunity. It troubles my soul that the truth about natural immunity is censored.

During the holiday season, Jesse had the privilege to work with a group of Italian pastors and missionaries from various countries to create an advent devotional for Coram Deo - a very important publishing ministry in Italy. Potentially, we may soon be joining their new fellowship for pastors, churches, and missionaries. It's a good idea because most of us are isolated and overworked and could benefit from a network of like-minded believers like this.

On the Lord's day mornings, we are currently helping to see a Biblical house church planted in a town not far from us. We are two committed families and once we have a 3rd we can officiate the plant. This has been very refreshing. We pray to soon see the same thing take form in Mestre on the Lord's day afternoons. Our Sundays in the last 2 months have been very full, but we praise God. I, Jesse, give praise to God for how the full schedule on the Lord's day has served to energize my soul. As an introvert, this is not always the case for me.

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PMc's first Missions Webinar - VIA - in Nov. was a success! We were blessed to be able to create and share this live event with ministry partners. Lord willing, we will be organizing another event in the spring. Our travels to the US to visit supporting churches and to recruit more missionaries have been continually hindered. As things are currently with mandates, our family cannot travel to the US. Being in this way providentially hindered, we have been continually working to develop the PMc media ministry to bless our partners and keep us connected: podcasts, video, live streams, blogs, socials, and more.

In 2022, we hope to develop an online community group, The Italian Cohort. It's on Slack and it's free for ministry partners to join so they can stay fully engaged in the PMc ministry and receive updates, devotionals, media, opportunities, and special content others don't see! Participants can also interact with us on the field to pray for us and share prayer requests. You too can join the group by going to practicalmissions.org/the-italian-cohort. We hope to see you there!

We don't know what travel will look like in 2022, but we are praying it may be possible to host at least one vision trip, cohort, or interns during the summer for evangelism in Mestre Venezia. 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

