

NEWSLETTER

An End-of-year ministry update from the Schreck family

















Above Photos: Schreck family, Jesse speaking, evangelism at open-air market, park ministry, the PMc promo table



Hello, dear friend and partner! We write to you again from Italy, after recently finishing a 5-week promotional trip to the US to inform others about Italy's need and invite more participation in this ministry. Being on the road has its challenges, but as a family we are doing well. All praise to God alone, our Rock and Refuge.

Upon our return to Italy, we were painfully aware that our two-bedroom apartment is no longer adequate. We had hoped to find a larger place to live and run the ministry in Italy before our apartment contract expired in October. This didn't happen, but our landlord did extend our contract to give us more time. As a missionary family, we long to host others for meals, homeschool meetups, and Bible studies, but in this cramped situation we are unable. We barely have room for ourselves as a homeschooling family of five. Though we fully trust in God's sovereignty, we are nonetheless providentially hindered as a family and as a ministry. We want to be hospitable, but we can't. Please pray for us in this regard. We are searching daily for a better place within our budget, but the options are truly scarce.

While we search for a new home to rent, we are also searching for a property to repurpose as the <u>PMc Mission Headquarters</u>. For this need, there are many options available! We pray to the Lord for the miraculous provision that only He can provide to make it all a reality.

Jeryvee continues to shine among our neighbors as she runs our household, educates our kids, and helps me keep evangelizing while also leading PMc — a growing mission organization that assists the Italian people in seeing Italy discipled for Christ. In October, our little Beatrice turned five! Time flies so fast. She loves her brothers and being with her friends at Vicenza Bible Church on Sunday mornings and at the homeschool meetup on Tuesdays. Cornelius wrote a fun short story - The Adventures of Nimble Joe. It is currently available

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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/

Prayer Requests

- A more spacious home for our family to flourish as we homeschool + run the mission in Italy
- New volunteers + ambassadors to get set up
- Funds: minimum of \$100,000 to put down on a mission headquarters for PMc in Italy
- Monthly Support we need a 15% increase
- Formation of a solid new missionary band
- Core Group of soundly saved believers to solidify
- Salvations of families hearing the gospel but still indifferent
- Production of Courses at PMc Missions Academia
- Vera Vita Press: gospel content and broadcasts to increase

as an e-book, but soon it will also be available for purchase as a hardback book. He also continues to enjoy playing basketball with his Italian teammates. This year, little Simeon has been growing so much. He's very active and loves playing with his brother and sister and going out as much as possible! In March he will already turn two years old.

CHURCH PLANTING - Vera Vita Outreach Ministry

The outreach ministry of PMc is called Vera Vita Press. With the help of brother Arcadio, our chief editor, we are producing more gospel tracts, blog posts, and literature. This ministry also serves to bridge the gap between the lost and Christ, the church, and quality gospel content. There are a number of Italian ministries producing good content — like our friends at Coram Deo, for example. The everyday Italian, however, has no idea that content exists.

The average Italian, still today, has never met an evangelical (Bible-believing) Christian, nor has he or she ever entered (or even seen) a biblical church. The need of the hour in Italy, in our opinion, is still evangelism. The work we do through Vera Vita brings the gospel to the people directly where they are. We engage people in conversation, give them free literature, provide access to our gospel media ministry, and lovingly challenge their secular or Roman Catholic worldview while we proclaim the good news of the gospel and teach the Bible.

This year, tens of thousands of gospel tracts were distributed across several towns and villages, while hundreds of people were reached in the local piazza at the open-air markets. Our small YouTube channel has now received over 71,000 views - not bad for Italian standards even with our small-team limitations. We also did an overhaul of the media ministry and created an entirely new site that serves as a sort of evangelical hub, exposing new contacts from our tracts to a whole world of faithful evangelical gospel content in Italy.

Please pray for the countless souls interacting with us and our content. Pray that the gospel seeds will bear fruit in God's timing. As soon as we have a larger living space and/or a new band of missionaries, we can begin gathering hungry souls to study God's Word with us, share meals together, and a new church can take form. Please pray for God's provision of a new headquarters and/or home for us to operate out of. We thank God for this privilege He has given us to reach the Venetian people!!



















indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in

God who raises the dead

- 2 Cor. 1:9

We were blessed to host a PMc short-term cohort last summer. They helped us reach towns and families that we cannot easily reach on our own. They distributed gospel literature, did park ministry among families with puppets, stories, games, prizes, face painting, and balloons, and also helped us engage people in the piazza. We pray to be able to host two or three groups in 2026. Perhaps you and a friend can come join a group? If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible! We are looking for volunteers to come and serve. The advancing of the gospel in this land depends upon the sacrificial service of the body of Christ.

PRACTICAL MISSIONS COHORT

This year has been a great year for PMc as we continue to grow, expand, and establish ourselves for long-term fruitful impact in Italy. The Lord is at work. We cannot wait to see how the Lord provides to get PMc set up with a proper headquarters and base in the Veneto region.

There are many exciting things in the works, but one we are really enthusiastic about is the new Regional Ambassador program. With the help of these strategic ambassadors, we will be able, Lord willing, to see numerous churches and groups of believers gathering to learn about Italy, PMc, Biblical Missions, and how to get involved personally. The ambassadors will work throughout the year as stateside PMc missionaries who will gather others to bring to Italy on Short-term Summer Cohorts and Vision Trips! If you or anyone you know is interested, you can check out practicalmissions.org/regional-ambassador.

To see Italy truly reached for Christ, the body of Christ must work together. We thank God for the growing network of churches and believers in the US that are partnering with us. To help facilitate more participation in this mission, we now have a list of <u>volunteer opportunities</u> for you and your church family. Be sure to check them out and let us know if you want to serve!

Another new ministry that was started this year is <u>The Italy Beacon</u> — Shining a light on unreached Italy with facts and pictures on every region and town. Join us weekly for pics, facts, and calls to pray, serve, and/or join the mission! Additionally, we will now be sharing about Italian reformers who were martyred for becoming biblical Christians. Stay tuned!!

We continue to teach about <u>Biblical Missions</u> via the <u>PMc Academia</u> (course content now on <u>The Italian Cohort</u>) and the <u>Missions Incorporated</u> podcast. We are now working on forming a dedicated website for the Missions Academia. The next courses we pray to wrap up in 2026 are Missions and <u>Equipped</u>. Stay tuned for these too!

We pray, above all, for the funds and acquisition of a Mission Headquarters for PMc, and the forming of a new solid <u>missionary band</u>. A big help would also be to have a person who can assist with video editing for our various media ministries: Missions Incorporated, Academia, and <u>Vera Vita</u>.

With your partnership, we are holding our post, standing strong, and advancing the gospel in a barren, long-forsaken but strategic land. We're also enabling others to join in on the action. Thank you for being with us. We are excited for what lies ahead in the year of our Lord 2026!



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

For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. - 2 Cor. 8:3-5









