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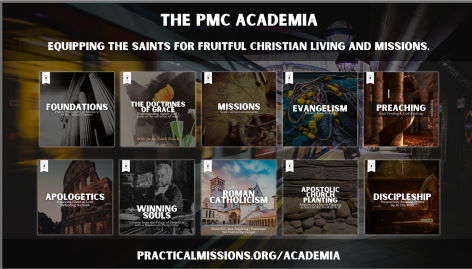
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - ministry update from the Schreck family



Hello dear friends and partners! What a year it has been at the Lord's service in Italy (and the US) and in the school of Christ. We thank God that we finally got to do a furlough. At the beginning of 2023, we still weren't sure if we would be permitted to enter the US because of the restrictions placed on non-US citizens by the medical establishment. (Jeryvee is still not a US citizen, and at this point, since we reside in Italy as full-time missionaries, we do not have a way to get her citizenship). Thankfully, the border opened back in May and the restrictions were finally ended. We booked our flights for the week after Cornelius' end-of-year homeschool exam. Our four months in the US with our home church, family, and friends were a huge blessing and encouragement to our souls. There were some challenges for sure, but overall it was just what we needed. In some sense, things felt different this time around because of how much the world seems to have changed in the last 4 years. Seeing so many believers and vibrant churches, however, (especially our home church on Long Island) was so good. We are now back in Italy and getting caught up and back to work. Getting reorganized after being away and on the road for four months is quite the project! We hit the ground running and have been working gradually to get everything in order before the end of the year. We trust we'll get fully caught up soon.

Our hearts are energized by your tangible love and support that, by God's grace, keeps us going. Jeryvee and baby Schreck n. 3 (a boy by the way) are doing well. Since returning to Italy they have had regular checkups. His expected birth date is March 9th. Thankfully, Jeryvee's mom planning to stay with us in anticipation of the baby's arrival. We are so grateful for her helping hands! Jeryvee is catching up on homeschool lessons with Cornelius (CC) and including Beatrice as much as possible. We are reconnecting with the homeschool coop group as well. CC also restarted with his basketball team and it's been great to see everyone again.

The ministry to the Italian people continues and praise God the momentum



Above Photos: Jeryvee and the kids, evangelizing in the piazza, Schreck's and Robert & Lara - new missionaries, PMc ministries, Vera Vita Italian podcast episode

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Prayer Requests

- **Healthy pregnancy + birth** for Jeryvee and baby
- **Church Plant** in Mestre to solidify as we prepare to covenant together
- **Souls Saved** - by means of our Gospel witness.
- More **Long-term + short-term missionaries** to apply and get accepted in 2024
- **Provisions:** funds for a modest facility for PMc in Italy that lets us host more people, missionaries, events
- **Provisions:** more financial partners - we need increased monthly support.
- **Production** of Courses at PMc Missions Academia
- **Vera Vita** Italian Outreach + Media Ministry
- **Provisions:** Housing and Vehicle for the new missionary family, the Vitter's



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So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. - **Isaiah 55: 11**

is picking up again! Especially encouraging is that our missionary collaborators have arrived to join the church plant team. We thank the Lord for sending them out and for their friendship. We are blessed that they already speak Italian well and know the many intricacies of the Italian culture, having previously served in Italy for over 7 years. Their friendship and partnership mean a lot. Too long we have been laboring alone in the trenches!

CHURCH PLANTING - *Vera Vita* Outreach Ministry



A few days ago, I was walking with my son out of a store and heading back to our van. While walking I took the occasion to remind him about the many people surrounding us. We are to see them as Jesus taught, as sheep without a shepherd; as lost and in need of salvation. Seconds later, as we approached the van we observed two cars, one beside the van and one blocking it from the rear. A man was looking into the van. Then he got into one of the cars and both cars took off. To my surprise, they had managed to enter the van and steal a backpack off the front seat... To *their* surprise, the bag they stole was full of Gospel tracts and at least one Bible. The tract bag was with us because we were planning to be in the piazza to evangelize but instead, we got rained out. Cornelius was a bit shaken up by the ordeal (understandably), but it was a powerful way to drive home the point regarding the need to preach the Gospel; lost people are all around us and in need of hearing the one way of salvation in Christ alone. All of us are guilty of having *stolen* glory from God. The tracts didn't go out this day in the piazza, but we trust in God's sovereignty that they did go out exactly where He intended and that His word does not return to Him void. In multiple ways the Word is going forth.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. - Jn. 9: 36

With the arrival of the Vitter family, we are eager to now begin gathering folks for Bible study and once we covenant together, for worship. We are now working to find them a home to rent that will accommodate all 8 of them. Astonishingly, there is very little on the market because people are not interested in renting; it's too risky these days due to the economy. Many Italians are distraught in this period. Life to them seems very uncertain. One local real estate agent opened up about her sense of hopelessness for Italy, where it is incredibly hard to ever get ahead. She marveled that we would desire to live among her people. We shared with her that it's only because of love for Jesus. We left her some literature as well; our Christmas tract that points others to the One True Hope in the Gospel. Amidst the ongoing tumultuous times, we have a wonderful opportunity to bring others to Christ! If it pleases the Lord, we expect many souls to soon get saved. Soli Deo Gloria

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To the end of seeing more souls saved, disciples made, and the church of Christ edified in this town, PMc presses on, by the grace of God. With the help of ministry partners who sacrificially give to see the Gospel advance in unreached places, PMc is growing. With our new missionaries now in Italy and the helping hands they provide for all areas of the ministry, we plan to increase the creation of our courses at the [PMc Missions Academia](#). We invite you to prayerfully consider joining a [Short-Term Evangelism Cohort](#) or a [Vision Trip](#) in 2024. Pray as well for the Lord's provision of a facility we can repurpose as a ministry outpost for PMc in the Veneto region of Italy. 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 free and the best way to keep in touch with us. There you can get inside access to all things happening in Italy 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

