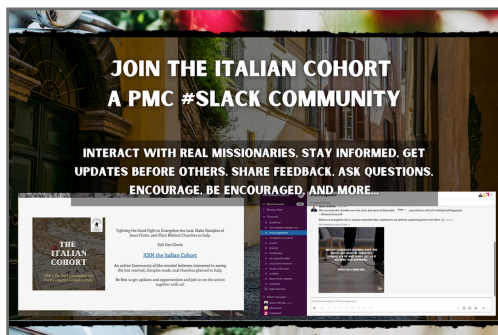
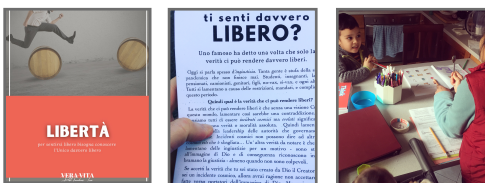
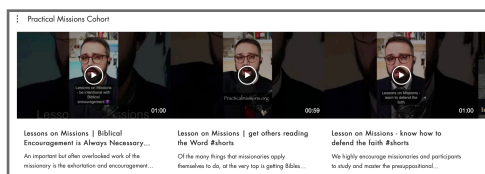




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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - ministry update from the Schreck family in Italy!



Above Photos: Schreck kids, PMc Videos w/ lessons on missions | Vera Vita outreach - Freedom tract & booklet | Homeschooling | Missions Incorporated ep. 272 | The Italian Cohort - PMc's new online community for our friends and partners



Greetings from Italy dear friend and partner. We write today grateful for some sunshine and warmer weather after pushing forward through the cold, dark, and foggy Venetian winter. First of all, we want you to know that we are praying for you. We are fully aware that these are hard times for everyone. We thank God for you and pray that your faith will grow stronger through these current trials we are facing. We've heard stories of some that have drifted away from the Lord and the church during these times, but our prayer for you is that you will grow closer to God, not further from Him and that you will joyfully fulfill God's unique calling on your life. The Word of the Lord teaches us that the trials of life are designed by God to strengthen the faith of all those truly united to Christ Jesus by grace through faith. We long to see you face to face, but at current we are still unable to travel as a family to the US. Since Jeryvee is not a US citizen, she is currently not permitted to enter the US due to the ongoing restrictions/mandates. If/when this changes we will let you know about our next trip to the US.

Jesse & Jeryvee celebrated 10-years of marriage in January! To God alone the glory. We were not able to go or do anything special (again because of mandates), but we thank God for His faithfulness and goodness towards us. We are grateful to be united by God to serve Him together as missionaries to the Italian people.

Cornelius is turning six on April 12th. By God's grace, we have now begun homeschooling for him and we will officially begin the 1st-grade curriculum in September. We thank God for the many good resources available in the US to help us equip our kids with an education based on a Christian worldview. The last two years have served to help us better understand the importance of this. We have local friends who are also now beginning homeschool and we look forward to collaborating. Beatrice is now almost 1.5 years old and doing well. She loves her brother and is growing so fast! The

Partnering

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

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

- That our **summer helpers** will be able to come serve
- **Long-term missionaries** to apply and get accepted
- **God's help to gather a new group** to pray and study God's word in Mestre
- **Vera Vita** gospel content creation, tract distributions, evangelism leading to **New Contacts & Sound Conversions**
- God-given **strength** to persevere and **boldness** to keep preaching and teaching
- Increased and ongoing monthly **Financial Support**
- **Lord's guidance** as we **make preparations** in light of potential fallouts from WW, food shortages, power outages, mandates, chaos, etc
- **Provisions:** generator, food storage, home school curriculum for fall, etc...



Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. - **1 Peter 4:12-13**

tensions in Italy still remain high, and now even more because of the war in Ukraine. Gas prices reached nearly \$10/gallon at one point. Italy depends on Russia for over 50% of its natural gas and petrol. Energy prices are skyrocketing. By God's grace, we have begun doing some preparations for potential upcoming food shortages, power outages, and/or chaos. As Christians called to be light in this world, we believe it wise to prepare in times like this so we can be best positioned to care for our families and neighbors. In dark moments the Gospel shines even brighter so it's prudent, we believe, to be prepared to serve the Lord and lead others through whatever may come.



CHURCH PLANTING - Vera Vita Outreach Ministry

In the midst of the ongoing tensions in Italy, we praise the Lord for how hearts are being stirred to ask deep questions about life and the Christian faith. Without any missionary helpers we cannot reach as many people as we would like, but the Lord is nonetheless at work. Bible studies are starting. We pray to unite more people around God's word in our area and that more will now be drawn by the Father and saved! The gospel is continuing to go out from house to house and in the digital piazza.

At current, we are distributing a new tract that we wrote. It asks the question, "Do you really feel free?" The tract talks about how it is contradictory to criticize government responses if one believes in evolution (most Italians do believe in evolution). Simply put, without a Christian worldview, there is no solid ground to stand on and declare right from wrong. God alone reveals to us what is right and wrong. For unbelievers to argue and complain about the current affairs that are limiting their freedoms every day (most are complaining b/c Italy has been very heavy-handed) they need to borrow from the Christian worldview... The tract then points out how Jesus taught that the truth sets us free and Jesus Himself is the truth. We encourage the people to accept the truth that they are image-bearers of God and not cosmic accidents and then repent and embrace Christ alone for salvation by grace through faith. Connected to the tract is a web page with a free booklet/article and short videos that explain the Gospel in more detail.

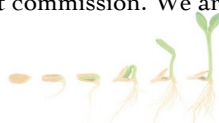
We've already drafted up another tract titled, "In a world like this everybody has fear". As we talk with people every day, we realize that fear is truly in the air. People are very unsettled for numerous reasons: war in Ukraine, the shelled nuclear plant, threat of nuclear war, covid, vaccine side effects, inflation, food shortages, loss of liberties, tyrannical behavior in governments, (even climate activists fear the earth will come to an end in just a few short years)... With this tract, we point out the common fear that all people have - the fear of *death*. We then point out how the true Christian doesn't fear death because he/she has eternal life. We share the daily blessing the believer has in knowing that Jesus rules over all and God works all things together for the good of those who love Him. We are creating a web page with short Q&As related to the big questions many people are currently asking.

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This summer we'll be hosting a couple from Missouri for a 4-week missions trip! Lord willing, and if a world war does not start in the meantime, they will be serving with us in literature distributions, park ministry, some ESL, and participating in all aspects of the church plant work. We will *not* be hosting any short-term PMc cohorts this summer, again due to the numerous restrictions involving international travel, but we pray for some groups to form for 2023. Through a generous military family in Vicenza, the Lord is providing us with a van for the ministry. Praise the Lord! We have been praying for a van for a long time.

Since we are still providentially hindered from visiting the US as a family, we continue to develop the PMc media ministry to bless our partners and keep us connected: podcasts, videos, webinars, blogs, socials, and more. The new PMc online community for ministry partners and friends is hands down the best way to keep in touch and be more personally involved with the ministry happening in Italy - The Italian Cohort. Visit practicalmissions.org/the-italian-cohort to join the group. We'd love to see you there!

If you are a PMc ministry partner, we thank you from our hearts. You are the backbone of this faith-based ministry to the Italian people! It's only with your ongoing support that all of this is possible. Thank you for playing a valuable part in this ministry and for taking up your role in Jesus' great commission. We are honored to have you with us.



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