



# Missions in Italy



Jesse & Jeryvee Schreck give a short summary from this past year of ministry in Italy as church planters and invite you to continue participating in what God is doing among the Italian people to grow His church and reach the lost. To God be the glory.

## ITALY - the untold truth...

There are 60 million people in Italy. 95% of them say they are Catholic, but only 5% of them are active Catholics.

Protestant evangelicals make up less than 1% of the 60 million people. [USA is 25%]

There are 34,000 cities and towns, but 32,000 of them have no evangelical witness.

90% of all long-term missionaries leave within 4 years. More missionaries leave Italy than any other place in the world.

## PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for the people of Venezia Mestre, Italy to be saved through our numerous evangelism efforts.

Pray for PM<sup>c</sup> in the startup phase and for \$10,000 in financial contributions to get us up and running.

Pray for PM<sup>c</sup>'s first church plant to take root and a missionary team to form alongside Jesse & Jeryvee, including PM<sup>c</sup> interns and short-termers.

Pray for \$1,000 / month increase for Jesse & Jeryvee. Currently we are required as a church planting family in Italy to maintain a minimum of \$3,500 USD/ month. Others missions require up to \$6,500...

## Highlights for 2016

As this year closes out we're in awe of how it seems all the events of our life have pointed us to this moment - beginning a new life and ministry in another Italian city as we now form Practical Missions Cohort [PM<sup>c</sup>] and begin the first phases of another church plant, now as a family of three with little Cornelius Calvin.

2016 will be a year we never forget! It's been a year of changes, both within and without, including strategic moves to establish us for many years of what will, Lord willing, be fruitful church planting to bring many to saving-faith in Jesus. In a sense, we relearned what it means to be missionaries (after nearly 10 years on the field) and to entrust our life into God's hands for His service. We helped get into motion a church-planting effort in Conegliano (through this effort our call became crystal clear to us), and we saw Italo come to saving-faith and others brought closer to the Lord. Before settling into Conegliano city as planned, we took leave of the group there to start PM<sup>c</sup> and relocate instead to Venezia Mestre city. We left our home and friends in Pordenone and established a new life in a new home in Venezia Mestre where we are now evangelizing to start another church plant and prepare the way for a new church-plant team through PM<sup>c</sup>. We became the founders of a nonprofit mission. We took new steps to join in with other planters throughout Italy in the Acts 29 network. We became parents for the first time. I, Jesse, learned to play the guitar and love it as I am now also able to lead others in singing the Lord's praise. Wow! Bless the Lord.

As we now close out 2016 we can see more clearly that the challenges of 2015 were ordained by God for our good and to move us forward and onward. In particular we sense that the Lord moved us to the one specific task of starting the nonprofit and mission [PM<sup>c</sup>] in order to facilitate God's call for us to plant churches in Italy for many more years to come and to involve and help equip others while giving a variety of options for our partners back in the US to join in on what God is doing here in Italy. As things progress in early 2017 we will notify you when we are fully up and running.



For now we invite you to simply join us in prayer as we continue to settle in to the new city and *unreached people group* of Venezia Mestre. Specifically, we invite you to pray for courage and boldness as we have already begun evangelizing. As we labor daily in evangelism here in postmodern North Italy we pray to see some born again and hungry for the truth of God's word so that we can then teach the way of the Lord.

We invite you to pray also for God to help us form a church-plant team for the starting of this next church. We thank the Lord already for the possibility of a couple from Ireland that actually contacted *us* and came to visit and learn more about our ministry. We had a good meeting. If they do not decide to apply to PM<sup>c</sup> we can still be grateful just to know that God is in control and can send us ministry partners any *time* He wants from any *where* He wants. The fact that they pursued us before we even officially began promoting the mission is a confirmation to our hearts that God is behind us and is more concerned for His church and PM<sup>c</sup> forming than we are.



## PM<sup>c</sup> VISION FOR 2017

- Practical Missions Cohort is now formed and laying a foundation for many years of fruitful ministry in Italy.

Practical Missions Cohort is a mission existing for the singular task of the edification of new church bodies in Italy, exclusively. As PM<sup>c</sup> now begins we are extremely excited to be able to promote and personally give opportunities for the brethren in the US to actively partner with the Lord's work in Italy with us. In the coming months we will be informing you of some different ways to join in on what God is doing in Italy, if you and/or your church would so desire. If you or anyone you know is considering missions feel free to direct them to our website at [www.practicalmissions.org](http://www.practicalmissions.org) where they can also reach out to us to request a copy of our *12 Agreement and Strategy Points* document to learn more about what we do as church planters in Italy and what it would look like to join us on the field.

Like Jesus driven to His cross, so we drive ourselves to the singular task of the edification of new church bodies in Italy where they currently don't exist. - PM<sup>c</sup> 2016

We thank you for your continued support and for being a part of what God is doing in and through us in Italy. We ask you as friends in Christ to continue giving and praying for us and the Lord's work in Italy.

Happy New Year and God bless,

Jesse & Jeryvee and  
Cornelius Schreck

*You, O LORD, have made me glad by what  
You have done, I will sing for joy at the works  
of Your hands. Ps. 92:4*

