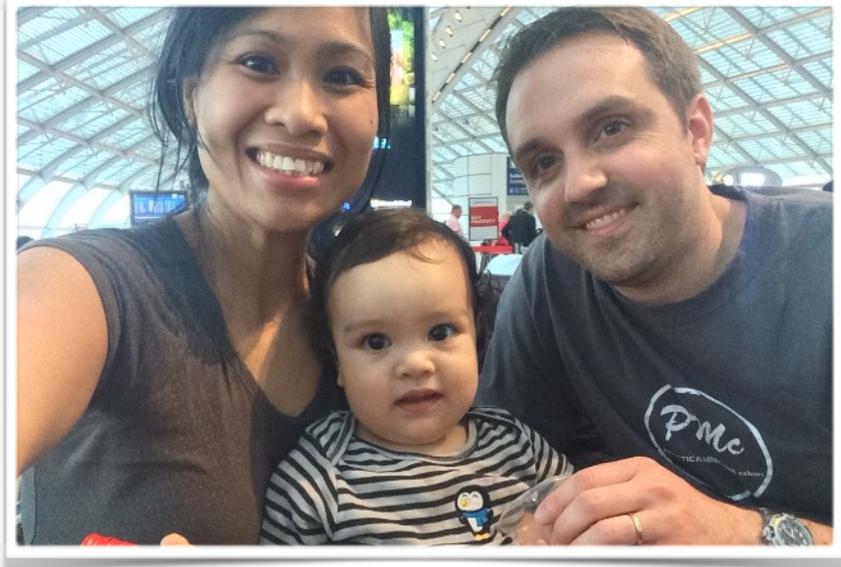




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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Italy update from Jesse & Jeryvee and Cornelius!



Greetings in the Lord, we write today from Italy. Recently we were on home-assignment to visit family, friends and supporters back in the USA. It was a huge blessing to see everyone and to let everyone finally meet baby Cornelius! We are so thankful for the warm hospitality we experienced and for all those who made us truly feel loved and supported during our 1-month stay in the US. We are sorry only that we were not able to connect with everyone as much as we would have liked; travel and being away from home with the baby is a real challenge and not easy in any way and 1 month flies by real quick when there are so many to see and be with and yet so much work to do for the mission in Italy.

After being greatly encouraged in the US among the brethren we returned to Italy in the second part of May. Since our return to Italy we have been continuing to evangelize and make disciples as the Lord works in and through us to build this next church in Venezia Mestre. We are now gathering as a small group on Sundays for worship and Wednesdays for prayer. We are pressing on in faithfulness to proclaim the Good News in any and every way possible, by God's grace, to see the Lord save more. We remind you that Italy is less than 1% evangelical which is basically 0%. This year the world celebrates 500 years since the beginning of the church reformation. That reformation has still not reached Italy! There is great need for the gospel to be preached in Italy as virtually no one has an understanding of the Gospel according to Scripture.

Above Photos: Venice less than 1% evangelical, Jesse and Gianluigi and Caleb in piazza, Schreck's in USA with supporters, CC with his cousins for 1st time!

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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 PM^c ministry.

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Prayer Requests

- Short-term Missionaries for summer of 2018 (16 spots only available), Missionary Interns (2-12 months) and Long-term Missionaries (2-4-year terms) to come join us in Italy
- New *financial partners* (churches and individuals) to support PM^c and our Missionary Church Planting labors in Italy
- Constant open doors to proclaim the gospel w/ God-given courage, boldness, zeal, patience and grace
- Salvation of Italians in Mestre
- Continued *financial support* for us as a missionary family - we must maintain a minimum monthly income of \$3,500 [other mission agencies in Italy require \$6,000 or more]



For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. **2 Tim. 1:7**

Church Planting - to reach Italian people

One of the challenges that missionaries face in Italy is that of being *patient* while at the same time being *zealous*. Both are necessary for fruitful missionary church planting. If you are zealous without patience you are likely to preach well but not stick around long enough to see the fruit of your labor. On the other hand, if you are patient without zeal you will likely preach without persuasion and people will not see the importance of responding to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Too much patience and you will see nothing happen. The challenge is to be both patient and zealous at the same time, but to live this way takes the work of the Holy Spirit. You must seek God for needed zeal that you may preach your heart out as if today was your last day. You must seek Him also to have the patience and wisdom to endure and see the long-term scope of your labor - you are not just seeking converts but you are seeking to make disciples that will live all their lives for Jesus, growing in grace and flourishing in His church and calling. As you think of us in Italy please pray for us in this way. Please also pray that we make fully available the little we do have that God may bless it and multiply it for the formation of this next church.

Recently we saw *atheists* and *vegans* in the piazza (town square) here in Mestre, basically evangelizing. Yes, you read that correctly! They were putting themselves out in public to transfer information and a message in hopes of seeing lives changed and people becoming like them. In these days, Christian evangelism seems to be less and less practiced. This ought not be. It is a scary thing but it is also a great joy and privilege that Jesus has given all of us! Our prayer is that perhaps you or someone you know will find the desire and courage to come to Italy next year and join a PM^c Evangelism Cohort that together, through word and deed, we can proclaim the Good News and reach more Italians for Christ!

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The new mission, PM^c, is off to a good start. Praise God! If you are a donor please know that we thank the Lord for you and pray for you daily. It is faithful partners like you that make PM^c a reality which causes us to serve Jesus in Italy and pave the way for more to follow and join in. In fact, one of the main scopes of PM^c coming into existence is so we can pass on the many things we have been blessed to have learned in the increasingly less known task of Missionary Church Planting (apostolic-style). Please pray for God to bless PM^c now and for many years to come. For more info on our ministry and to stay plugged in please visit the PM^c site and FB page. Thank you and God bless you.

In His grace,
Jesse & Jeryvee

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