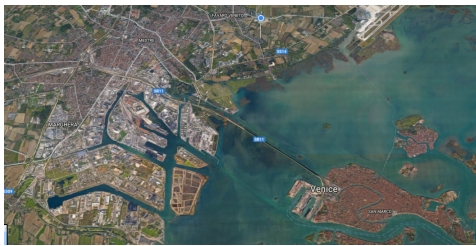
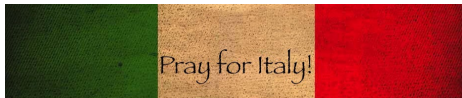




PRACTICAL MISSIONS cohort



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



Above Photos: Downtown Mestre where we are evangelizing, Satellite view of Venezia Mestre, Jeryvee and Cornelius, Downtown Mestre



Greetings in the Lord, we write today from Venezia Mestre, Italy as the season has now changed from a cold, dark, humid Venetian winter to a sunny and warm Venetian spring. We thank the Lord for sustaining us through the cold winter and providing all of our needs; financially, physically, spiritually and emotionally. We are well. Cornelius is now 1-year old! Time sure goes fast when you have a child! We are amazed at how fast he is growing and learning. The imagery of what it means to be a newborn in God's kingdom has a whole new meaning to us now. **Just like a baby needs *constant* attention and is in *constant* danger of hurting himself so the newborn Christian needs *constant* care and guidance from God's Word and support and protection through intercession and the fellowship of God's people.**

These past few months have been full of fruitful evangelism, in a large part because of our prayer partners that receive our 10-Day Updates and make time to partner with us in prayer. Though originally we planned to begin ESL classes at the beginning of this year, once we saw how many open doors the Lord was giving us through tract distributions we decided to postpone our ESL classes for the future; potentially for when some new PM^c missionaries come join us. For now we are getting more phone calls and contacts than *ever before* through our distributions. All glory be to God. We praise Jesus also for the salvation of Fabio and for how God Himself is sustaining him through the trials he has faced since

Partnering

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Practical Missions Cohort
500 Westover Dr. #10079
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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.

Donations can also be made online (starting the end of April) at:
www.practicalmissions.org/donate

Prayer Requests

- New *financial partners* (churches and individuals) to support PM^c and our Missionary Church Planting labors in Italy
- Short-term Missionaries, Missionary Interns (2-12 months) and Long-term Missionaries (2-4-year terms) to come join us in Italy
- Constant open doors to proclaim the gospel w/ God-given courage, boldness, zeal 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]



*Trust in the LORD and do good;
 dwell in the land and cultivate
 faithfulness. Ps. 37:3*

converting to Christ. We are now talking about organizing his baptism for this spring or summer. Keep this new believer in your prayers along with his wife and 2 kids. Italians who come to saving-faith have many challenges that we do not face in America. For example, in the eyes of Italians the evangelical church is considered a cult; in the US it is not. Most likely if you got saved in the US you were not treated by your family and friends as one who was joining a cult because all know the Protestant Evangelical church is normal Christianity.

Church Planting - to reach Italian people

In Italy when we talk about church planting we at the same time must talk about evangelism because a church will never be formed and planted without both **evangelism and sacrifice**. In regards to reaching the lost, today it is common to hear about *making attractive* either church, community or both. In this way people will come to *you* to hear the gospel; this is important, good and right. At the same time, when we look at Scripture and Jesus' teaching we see something a bit different - Jesus *sends* His disciples (us) to *go to the people* and *preach the gospel* rather than expect them to *come to us*. Further, the gospel He calls us to preach is actually offensive, except to those wanting forgiveness and salvation. **Jesus didn't really make anything attractive about being His disciple.** Actually, He warned potential disciples to count the cost and understand they must deny themselves and carry their cross if they are to be His disciples. Since then, nothing has changed. The call of God is the same. Though we in no way want to be *unattractive* we all must be continually cautious not to drift from the timeless message and method of Christ. Please continue to pray the Lord continue to bless our evangelism efforts, and that He send us more PM^c 'laborers'.

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The new mission organization, PM^c, is now up and running! The board has done a great job laying a solid foundation and we are very excited for what the future holds. Apart from financial and prayer support (very important by the way) we have created **3 avenues** for the brethren in the US to join in and be involved in what God is doing in Italy: Short-term Cohorts, Missionary Interns, Long-term Missionaries. You can now apply online at the PM^c site. All who join us on the field also become part of the **PM^c Academia**; an on-the-go missionary training, in the piazza, *not* in the classroom. *In the School of Christ, at His service* - this is the Academia's slogan and we are very excited for this aspect of the ministry. For more info please visit the site where you can see also our newly formed **Core Values**. Thank you and God bless you.

In His grace,
 Jesse & Jeryvee

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