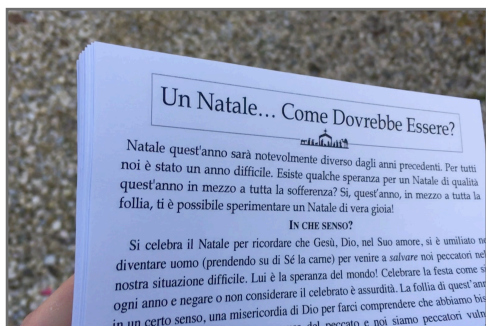




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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Italy update from Jesse & Jeryvee and Cornelius!



Above Photos: Jeryvee w/ her mom and the kids
| Beatrice | New Life worship gathering |
Calabroni (caught them with beer and sugar in
modified plastic bottles) | Christmas tracts | Jesse
in the PMc recording studio



Greetings dear friends and partners,

We write today from Italy during another nationwide lockdown that has been put in place for the holiday season to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We have been dealing with numerous restrictions during this last quarter (almost all year). It's actually been a challenge just to keep track of it all. Masks have been mandatory. Fines are issued for anyone who does not wear them outside the house. Home gatherings have not been permitted. Only 1 person per household has been allowed to enter the grocery store. Restaurants have not been open for dinner. Malls have been closed on the weekends. High school students have been doing distance learning. For some time, people have not been permitted to go outside their town after 2 pm. Tensions here are high, but not like in the US where there is an obvious liberal, progressive, and leftist agenda censoring whatever it pleases.

In the midst of all this madness, we have been blessed to welcome into the world a cute and healthy baby girl, Beatrice Speranza. The pregnancy was complicated from the beginning, not just because it was during a pandemic and lockdowns, but also because all the doctors were saying the baby was too small. On the day the baby was due to be born Jeryvee was stung 3 times on the tummy by a lingering calabrone (giant European wasp). That same week there was a Covid outbreak at Cornelius' nursery school. We were thankful that we had decided to keep him home for the time being. It would have been another unwanted complexity to add to the pregnancy.

The Lord has been sustaining us through all the challenges of this year in many ways and through many wonderful partners and friends! CC loves his little sister and is becoming a good little helper around the house. We have been hosting Jeryvee's mom since July and it has

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Prayer Requests

- **Jeryvee's tooth surgery** - she is again in pain and needs likely to have a tooth pulled.
- **Wisdom** for when we should take Cornelius back to the nursery school in light of the pandemic.
- Physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual **stamina** to keep evangelizing and making disciples as the pandemic continues.
- **Core group** of believers to take form in [Mestre city](#). Salvations.
- A bigger vehicle.
- [Long-term missionaries](#) to apply and get accepted
- Persons to fill roles of On-field [Administrator](#) and [ESL Director](#)
- Increased and ongoing monthly [Financial Support](#)



You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- Psalm 16:11

been a blessing to have her here. She has been helping us around the house and with the kids (even spoiling us) as we adapt to being a family of four on the mission field. We are in awe of the Lord's provisions for Beatrice. Our home church, RGF, has worked together to help supply all our needs. We feel like Paul did towards the church in Philippi when, because of their support, he was able to say he was fully supplied. At this moment, we have never felt more fully supplied and supported while on the mission field. We thank the Lord for truly wonderful ministry partners!

CHURCH PLANTING

We continue our focus on reaching the people of Mestre Venezia with the Gospel. Since we are limited in manpower and by the Covid restrictions, we have decided to focus even a bit more on a few areas: Campalto, Favaro Veneto, and the east side of Mestre. By faith, we are distributing gospel literature from house to house and to the local shops. By faith, we are handing out Gospel literature in the piazza (town square) and talking with people. By faith, we are also producing more Gospel content in the digital piazza ([social media](#), [YouTube](#), [podcast](#)). We thank the Lord for our wonderful ministry partners that have made it possible for us to further develop the PMc Studio where we record and create our Gospel content both for PMc and [Vera Vita](#) - the Italian outreach ministry. The pandemic has positively forced us to learn how to better utilize audio and video tech to reach people in the digital piazza. Gospel proclamation in this arena has a lingering effect - it remains viewable more than once and by more than one crowd.

We worship on Sunday mornings with our brothers and sisters at New Life Church in Vicenza. We thank the Lord for them and their friendship! There are many kids there and this enables our son to have Christian friends too. It's not always guaranteed that there will be other kids in the churches in Italy because sadly, Italians have the 2nd lowest birthrate in the world. In addition, Italy remains 99% unreached and so the churches are small and few. Our friendships have been crucial for us as a family on the mission field, but especially during these pandemic times of more-than-normal isolation.

By faith, we are again gathering in Mestre on Sunday evenings from 5-6 pm. We pray, read the Word, sing songs to the Lord, and pray again for our local community and the people to whom we are witnessing. As pioneering missionaries, we look to the Lord to soon bring more people alongside us and to form this local expression of the body of Christ. We have been pleasantly surprised by some gospel-centered conversations we have been having with neighbors.

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It's been a complex year for the mission, but despite setbacks, we are growing. We started the year very excited for the short-term missionaries that were coming to serve throughout the summer. Then the pandemic exploded around the world. All our group evangelism plans were canceled. In the meantime, we have been developing the [Media Ministry](#) for PMc to better incorporate US Christians in the Lord's mission in Italy. Thanks to our generous donors we have been acquiring proper tools and tech, and in early 2021 we pray to begin the production of our courses for the [PMc Academia](#).

We are also excited to announce that we have now welcomed Christine to the cohort to help create content for our social media platforms and more. We hope to introduce you all to her soon in a podcast episode. PMc is now accepting applications for short-term missionaries for the 2021 summer, even if we don't yet know what the situation with the pandemic will be like. None of us knows if another virus will be released after this one or what international travel will be like going forward. In the midst of all the rapid and unsettling changes happening around the world, we look to God who knows and is Lord over all things. Please pray for wisdom for us as we plan and prepare for 2021. Thank you dear partner for playing a valuable part in this ministry to reach Italians, make disciples, and plant Biblical churches in Italy!

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

