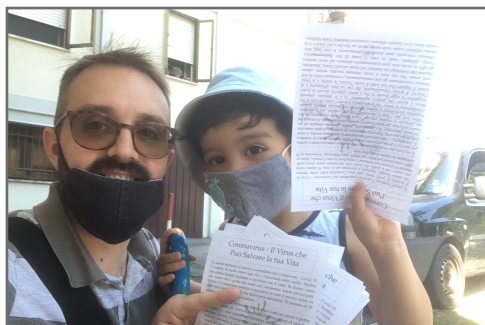




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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Italy update from Jesse & Jeryvee and Cornelius!



Above Photos: Gospel Lit. Distributions - Cornelius helping out | Jeryvee at 5 months | Giant and dangerous wasps - our front yard | new t-shirt for piazza evangelism (I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life - Jesus)



Greetings dear friends and partners. We pray this letter finds you well as the whole world is now upside down in many ways due to the current pandemic and the many troubles associated with it. By God's grace, we are persevering. Please know that we are praying for you as well during these pandemic times.

In our previous newsletter, we were in the midst of the Italy lockdown. We were one of the first places to be hit hard after China. Now the entire world has been hit hard and it looks like we are in for a long ride. Restrictions here have been lifted a bit. We can move around freely but are required to disinfect hands and put on masks when going into crowded places or stores. I just got word that in our region, Veneto, they are now making stricter regulations again as they fear already a second wave... We have faced numerous trials, but we praise God for His faithfulness in carrying us through it all. Potentially, we had the virus in our family. Whether we did or not, we are now feeling better, and because of the lockdown, we were able to self-quarantine without difficulty to reduce infecting anyone else.

Jeryvee is now about 6 months pregnant with a baby girl. We are excited about her arrival. It has been a rather complicated time to be pregnant. The medical system is a bit backed up since everyone put all their normal appointments on hold for a few months. We reached out to our prayer partners for support during this time when getting regular doctor visits has been hard. The doctors have let us know that the baby has a regular form and a good heartbeat, but she is too small... We now are

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Prayer Requests

- **Jeryvee's pregnancy** and proper growth for the **baby**
- Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual **stamina** to keep evangelizing and making disciples as we still serve alone (pioneering) and wait on the Lord for helpers.
- **Core group** of believers to take form in **Mestre city**.
- Salvations - sound conversions
- **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**
- **Wisdom and discernment** regarding the **potential restart** for the **Pordenone city church**



Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. - Psalm 62:8

being sent to various specialists to find out more. Will you please join us in praying for Jeryvee and for baby Beatrice Speranza to grow big and strong?

CHURCH PLANTING

In Mestre, where we actually reside, we are back to work in evangelism, even if we have to wear masks! There is little to no gospel presence in this city. We were really looking forward to our numerous helpers that were supposed to be here this summer, but the pandemic brought this momentum to a halt. We are now distributing tracts from house to house, handing them out in person in the piazza, and seeking to start Bible studies at people's houses. Everyone who gets our tracts also gets access to our church plant podcast, *Vera Vita*, where they can hear devotionals, evangelistic messages, and sermons. One couple we have been reaching out to for some time has recently invited us to begin teaching the Bible at their house. May God be pleased to bring salvation to their whole family. We pray to see some saved during these quasi post-pandemic times that have drastically altered so many people's lives. Will you join us in prayer every day for the rest of the summer for the hand of God to move and save?

We have been blessed to serve, teach and preach God's word, and carry the Punto di Luce (Udine city) folks forward in the Gospel, but we have now finished our work there. This was not an easy decision, but after much prayer, fasting, and discussing all things with our home church pastors we all agreed it was the Lord's will for us to take leave. Their former missionaries are now back and able to carry them on according to God's will.

Interestingly, during the time when we were considering if the Lord was desiring us to take leave of this effort, a group of 7 baptized believers walking faithfully with the Lord in Pordenone city reached out to us to discuss a potential church restart with Jesse as their pastor (he was one of their pastors during the first 4 years of the plant). Sadly, this church was led to close down even though a core group remained and new people were still coming. We were unable to commit to helping them at that time due to our new ministry in Udine and our initial evangelism efforts in Mestre. We are now seeking the Lord with them to determine if this is God's will. There is a need for a biblical church among the people of the city, but is this for us to do, now? If yes, in what capacity?

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The PMc mission continues as we press on by faith, pioneering in the work of evangelism, discipleship, and church planting in Italy. We thank the Lord for His continual provisions throughout the pandemic. Partners, we thank you for how you have been actively involved and encouraging our hearts. Sadly, our interns and both evangelism groups had to be canceled for 2020. We pray that the Lord will permit them to come next summer. Some people have shown interest in joining PMc as full-time missionaries, but nothing has yet solidified. We pray to the Lord daily for more laborers to enter the harvest with us. We are now developing online courses via the PMc Academia to help equip new missionaries before they arrive. Things we are working on and that we would ask you to pray for include: PMc 12 Points on Church Planting for Unity and Clarity, Evangelism, Missions, Apostolic Church Planting. Once complete, we intend to make these available for free to all our ministry partners. Soli Deo Gloria / To God Alone the Glory.

In His grace,

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Jesse & Jeryvee and all at PMc

