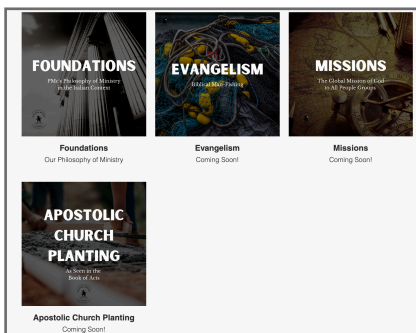
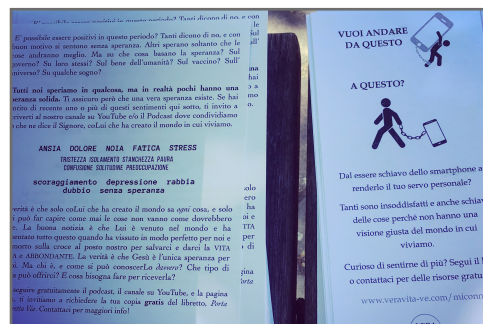




PRACTICAL MISSIONS cohort

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - ministry update from the Schreck family in Italy!



Above Photos: Eternal Life/ Vita Eterna | Family | PMc Instagram feed | Our Kids | Gospel Tracts going out in this season | PMc Academia - members access for partners and future participants



Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. As we sit down to write this newsletter we are astonished at how fast these past three months have gone by. We started the quarter coming out of another lockdown and lots of restrictions. Gradually, things have loosened up since then, and more and more we have been able to get back to the streets, be among the people, and reach the people with the Gospel of Jesus. For one week now, we have not been required to wear a mask outside. What a relief!

In April and May, unfortunately, we had a lot of rainy cold weather, and that hindered much of the evangelism. It also resulted in us having head colds and sickness. Thankfully our son was able to return to nursery school to be with other kids and continue learning Italian. He really enjoys his time there and we thank the Lord. They finished on June 30 for summer break and will restart in September, though many are now fearful of another covid wave and more lockdowns after the summer due to the "Delta variant" which apparently spreads even among the vaccinated... It's been nice for us to again be among the parents and families. Beatrice is now 8 months old. By God's grace, she's growing well. As a missionary family, the Lord is continuing to teach us how to work together as we pioneer alone in this season, paving the way for more missionaries to join in full-time for this next church plant.

We were recently, very much encouraged in our hearts to have participated virtually in the Radius International Missiology Conference. There were well-known speakers there, and yet the crowd was seemingly small. This reminded us of how few actually get involved in Jesus' global mission in a serious way. Ultimately, there is no gain to be had when getting involved in missions. It's a total sacrifice and that doesn't appeal to the flesh... Yet, being personally involved in Jesus' global mission is the greatest honor we could have this side of eternity. It's our privilege to spend ourselves for our Savior,

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Prayer Requests

- [Long-term missionaries](#) to apply and get accepted - this is our biggest need
- **New Contacts & Sound Conversions** through our evangelism efforts in July
- God-given **strength** to persevere and **boldness** to keep speaking the Word
- **Core group** of believers to take form in [Mestre city](#) and gather around the Word
- Increased and ongoing monthly [Financial Support](#) - we lost a monthly partner due to covid
- A **fruitful and reviving sabbatical** for Jesse and Jeryvee after the summer ministry and before the fall season



One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. - Acts 16: 14

who gave Himself for us to give us forgiveness and eternal life with Him. The pandemic has not made the already challenging ministry to secular post-catholic Italy any easier. We sense the Lord has also been testing us through the numerous setbacks caused by this pandemic to see if we're still in it for the long haul and willing to embrace long-term suffering, and by His grace, we can say that we are. We have committed our hearts to finish the task the Lord has given us with His strength working within us. Soli Deo Gloria.

We are excited for the summer ministry in July as more people are out and about and the restrictions have been rolled away for the moment. We're now prayerfully considering a sabbatical rest in August to be refreshed, strengthened, and made ready for the long-term ministry that lies ahead.



CHURCH PLANTING - Vera Vita Outreach Ministry

One of the blessings of participating in the 2-day missiology conference last month was the reminder of the suffering that missionaries endure to fulfill their God-given ministry. We were reminded that in certain contexts, it's not unusual that several years can go by before seeing the first converts. We're also reminded of God's sovereignty and timing; that ultimately salvation truly belongs to Him. He has the timing and His ways are not like our ways. It's the gospel alone that is the power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16), not our methods, personality, or anything else. As with Lydia in Acts 16, it is God alone who opens a heart to truly hear and receive the Gospel message we proclaim. The apostles had no control over which hearts would be opened to hear and receive the Gospel, and neither do we. We pray to the Lord, as they did, to be bold and to lovingly speak the Word faithfully (Acts 4:29).

Serving in this part of Italy, we are aware that the Lord has given us a task clearly beyond any man's natural abilities. Significantly less than 1% are evangelical. This people group is extremely secular, post-catholic, yet still very much a predominantly Roman Catholic culture. We bow down daily before Him, seek His power, and trust Him as we go and continue evangelizing the lost. May it please our Lord to transfer people from darkness to light and form for Himself a people who are not now His people.

Though we don't have our evangelism cohorts helping us this summer because of the pandemic, we are doing what we can and trusting our efforts to the Lord who alone can change the sinner's heart. We are taking the Gospel house to house, to the town square (piazza), and in the digital piazza. We're also now having people over to our home. We invite you to join us in prayer that God the Father would powerfully draw people to Himself. Potentially, we may have some helpers to join us as soon as we begin a home Bible study. (More to come on this soon). May the Lord direct our steps.

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We are now looking to 2022 and praying for numerous participants to join us next summer for PMc evangelism cohorts. **We invite you to share this ministry with anyone you know that is considering either a short-term mission trip or becoming a long-term missionary to an unreached people.**

To stay involved in the growing PMc ministry we would encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram and to subscribe to the PMc Podcast, YouTube channel, and blog. There you can get all the latest information, glimpses into the Italian culture, and exhortations for your daily walk with Christ. All these resources and more can be found at practicalmissions.org. Thank you for playing a valuable part in this ministry to the Italian people.

To God alone the glory,

Jesse & Jeryvee and all at PMc

