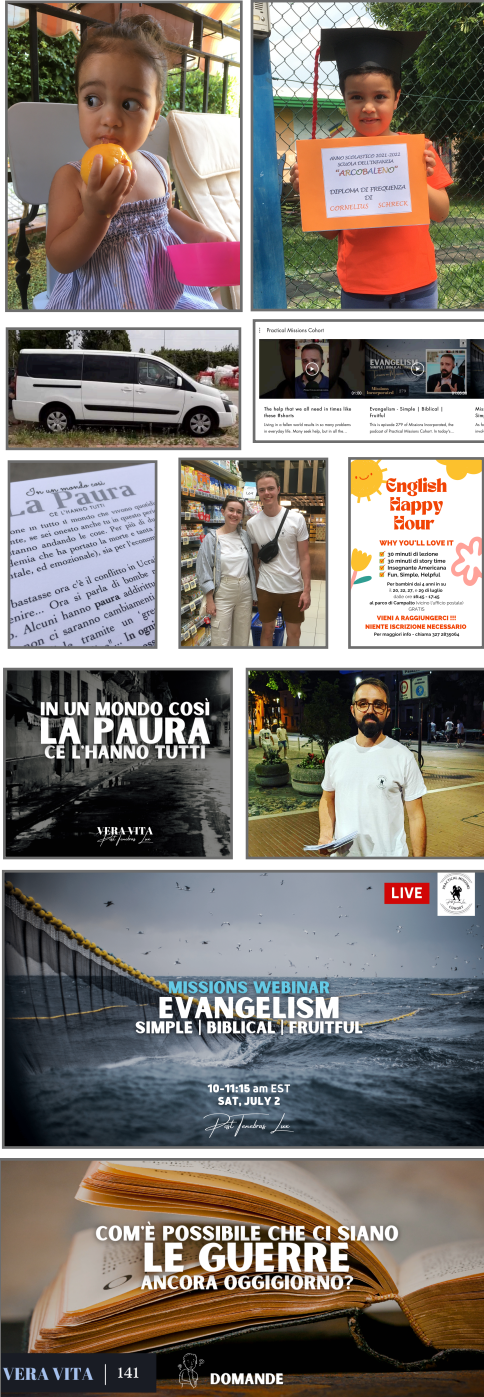




# PRACTICAL MISSIONS cohort

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



Greetings from Italy dear friend and partner. We write today grateful to God for 2 short-term missionary helpers that are here to serve Jesus with us for about 4 weeks, Nathan & Madeleine. They love God, people, and Italy. They were planning to come in 2020, but have been hindered until now. We thank the Lord they are finally here!

The past few months have been intense with all that is happening in the world. We give praise to God who is our Rock of stability, especially in moments like these when the world feels upside down. Thankfully, in May the mandates finally ended in Italy (at least for the moment). We remember the odd sensation when we were again permitted to have an espresso at the coffee bar, and when we were able to enter buildings without masks or passports... It's great to be free again to go around and do normal things.

This period of time reminds us a bit of the reality that Jesus taught of how all who sin are slaves to sin. **The sad reality of the world today is that many people still prefer the darkness to the light (John 3:19) and would rather remain a slave even when they are offered freedom in Christ.**

**John 8: 34-36** -- "Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

For many, to remain a slave is comfortable; it requires no change. For others, the truth of the Gospel comes and sets free when God the Holy Spirit transforms the heart through regeneration. It's our ongoing prayer that in this great season of darkness that many would be delivered from sin and Satan by the power of the Gospel and that they may be transferred from darkness to light. We long to see a fresh work of God in our midst to save numerous families. We long to see more missionaries now free to join us in Italy going forward, post-pandemic: short-term, long-term, internships, and

Above Photos: Schreck kids, new van, PMc Videos w/ lessons on missions | Vera Vita outreach: Fear tract & video | Nathan & Maddie | PMc Webinar on Evangelism | Ep. from the new Q&A series by Vera Vita - How is it possible that wars still exist today?

## Partnering

To partner with us please send your donations (tax-deductible) to PRACTICAL MISSIONS COHORT, and mail to:

**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 PMc ministry. Note: we are currently praying for more monthly ministry partners.

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## Prayer Requests

- That **homeschooling** in Sept. gets off to a great start
- **Long-term missionaries** to apply and get accepted
- **God's help to gather a new group** to pray and study God's word in Mestre
- **Vera Vita** gospel content creation, tract distributions, evangelism leading to **New Contacts & Sound Conversions**
- God-given **strength** to persevere and **boldness** to keep preaching and teaching
- Increased and ongoing monthly **Financial Support**
- **Lord's guidance as we make preparations** in light of potential electricity, gas, and food shortages this fall/winter
- **Provisions:** solar generator, home school curriculum, van expenses



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. - Gal 6: 9-10

more. Cornelius (CC) is now finished with nursery school. Unfortunately, he was not able to be there in person for the final 2 weeks because our family was placed in quarantine after testing positive for the latest variant/virus which we got from our neighbors. We bonded a little more with our neighbors though since we had to go through it together. Thankfully, the symptoms were mild, not like the original virus we had in early 2020. On the bright side, we now have a "green pass" which may prove helpful depending on what happens this fall and winter. CC remained negative through the quarantine. He's a vibrant and growing boy and we thank God for him. Beatrice is also doing well and is very active with her big brother. Jeryvee also is doing well and is active in the home with the kids and learning how to homeschool in Italy.

We long to see you all face to face. Restrictions are still in place, preventing us from visiting the US as a family so please join us in praying that this changes. We want to be with you, to see you, to hear you, to eat together, worship together, chat, and pray together. For now, we press on reaching the lost and making disciples while strengthened by your prayers.



## CHURCH PLANTING - Vera Vita Outreach Ministry

We write this section having just finished hosting our short-term missionaries throughout the month of July. They did a good job helping us in evangelism via gospel literature distributions, piazza ministry, and park ministry. With their help, we also organized English Happy Hours to bless the kids and families at the local park. At our first two English events, the parks were empty because of a heatwave and droughts. At the second two events, we had kids and moms, and it went well. The free lessons and face paintings were a good way for us, by God's grace, to water the gospel seeds we have been sowing and to tangibly show the love of Christ.

The Vera Vita media ministry to the Italian people has been growing and we have now surpassed 200 subscribers. Not too bad for Italy. We took a short pause for the summer, but are now preparing to pick up creating gospel content to reach the lost and disciple. Since Italy basically shuts down for the month of August, we will put evangelism on hold until September and instead focus on various other projects for Vera Vita and PMc. Our prayer is to see more families soundly saved and hungry for the word of God and the Christian community. Sunday worship gatherings in Mestre city can begin once we have some more converts or once we have a new band of full-time missionaries with us here in Italy.

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Having helpers this summer was a great blessing for PMc! Nathan & Maddie were originally supposed to come in 2020 but were hindered by the pandemic. Thankfully, God made it possible for them to still come. In addition to new long-term missionaries, we pray for some PMc short-term cohorts to form for the summer of 2023. The Lord has provided a new van for the ministry in Italy, and recently He also moved the heart of new friends, Zack & Desi from Provoked Podcast of Apologia Studios, to graciously reach out to interview Jesse. It was a blessing and encouragement to be on their show and share with a larger audience the realities of missions in Italy and the available ways to serve at PMc.

Since we are still providentially hindered from visiting the US as a family, we continue to develop the PMc media ministry to bless our partners and keep us connected: podcasts, videos, webinars, blog, socials, and more. If you didn't see the latest webinar and are interested in growing in personal evangelism, be sure to check it out - [practicalmissions.org/links](https://practicalmissions.org/links).

The new PMc online community for ministry partners and friends is hands down the best way to keep in touch and be more personally involved with the ministry happening in Italy - The Italian Cohort. Please visit [practicalmissions.org/the-italian-cohort](https://practicalmissions.org/the-italian-cohort) to join the group. We'd love to see you there!

If you are a PMc ministry partner, we thank you from our hearts. You are the backbone of this faith-based ministry to the Italian people! It's only with your ongoing support that all of this is possible. Thank you for playing a valuable part in this ministry and for taking up your role in Jesus' great commission. We are honored to have you with us.



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