



NEWSLETTER

A ministry update from the Schreck family



Above Photos: the Schreck kids, Jeryvee and baby Simeon, teaching lesson from Missions Incorporated podcast, Jesse talking to a group of US students, PMc Ministries, Vera Vita gospel campaign on lasting peace

Hello dear friend and partner! We're writing to you again from Italy as we wrap up the hot and humid summer months in the province of Venice. It's been in the 90s and very humid all summer, with very little rain. By God's grace, we're doing well.

Cornelius was a big help with evangelism this summer. He joined me in distributing tracts and speaking with people at the open-air markets. He also attended his first summer camps in Italy with friends from the basketball team and had a blast. In June, he passed his end-of-year exams in Italian and will begin third grade as a homeschooler this September. He'll continue playing basketball with his local team, which has been a weekly highlight for him. It's also been a great way for us to connect with other families and build relationships over time.

Beatrice is growing up to be very bright and full of character. She'll soon be turning 4! She's now mastering the balance bike and loves to sing, spend time with her brothers, and talk—a lot! Simeon is nearly 6 months old and is growing healthy and strong. He's started rolling over on his own and loves being outside, being held (which we do often), exploring the world around him, and watching his brother and sister. We thank the Lord for adding him to our family.

Jeryvee has recently developed a passion for health and nutrition, blessing the family with great meals, snacks, and even homemade pizza and sourdough bread. She is flourishing in her role as a mother and missionary housewife by God's grace. Her upbeat personality makes her a blessing in our local community, especially among other moms.

I, Jesse, have adjusted my work schedule for August while Italy essentially shuts down and people take vacations. I've paused public evangelism until September to focus on various other projects that are crucial for the longevity of both the ministry and our family. I continue

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Prayer Requests

- **Renewal of visas** for the whole family in Italy + pursuit of Italian citizenship.
- **Family** to flourish as we homeschool + minister abroad
- **Core Group** of soundly saved believers to solidify
- **Salvations of families**
- More **Long-term + short-term missionaries** to apply and get accepted with PMc
- **Funds:** for a modest facility for PMc in this part of Italy
- **Support:** financial partners - we need a 40% increase in monthly support
- **Production** of Courses at PMc Missions Academia
- **Vera Vita** Italian Outreach + Media Ministry to continue impacting lives and leading others to Christ
- **Podcast & Video Producer** to join the ministry



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For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. - Mark 8: 35

to be humbled by God's grace and kindness in making me a husband, father, missionary, and overseer of the Practical Missions ministry in Italy. None of the good I have is deserved; I praise God for His mercy, grace, and the sanctifying work He continues to do in me with great patience.

In many ways, things seem out of control back in the US. This is unsettling for missionaries who live by faith to advance the Gospel abroad. The rampant inflation affects both our supporters and us here on the field, making finances tight. We are extremely grateful to God for our brothers and sisters who continue to stand with us, enabling us to reach more Italians for Christ.

The past several years have been challenging in many ways. Yet through it all, the Lord has slowly but surely carried us forward, constantly growing us to be more Christlike in character, love, faithfulness, boldness, and faith. Since we first felt led to start PMc, we've had to do a lot of additional work to establish the ministry for long-term impact. We believe, however, that the fruit of our labor is finally coming to fruition. With numerous elements now in place, we pray that, if it pleases the Lord, things will really start to take off.

In September, we'll be hosting a [Vision Trip](#) from Fort Myers, FL. In October and November, we'll be hosting a family for a month as they come to serve alongside us. We have two potential PMc [Short-term Cohorts](#) lined up for the summer of 2025. Now, we pray for God's help to form a new band of long-term missionaries to impact this area of Italy for Christ. We walk by faith.

Previously, we mentioned our need for a living situation more suitable for hosting other families for meals, gatherings around God's Word, and even homeschool meetups. Rather than renting any larger place, we are seeking the Lord's guidance in acquiring something strategic that can serve the ministry for long-term impact—something that can also provide our growing family a place to stay and flourish. An old "agriturismo" or farmhouse that we could repurpose for the ministry would be ideal. Some neighborhood friends have graciously taken their own initiative to search for options for us and the ministry.

We are prayerfully considering relocating to a smaller town called Mogliano (28,000 inhabitants). It's just 15 minutes from Mestre (147,000 inhabitants) and sits between the cities of Mestre and Treviso (85,000 inhabitants). If the Lord wills, we could plant ourselves there for long-term impact on the region. With a [band of missionaries](#), we could reach the people of all three cities and, by God's grace, see a biblical church formed in each town. Just days after we began praying about this, a woman from Mogliano, who had received one of our Gospel tracts, reached out to us. We have since met with her and a friend several times to open the Bible, teach the Gospel, and pray. They desire a church in this town. The church they have attended until now has not taught the main thing well. As in many places in Italy, the Bible is utilized, but the Gospel message and sound exegesis are often lacking. We humbly ask you to pray for God's leading with these dear folks as they receive the Gospel of grace and the whole counsel of God through us. Please also pray for financial provisions and new missionaries so this ministry can become well-established for long-term impact in this region.

CHURCH PLANTING - [Vera Vita](#) Outreach Ministry

Our evangelism efforts this summer included handing out tracts at the open-air market in Mestre and distributing Gospel literature throughout the local towns and villages. We wrote a new tract on the subject of true and lasting peace, which is resonating with the people. By God's grace, this has proven to be a great door opener for evangelizing. True peace is found only in Christ. People in post-Catholic and secular Italy today, more than ever, are longing for peace as they suffer from

anxiety, stress, and a general sense of hopelessness. The numerous lies and deceptions of the world are destructive in nature. It's a great time to be evangelizing in Italy! Many tracts have been distributed, conversations have been had, and people have heard the Gospel for the first time. We pray for more people to join us in this work.

This fall, we'll resume our evangelism efforts. With our helpers from Florida, we pray to make more contacts this September during their Vision Trip. We also hope to offer free English courses to the local community when another family joins us for a month this October/November.

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Our online courses for the [PMc Missions Academia](#) are coming together slowly but surely. The arrival of our third child and the lack of a formed band of missionaries here on the field have slowed our production. We pray to make more progress in the next season and welcome your prayer support for this. Most importantly in this season, however, is the need to recruit more [long-term missionaries](#)—fellow soldiers of Christ willing to lay down their lives to see the Gospel advance in this part of the world.

For those interested in long-term missions in Italy with PMc, we now recommend starting with a [PMc Vision Trip](#) with a few people from their church, including at least one pastor. This provides a great opportunity for potential missionaries to experience the ongoing ministry on the field while getting to know us as well. It also helps the church family understand the realities of Italy and the roles they could play in partnering with PMc. If there is continued interest and things are agreed upon with the home church and PMc, we recommend a 1 to 3-month trip to serve and learn the lay of the land. This allows potential missionaries to experience more fully what it's like to live and serve Jesus in Italy with us and helps evaluate if this ministry is a good fit. If you know anyone interested in serving full-time in Italy, please introduce them to us or send them our way!

All of this is possible only with your loving and generous prayer and [financial support](#). Thank you for choosing to partner with us in the work of re-discipling (transforming) the nation of Italy with the truth of the Gospel. To continue this ministry in Italy, we now need to increase our family support by about 40%. If you are not yet a partner, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us as a monthly partner for a 1 to 3-year commitment. May the Lord lead you, and may Christ be ever praised! Lastly, we hope to visit the US either late this fall or possibly during the winter for a 4-week trip to see friends and family and promote the mission with various churches and groups. We'll keep you updated as this trip develops.

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

Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion, and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. — **Jude 24-25**

