

# John & Cristina Inglese

## MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER



SULMONA, ITALY

### *It's Been One Year! 1 Year Anniversary in Italy*

By John Inglese

I cannot believe that it has been one year since we came to Italy! God is faithful! He again has shown us we have no need to be fearful of stepping out of our comfort zone into foreign, uncharted territory. For we have seen His loving hand guide every step of the way through the challenges of Italian-residency bureaucracy, the spiritually hard times, physically challenging times, financially tight times, quiet and lonely times, He was there for us, helping us get through. He led the way, He lifted us up, He comforted us, He touched us, He met our needs, and sent us brothers and sisters in the Lord to love us and encourage us in Him. When all we saw were obstacles or obscurity, He met with us in every way, bringing us from glory to glory. HIS GLORY. (2 Cor. 3:18)

Here is a brief recap of some of the highlights over the last year. During the first few months of being here, we learned how to navigate the bus system, found an apartment, worked on Cristina's residency, learned how to navigate the healthcare system and get dental care.



Our weekly Bible Study, L-R: Rebecca (our daughter), Frank, Vicki, Lee, Matthew, Cristina, John We have made several friends, as relationship-building has been one of our biggest priorities. Our Italian

language classes are about to wrap-up for this semester. In one week we take our class exam, then the A2 exam, and upon passing, continue to level B1 next fall.

We started a bible study in our apartment in February, and as of today, we have three people who attend in



Dinner time! L-R, Monica, Jessica, Gino, Matthew, Cristina, and John (me!)

addition to our family. Lee joined us in February and lives in Chieti, less than an hour away. Frank and Vicki joined us beginning of May and live in Introdacqua, a small, nearby town about 3 miles away. We are so excited at what the Lord is doing, and the fellowship is very sweet! Additionally, our daughter Rebecca and granddaughter Madeline recently joined us!

An outpouring of visitors began over the holidays! **DECEMBER:** Pastor Aaron and Amanda Huls; Pastor Kirk,



Visit from our Pastor! Wife Erin, Pastor Indy, and sweet Hezekiah at the nearby Pacentro castle.

Rebekah, and Salem Kaikkonen; Pastor Rafael and Loretta Manzanares.

**JANUARY:** Gino and Jessica Zaragoza and Monica, from CCES Palmdale, CA, were the first to visit from our home church! Sharing testimonies of God's goodness over coffee and hot chocolate at a local café was a special highlight! We loved every minute of their visit, and we were sad to see them go! **MARCH:** Pastor Indy, Erin, and Hezekiah Sahi, our pastor from CCES Palmdale, CA, came to bless us with a week of fellowship, hanging out, sharing meals, and seeing a few sights. It was especially sweet to have little Hezekiah with us to hug and enjoy, as we were sorely missing our granddaughter! **APRIL:** Toward the end of April, we enjoyed a wonderful visit from Pastor Steve and Helga Feden of CC Fluvanna, VA; Eve Giannetta, who is newly settling-in to live part-time in Introdacqua; Phil and Margaret Estes, who surprised us with another visit, since last summer; Dennis, Beth and their daughter Ashtyn, whom we newly met; and Kevin and Joanne Gherkin, whom we also newly met; and Frank and Vicki Signoretti, who newly moved to Introdacqua from CC Fluvanna, arriving with the group. We enjoyed a really special time of prayer up at the cross above Introdacqua.



At the cross: L-R: fr. couple-Frank and Vicki, couple behind-Dennis and Beth, to rt. of Vicki, Joanne, behind her-Kevin her husband, rt. of Kevin-Eve then Ashtyn (Dennis & Beth's daughter), Pastor Steve of CCFluvanna, John, Cristina, Matthew, Margaret & Phil, and Helga (Steve's wife)

**Mid-APRIL:** I attended the CC Italy Conference with guest speaker Pastor Ed Taylor of Calvary Church Colorado.



*Pastor Ed and me!*—Special thanks to Pastor Steve & Helga for the ride, and special thanks to Pastor Tim of CCRichmond, VA, for covering the costs to attend.

We are so thankful for your prayers and financial support. The Lord knows how you have so blessed us and we are praying that the Lord blesses you in return a thousand-fold for your sacrifice.



## Dis·rupt·er /dis'rəptər/

By John Inglese

Disrupter: someone or something that interrupts an event, activity, or process by causing a disturbance or problem.

I had never heard the term “Disrupter” before a few months ago, but I like it! A few months back, I watched a movie in which a Christian character in the movie was labeled “disrupter.” He became a disrupter when he began to live solely for the Lord, doing only what pleased the Lord. Because of the new choices he began making, he stood out from his co-workers, from his neighbors, basically from the secular crowd. His actions disrupted the flow of what the secular crowd was doing. He was a monkey wrench in the cogs of secularism.

I am a disrupter, and so is anyone who is living for Jesus, following His example, yielding to the Spirit, and consequently being transformed into His image.

The truth is it really isn't us, but His Light in us, that shines forth and disrupts the darkness. “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light” Eph. 5:8

Have you noticed how people act differently around you now that you live as a child of the light? Notice how unbelievers in your family, at school, or at work, are uncomfortable around you or even get angry toward you for no apparent reason? It's because you have disrupted the status quo, and they don't like it. You're in good company though, Jesus experienced the same thing when He came into the world, so much so that it marked a division in history as BC and AD (BC means 'Before Christ' and AD stands for 'Anno Domini', a Latin term which means 'Year of Our Lord').

This is how I picture being a “disrupter”: I was going along with everyone else in the crowd, headed in the same direction as everyone else. Then Jesus came into my life and showed me I was heading in the wrong direction, so I turned around. Well, as I began to move in the “right” direction, which is against the crowd, the crowd is unhappy with me because I am in their way, and some bump into me, some shove me, some get angry at me, and some yell at me, but every so often someone asks why am I doing what I am doing. They share that they had bumped into others along the way that had told them the same good news, and they decide to follow Jesus, becoming another “disrupter” going against the crowd. “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it”—Matthew 7:13-14.

I know that being a disrupter is difficult, however, be encouraged, we are not walking alone. He is not only with us, but in us, and He will never leave us! “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” —Deut. 31:6

## praise report

- ◆ The Lord covered the cost of my dental crown!
- ◆ The Lord found us an apartment just outside the historic center within our budget! Moving Day June 1 and 4
- ◆ The Lord is growing our weekly Bible study, we have 2 new people!
- ◆ The Lord is helping Cristina's eczema!

## Why Italy?!

- 500,000 alleged cases of demonic possession or activity in Italy annually. Demonic possession claims have tripled in recent years and is attributed to the rise in demonic activity due to an increased use of fortune-tellers and tarot cards.
- Birth place of the fortune telling tarot cards
- 13 million Italians consult fortune-tellers every year for a total business volume of €6 billion (euro).
- Less than 1% evangelical Christians – (less than Russia, China, India).
- Only 10% of missionaries return after their first furlough.

## What's New-Keep in Prayer

- ♥ **English Conversational Class:** In June we plan to offer a free English Conversational Class! It's an opportunity to reach out to the community twice a month in the evening, where people can practice their English and get to know us! Pray we find a space!
- ♥ **Social Media:** My posts in local social media groups in this area has opened the door to meet several people. One now attends our study. Pray for this outreach platform.
- ♥ **CC Sulmona Website!** We launched calvarychapel.sulmona.org (still building)
- ♥ **Co-Workers:** In addition to Frank & Vicki Signoretti, there is another couple from Tennessee who are feeling led by the Lord to move to Sulmona; they will be here in July – please keep Frank & Vicki and John & Gaylia in your prayers!



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**& PRAY**

- Pray for the Ingleses
- Pray for Calvary Chapel Sulmona

### Prayer Requests—

- The Lord would draw the Italians to Himself, give them a hunger for His truths and a desire to read His Word
- God's guidance and direction for us
- That we would meet the Italian Christians in Sulmona
- Bind the Enemy and his attacks
- Protection over our health
- Language learning, to learn quickly
- Raise-up people to come along side us, physically, prayerfully, and financially
- A vehicle

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