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MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER

La Passeggiata

By John Inglese

Every evening, starting around 6-7 pm, Corso Ovidio begins to fill up between the main cathedral and the main piazza as residents of Sulmona set-out for an evening walk, to get gelato, an appetivo, and/or visit with friends. As Cristina, Matthew, and I go out as well, to walk during “la passeggiata,” we see whole families walking together, parents

relationships are a vital part of the Italian people’s lives.

We’ve only been here in the city of Sulmona for a little over 2 months now, and being centrally located, we have become acquainted with some of the shop owners around us, like Alex who works at the



cell phone store, Jerome, a puppeteer who makes all his puppets from scratch and puts on puppet shows once a week, Silvia who owns a gift shop just below our apartment, and Olga who owns the café I frequent in the early mornings. We too are seeking to



conversation in Italian, to hear about their lives, their struggles, and their hopes, so we in turn can share the True Hope we have in Christ!

Sulmona’s population is around 25,000



people with approximately 74 Catholic churches, including the surrounding towns which are in close proximity. Sulmona has been here for over 2,000 years without an evangelical church. Please Pray!

and their children, grandparents pushing baby strollers, friends talking and walking with friends. It seems like the whole town comes out. Many of the people get all dressed up as if they were going to a special event or occasion. Many walk until they run into friends, neighbors, or acquaintances, and stop to talk. It is obvious that



build relationships with those we encounter regularly, and really look forward to when we can carry on a full

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

—Psalm 96:3



It Was God's Will!

By John Inglese

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. —John 1:12-13

We read so many verses about the love of God, I mean it really is endless. When reading through the Bible I cannot count how many times I've read about His love for me. Every time I read it, I just want to praise Him! Why? Because, who am I, that an infinite God would love me a finite creature, that a Holy God would love this sinful man, that this all-powerful God who created millions of galaxies, stars, and planets would love this speck in comparison to all his creation, that this God who never takes His eyes off me would love this man who does take his eyes off Him, that this God who loves unconditionally would love this man who does not always act in a loving way, that this God who laid down His Son's life for us and who asks us to lay down our lives for others, would love this man who struggles to do so. Is He not an amazing loving God who loves us

unconditionally? Based not on performance but on the fact that it is His will to love us, it is His will to make us His sons. There isn't anything we can do to gain more love from Him, He loves us the same as when He first loved us, no more or no less throughout all eternity.

Italian Language Classes Begin!

Now that kids are back to school here in Sulmona, the government-offered Italian language classes are starting up as well, to encourage foreigners to learn the language. This is going to be a great opportunity to meet other people while we learn Italian. The classes are held at the local middle school three days a week. It is a 100-hour class and one semester long.



Whenever you eat pizza remember to

- Pray for Italy
- Pray for the Ingleses

Prayer Requests

- Draw the Italians to Himself, give them a hunger for His truths, give them a desire to read His Word
- God's guidance, direction
- Let us 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
- Vehicle

PIZZA! PIZZA!



THANK YOU-

to Sergio & Charissma, and the others who have shared your pics!
We appreciate your prayers and encouragement! Love you guys!