



Sulmona, Italy

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MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER

*“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!
-Psalm 72:18-19*

His Timing

—by John Inglese

March is almost here, and though we had hoped to leave by March, we are still waiting on the Lord to open the doors for us to leave.

Everyone keeps asking “What do you need to get to Italy?” My wife and I have been praying about this for a while. We know that where God guides, God provides. We know He will provide for all our needs, He is our provider, and He has not once failed us. With that being said, as people come and ask us what is it that we need to send us on our way to serve the Lord in Italy, our response has been “We

are waiting on God to put the last few pieces of the puzzle in place.” We put our full trust in God, that He may get all the glory.

Recently, it has come to our attention from not just our own pastor, but from a couple of other pastors who know us, as well as

some wonderful brothers and sisters in the Lord that we are one body and as one body in Christ, we have many members, and the members need to communicate with one another in order for the body to function efficiently. We were told that the members would like to know in what way they can help. So, we have decided to provide “information without solicitation” on things that are “still needed” for us to go and serve in Italy. Regarding amounts we will leave it to the Lord to put upon the hearts of those who want to give. We don't feel worthy of anything, in fact we feel blessed that God would even consider using us to be a light and salt in Italy. We are in awe of His incredible loving grace that he has shown us. One thing we do ask is for you to please keep us in prayer. As a reminder, anytime you have pizza just think of “Pizza ... Pizza” and then pray for us.

Praise God!—All costs for the paperwork for citizenship and both Italian and American passports have already been provided for!

We need prayer for travel expenses, accommodations once in Italy, on-going support for monthly expenses, and prayer for our Son Nathanael to get situated with a full-time job as well as a place to live. He is considering an area with lower cost of living.

Please see back page for a simplified prayer list, including prayer for the Italian people we look forward to serving in the love of Jesus Christ.



Pastor Steve Feden of Calvary Chapel Fluvanna Virginia, sent us this cap, which was a great encouragement. Pastor Steve, and his church, are one of our supporters. God has burdened his heart with seeing a CC Sulmona started there.

Italy Prayercast

There is a wonderful prayercast that we found when googling “prayer for Italy”. You can watch the video and listen to the speaker's passionate prayer for Italy on their website at www.prayercast.com/Italy.html or you can watch it on You-Tube at https://youtu.be/7nG2C_p5CkU.

“Italy is home to some of the world's most famous historical treasures including the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Roman Forum. Central to the Renaissance, Italy is the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael. This nation has had an immeasurable and global impact on art, music, and literature, and is often known for its architecture, fashion, and cuisine. Classical villas, the Mediterranean coast, and the northern Alps are just glimpses of the breathtaking beauty that draws millions of tourists every year.

Though Italy has the seventh-largest economy in the world, it is struggling to grow. Both restrictive legislation for businesses and organized crime have contributed to the country's overwhelming debt (the third largest in the world). Once the seat of the Roman Em-

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Pastor Indy of Calvary Chapel Eastside Palmdale-our home church, John, Cristina, Sam Lee, Elder at CCES.



Piazza dei Signori a Vicenza, Veneto, Italy. Photo credit: Rossi Thomson.

Italy Prayercast —(Continued from page 1)
 pire, one of history's greatest superpowers, today Italy faces many social and economic challenges. Roughly 39% of youth are unemployed, causing many to leave the country in search of greater opportunities. Thirty percent live in poverty; massive debt inhibits the government from properly addressing the issue. Despite the RICO operation in the 1990s that aimed to crackdown on corrup-

“ I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize that He is able to carry out His will for me. It does not matter where He places me, or how. That is for Him to consider, not me, for in the easiest positions He will give me grace, and in the most difficult ones His grace is sufficient.”

—Hudson Taylor

tion, organized crime still reaches into every strata of social and governmental life. The recent immigration crisis has also brought thousands of refugees from war-torn places such as Syria and Libya to their shores, leading Italy to threaten closing its ports.

This nation has a rich history of faith. The Book of Romans was written to the Church in Rome, which was the center of intense persecution for the early Church. Deeply rooted in Catholicism, it is home to the Vatican - the seat of the Catholic Church. Today, about 82% of the population claims Christianity (most are Roman Catholic). Yet only 15% of Italian Catholics faithfully practice their faith, with the majority seeing it as part of their cultural identity more than as a personal belief. Only about 1% of Italians are Evangelical Christian. Secular materialism, Occultism, and Satanism are gaining influence across the nation. Many regions remain without a strong evangelical church; out of 105 people groups, 24 remain unreached with the Gospel. A better understanding of God's Word is needed in order to overcome the rampant spiritual indifference that now plagues this nation."

"If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." —John 14:14

Source: Prayercast.com/Italy

PRAYER REQUESTS

Travel Expenses:

- Airline tickets—approx. \$2,400
- Travel expenses from Rome to Sulmona

Other Requests:

- Apartment in Sulmona (furnished, good location)-approx. \$500-700/mo.
- Ongoing Monthly Support
- Our son, Nathanael, who lives with us needs a job and a place to stay (i.e., an apt., a room, someplace) so we can depart for Italy
- Our Italian language learning

Italian People:

- Pray for nominal Christians throughout Italy, that they would gain a true understanding of the gospel.
- Pray for Italians enslaved by tradition or disillusioned with church structures to encounter the living Christ.
- Pray for the power of God to be revealed and to set free those lost in the darkness of occult, pagan, and New Age practices.



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel . . ."

—Ephesians 6:18

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