



Impacting ITALY
through Church Leaders

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God continues to bless His work! **A need not met!**

It is hard to understand the great need for the Gospel in Italy for those that live in the United States. Most believers in America have to drive just a few miles to go to church, many have more than one church to pick from as they make their choice. In Italy, where there are over 30,000 towns without a Gospel witness things are very different. Aurora Mission is strategically training men for ministry and helping the establishment of new church plants.

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THE GOSPEL PROGRESSES

MY PREACHING HAS CHANGED!

These are the words that we continue to hear in our classes. Again this year we have began a new class in Expository Preaching. We are so grateful to God for new students that are willing to take two weeks, one in the Spring and one in the Fall for two years to learn how to study God's Word and teach it with clarity.

Pastor Steve Kreloff from Clearwater, FL is our professor for the first week of our Expository Preaching Program. The students are blessed by having a professor that has faithfully preached the Word of God verse by verse for over 25 years. The students continually tell us how the teaching is going to change their attitude towards preaching.

Our second year students returned excited and with glowing reports of how their preaching has changed and is having an effect on their congregations. Dan Dumas, our professor for our second year students, began class this past April asking the students how their first year of studies have effected their teaching; we were so blessed by the reports that our students gave.

We are so grateful to God for what He is doing

and for all those that are praying for this ministry. Many of our students are able to come because of the scholarships we are able to offer through your generous donations to our Scholarship Fund. \$250 allows one student to come for one week.

Thank you so much!



NOW DOCTRINE IS MUCH CLEARER!

Seven students finished the three year Systematic Theology Program. Phil Johnson has taught this class faithfully. Through his teaching he is able to teach hard concepts with clarity and help the students grasp Theology.

One of the characteristics of the Italian churches is that they have been very evangelistic but not very strong in doctrine. Most of the men that lead churches in Italy have not had any formal Biblical training. By God's grace this course is having a great impact and making a change in the understanding of doctrine in the churches.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY CHURCHES IN THIS AREA?

We receive requests of this kind all the time at our headquarters in Florida. Believers meet Italians and would like to refer them to a local church in Italy.

Many times we are not aware of any church in the area that we are asked about. With so many



cities and towns without a Gospel witness there continues to be a great need for new church plants in many parts of Italy.

As a mission we are involved in four church plants in different regions of Italy. Each work is hard and has different sets of challenges. Many of our students are involved in church plants or very small groups.

Our students are ministering in about 40 different towns. Pray that God continues to encourage them and that they would continue to be faithful in spite of the many difficulties. We know that the results are dependent on the sovereign work of God, our duty is to be faithful as the need is still great.

A NEW PROGRAM BEGINS!

This month our Church History Program begins. We are grateful for Dennis Swanson from The Master's Seminary who will teach this new class.

Pray for our students as it is always a challenge for them to receive time off from work and come for a week and study in Acireale.



MORE BOOKS ARE NEEDED!

At this time we have begun the translations of five new books.

We desire to publish *God's Plan for Israel* by Steven Kreloff. This book is a study of Romans chapters 9-11 and is an explanation of what God is going to do for Israel. We are also publishing the *Commentary on Titus* by Dr. John MacArthur, we believe it is a strategic book for the understanding of the qualifications and duties of church leaders in the local church. *Walking Like Jesus Did* by Pastor Larry McCall is a very practical book that will help the believers in the churches in Italy. We have secured the rights for Jerry Bridges' book *Is God Really in Control?*. We are thankful for Jerry's desire to see this book published in Italian and the financial help we have received for this project. We are also publishing with the help of a church in Italy *Twelve Ordinary Men*, by Dr. John MacArthur a great book to develop leadership in the churches.

As you can see there is so much more work to be done and we are waiting upon God to provide the finances for the publishing of these books. We are also publishing a second edition of three more books that are out of print. *How to Interpret the Bible for Yourself*, by Dr. Richard Mayhue, *Why One Way?*, by Dr. John MacArthur, and *Expository Preaching*, by Steven Kreloff.

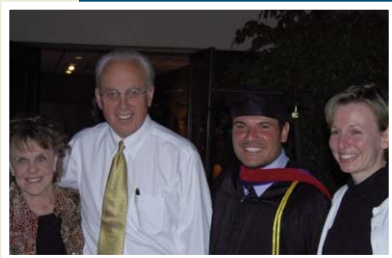
Continue to pray for the books as they go out and for the continued distribution of those already in print, especially the *MacArthur Study Bible* in Italian.

FOCUS 2008

Pray for our preparation for our FOCUS Conference in October. Pray for our speakers and for the participation of many leaders and their wives as they continue to ask for more training.

This year our speakers are William Standridge, Phil Johnson, Steve Kreloff, and Don Jennings. We look forward to this very special time with the Italian leaders.

OUR FIRST GRADUATE



Johnny Gravino graduated with high honors from the Master's Seminary.

After four years Johnny has finished his studies and is raising his financial support to begin his ministry with Aurora in Italy.

Johnny and his wife Alexandra along with their two children plan to move to Italy in January 2009. After an internship in their sending church in Rome they plan to join us in Acireale.

We look forward to the great help it will be for the expansion of our ministry in Acireale. Johnny will be able to translate some of the professors and also begin teaching some of our courses. He will also be involved with the leadership and teaching at our church plant in Acireale.

We believe it is of strategic importance that the Gravino family arrives in Italy as soon as possible. As you know raising fund for ministry is not easy. Pray for them as they contact churches and friends for prayer and financial support. If you would like to be involved in their ministry please do not hesitate to contact us.

God is working in Italy and is, by His grace, allowing us to impact churches through the training of leaders. Continue to pray!