



The Truitts ...Missionaries In Italy "Mainly to the Military since 1986"

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Greetings in Jesus' Name from Naples, Italy,

Formerly over 17 years on Okinawa with hundreds saved and many around the world as missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers.

Can you just picture it? The storefront that said Sport Core and formerly sold sporting equipment is just about to say Bible Baptist Church! No longer will it peddle items for a healthy body, but be a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed to change folks into healthy Christians. But, the signs are going to cost!



I have put four thousand euros down on a building in the Lago Patria main street (greater Naples area), and we are moving from our present location in Casal di Principe. As many of you know, the place where we were was a very bad location and in the midst of the Naples Mafia (Camorra). We had to get out of there – it's hard to build a church when visitors' cars are shot with a handgun as they come to church – and now things are greatly looking up. The first Sunday of the month, right in the middle of the morning service the landlord (who we are pretty sure is Camorra) interrupted the service so that he could be paid his rent money in cash; he always does that, he comes during the service. I believe he is on his way home from attending his catholic services; those Camorra are very religious, you know.

The new location is right next to the site for a large NATO base. There are many American military personnel who live nearby as well, and the area is known and frequented by many folks from the bases in this part of Italy. Presently the landlord is making it serviceable so that we can begin services by the end of the month.

One thing that we need much prayer for is air conditioning/heating units to be installed. The building has no windows that can be opened, and it was designed for the use of A/C in that former sporting goods store. I've just had three Italian estimates, averaging eight thousand euros (1 euro is about \$1.25 at current exchange rates). To be honest with you, this is a big problem for us as we've already expended a major amount of finances, and haven't even made the physical move yet, which includes renting vehicles large enough to make the move. This is all a big deal – the A/C and making the sign change from the Sport Core to Bible Baptist Church – so any help from individuals or churches who would like to have a part in this would be greatly appreciated. Possibly there is someone that would like to have a part in this? (Please send help to BIM I #716 and designate it for the Bible Baptist Church Move.)



For Mother's Day we had a meal on the grounds, which went really well, but there was only one visitor – a Navy Chief who had come up from Sicily for a couple weeks. I think I gave away eight rose bushes to the mothers and all the men provided the meal.

Many of our folks have temporarily gone, and Linda and I have been left in the midst of all this to make the decisions and organize the whole thing. This past Memorial Day there was only one other American in the whole church besides Linda and me. That is a first in all the years I have been a missionary. We had folks in Bahrain, on leave, or in the States. With the exception of one American wife, the only ones in attendance were non Americans, primarily from African nations. By the way, this past month we had two Africans trust in Christ for salvation, and both of them stood up and went to the front of the church where they gave a wonderful profession of faith in Christ before everyone there. They're definitely not ashamed of Christ! Many of our Africans have had a lot of Moslem influence and find it a relief to have a loving God.

I had a call a couple days ago from an African man here in Lago Patria wanting to know when we will be moving because he has six other African families who want to attend the services here; those folks are all from Nigeria, I believe. These African refugees live on a mere pittance, and it's really heartrending to see what they have. One thing about it though, when they get saved they really soak up the Word of God!

Please be in prayer for us this month and next month especially. Pray for our move that things will go smoothly, for plenty of workers and help, for the necessary finances, and for a giant increase in souls coming to Christ. That is for the church, but we have a personal matter that is imperative as well; I have finally received my Sojourn (permission to live here), but Linda's is still up in the air. We need things to fall into place by the end of the month of June or Linda will have to leave the EU (European Union) to get her passport stamped in another country, and we'll have to start all over again, so please make this a matter of prayer too.

God bless you all, and thank you for having a part in this ministry,

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"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honor."
Proverbs 21:21 - King Solomon

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