

BASED IN ITALY, REACHING SOUTHERN EUROP AND NORTHERN AFRICA

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"As cold water to a weary soul, so is Good News from a far country." (Prov. 25:25)



"Good News from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing: To us this day a child is given, to crown us with the joy of heaven." (Wartin Luther)

When Jesus was born, men and angels began worshipping the Saviour of mankind.

During this exceptional time of the year we are reminded of Jesus' coming to the world, bringing His Peace, God's Love and Forgivness.

We who have experienced God's unconditional love are commanded to share that love with others. John writes, "Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other" (NLT). 1 John 4:11

God wants us to express His supernatural love to others. We become examples of

God's love to the world as we love our neighbors through the enabling of His Holy Spirit.

Our prayer for you during this special time and throughout the year is the same as Paul's prayer for the believers in Ephesians 3:17-18. "May your roots go down deep in to the soil of God's marvelous love, and may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is" (NLT).

## WHEN IS IT CHRISTMAS

Each time you let God love others through your faith it is Christmas time,
each time you smile at someone and offer him your hand and heart it is Christmas time



### **Building...so that we can reach the UNREACHED**

Good News Ministries continues to raise funds so that we can carry on with our church building project in Badgery, Nigeria. So far we have been able to put up a section of walls to enclose classrooms and a small office space. We currently have over 150 people who are regularly coming to church every weekend. We are using this classroom area to teach the children who come from the surrounding area the skills that can help them find work outside of their villages.



We now need to build the walls, doors and windows around the sanctuary of the church building.

Please take this opportunity to send the best gift you can to help Good News Ministries buy the necessary supplies and construction material to build these walls, windows and doors.

Cost for supplies is \$7,000 – Thank you for your generosity!

(Please write on your check: Walls and Doors)

# Reaching the Unreached

The desire of our heart is that people might know Christ and the power of His resurrection.

MINISTERING IN ITALY has made us realize even more how much people are in need of the Gospel. As of this year, missionary sending organizations have now listed Italy as one of the top 10 most unreached countries in the world.

One reason it is so challenging to communicate the gospel to Italians is because Italy is the only country that was all but bypassed by the Protestant Reformation.

The vast majority of Italians believe they must merit salvation. Even then, salvation is nothing more than the hope of going to purgatory, a middle earth reality between hell and heaven invented apart from the Scriptures.

- There are only about 1.1% evangelical Christians in Italy. The fastest growing religion in Italy is actually Islam, like many countries in Europe. In some Italian cities however, the fastest growing religion is Satanism. In fact, there are more Satanists (100,000) then there are Roman Catholic priests.
- Of the 33,500 towns and villages in Italy, 32,000 have no evangelical church, no bible study, no Christian bookstore, no Christian TV or radio program, no Christians...no evangelical witness whatsoever.

That means 94% of the towns and villages in Italy do not even have one Christian that could share God's love or the true gospel of grace...that we are saved by God's grace alone.

In most regions of Italy there is approximately 1 evangelical church for every 50-60,000 Italians! In comparison, there is approximately 1 church for every 5,000 people in North America. Without the TRUE Gospel, Italians are a people without hope. *But with God...all things are possible!* 

Good News Ministries is endeavouring to reach the unreached in this part of the world by radio, TV, books, crusades, evangelical outreaches, conferences, prison ministry, pastors and leadership seminars, ministering in community homes and orphanages. We are ready to minister where God leads.

Your prayerful and financial support allows us to continue reaching more people with God's saving Gospel. There is still so much to do!

#### What is partnership?

Co-labouring together to reach the world with the victorious message of Jesus Christ! *Thank you for helping us stay on the mission field!* 











Over the last 19 years we have been so blessed to have many churches and individuals join hands with us in bringing God's Word to Italy and Europe. It is because of YOU that we have been able to do all the things that God has called us to do.

## Thank You

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