



# Michael and Erika Barone

Church-planting missionaries to Italy

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**Dear praying friends and supporters,**

Happy New Year! With the start of 2009, we have some exciting new developments in our ministry that we want to share with you.

Since the last time we wrote, we learned that in early July Erika is expecting our third child. As exciting as it is, we know this will add a fresh dynamic that will bring new challenges. As you think of it, please pray that this will not hinder our goal of being done with deputation by early 2010.

We are also thrilled to report that we recently have had several churches feel burdened to partner with us. What is unique about this news is that we have not been in any of these churches for over a year!

Lastly, we have made substantial improvements to our website and blog. Some new features have been added that we are really excited about! In an effort to keep you better connected with what is going on in our ministry, our *Pray for Italy* blog has been redesigned and now includes regular video updates. I would encourage you to visit the website at [www.gospeltoitaly.com](http://www.gospeltoitaly.com) and be sure to check out the new blog for our most recent updates.

**This month we covet you to pray for:**

- *Erika's pregnancy*
- *God to provide us with additional meetings*
- *God to be glorified in us and through us*
- *Us to effectively minister and touch lives in our travels*

Constrained by His love,

Michael & Erika Barone