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Church-planting missionaries to Italy

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It is not the easiest of times to be a missionary on deputation. We rarely visit a church where the national recession is not mentioned or the threat of lost jobs is not discussed. Often people comment that we are headed into an economic crisis, and as real as that may be - I can't help but think that there is a much bigger problem going on around us. With three-billion people having never heard the gospel, there is also a spiritual crisis to consider.

This past month included a full schedule of great meetings and conferences in Georgia and Florida. We are refreshed and excited that despite the economic problems facing our country, God owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Ps 50:10)! Many of the churches we have ministered in have been touched by the great need for missionaries in Italy and have responded by partnering with us through prayer and monthly support.

We are thankful that God is using this time of deputation not only to shape us, but also to use us in ministry. Most recently, following Michael's message on Sunday morning, a young man walked down the aisle to get saved. We are so thankful the Lord is using us here to touch lives and point people to Christ.

This month we covet your prayers for....

- *That the young man that got saved would grow spiritually*
- *God would use us in a powerful way as we minister and serve people*
- *That churches will continue to partner with us financially*

Constrained by His love,

Michael & Erika Barone