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Church-planting missionaries to Italy

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Dear praying friends and supporters,

Things are going well for us on deputation. We are thrilled at how God has been providing new supporters and doing great things in our ministry. Based on current progress, it is our goal to be in Italy in the first half of next year.

As always, we encourage you to stay connected with our ministry through our website, www.gospeltoitaly.com . There you will find weekly video updates and our most current news from the road.

I want to take a moment to share a troubling reality which was recently brought to my attention. It is now apparent that the spiritual decline in Italy is increasing exponentially. The birthrate in Italy is only about 1.1 children per family. There is a high volume of Muslims immigrating into Italy and each Muslim family has an average of five to six children. At this rate, it will only take two generations for Italy to become a Muslim nation!

Has there ever been a more urgent time to reach a country with the gospel of Christ? We ask that you prayerfully consider getting involved now to help reach Italy with the gospel before it is too late.

Constrained by His love,

Michael & Erika Barone