

August 2017 China, Italy

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ITALY

Our work here continues, with the intensive feeding scheme backing up the preaching of the Gospel to great effect. Our team are working very very hard, in temperatures over 40 C, from kids to pensioners. All our feeding is backing up the preaching of the Gospel to those whom local brothers Joseph, Tony and others have already preached to, and who have been given *NEV Bibles* and *Bible Basics* material. Many meals are provided and then followed by up to an hour of Bible teaching; you can see an example of our preaching at meal times at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lezJrJxvGQ&t=13s

We have had all manner of people hearing the Gospel- not only West Africans, from Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cameroon, Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea; but also Bangladeshis and others from Asia.



Between us, our team have baptized 14 brothers, and we're pleased to also tell you of the baptism of MARCO, an 'Italian Italian' contact: MICHAEL, PRECIOUS, PETER, OMON, JOHNSTON, MARTIN, AYO, IZEGBE, IKECHU, THEO, EMMANUEL, MACK, COURAGE and ERNEST. We continue working with others.



This is one of the most intensive and clearly blessed outreaches in which we have been privileged to work with the Lord, who in ways great and small constantly assures us of His very active involvement with the work. We so appreciate your prayers and financially enabling all this work.

We told you in an earlier Carelink of the trauma of sister Blessing, kept as a sex slave for 3 months in Libya on her way to Italy. She has been powerfully strengthened by the Lord since her baptism, and now has a job, working 6 days / week in a hotel. She spent her free day with us at the beach supporting the baptisms. After one of the baptisms, a group of curious Italians approached us, and brother Joseph was able to preach to them in Italian for at least 10 minutes. In the 19th century, Europeans landed on the beaches of Africa to preach the Gospel. Now, Africans who landed on European beaches are preaching the Gospel to Europeans in a largely Godless and non Christian Europe; this is clearly all in God's wise plan:



The same spirit continues near the railway station where the Africans tend to congregate. In the bushes to one side of it, large numbers of white Italian alcoholics, prostitutes and drug addicts congregate. We were able to take the Gospel and food to them too, people who surely need Jesus Christ.

You can see a brief video of one of our visitations to these folks at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwCqS0vA66I>

As always, our material help is meshed with presenting the Gospel; here you can see us giving a man a New Testament along with food



We've temporarily rented a basement near the railway station where we have held some follow up meetings for those baptized, as well as providing food there.

CHINA

Brother Donald reports: "I baptized brother Jian at the swimming pool, below is his personal testimony in short.

I knew God from my mother, who become a devout Christian at the age of 57. I saw the change that happened in her, it was really so amazing. Jesus slowly changed her life trajectory. For example, she used to have bad temper, but after she converted she even told me the Bible says the importance of controlling one's temper. As children of God, we are called to love others and to be at peace, love your enemy, she really came to live like that.

But at that time, I was studying very hard for my university entrance exams, and my mother did not deliberately guide me, so that my students life goes like the rest of Chinese students. What really touched me is a series of things that happened later, as I grew up. People I loved become older. and their death caused me to think and reflect. I had felt the sadness of my grandfather's death, and my mother had a big surgery in hospital. My father signed a consent form for the operation with shaking hands. My mother lay on the operating table, having been in prayer, her confidence to God showed on her face, without a trace of fear. Finally everything went well, thanks God.

Mother told me it was a blessing from God. Our God always has open arms, and I was very late in coming before the lord. So I am from the deep desire of my heart to come close to our God, and therefore decided to learn the message and be baptized. Jesus come soon!"



Prayer Points:

- For those recently baptized
- Thanks to God and His dear Son for their amazing willingness to work with the migrants in Italy
- For wisdom as to how to follow up with those baptized, seeing many of them will move on

from where they are

- For brother Donald in his lonely ministry in China

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks