

## Dear prayer and supporter Brethren:

*“God is able to do exceedingly abundantly  
above all that we ask or think Ephesians 3:20”*

We are so thankful to God for his wonderful grace that every day helps us to go forth by His power and for His glory. In the last couple of months God has shown us His love , care, guidance, and we are so thankful for that. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. you are a blessing to us. Let me share with you some of the things that we were doing for the Lord in the northern part of Italy.



*Mario & Norma  
Portillo  
CEM Italy*

# Treviso



On Easter we had a big celebration that started at 8:00 A.M. We had very special music from every single group of the Church: children, young people and adults. I was able to preach going through the passion path of Jesus Christ until the resurrection with songs and drama. It was such a great blessing, and we finished the service with breakfast together. We generally have about one hundred people, but that morning we had 140 people. We had about 60 dedications, and at the end of the service when I was greeting all of the people, a child of 9 years old came to me and said, "while you were singing I was really scared and sad about the things that people did to Jesus because of me, so I prayed and asked God to forgive me."

God is great! That day the Lord touched so many lives. In Treviso I continue to counsel and disciple and we are also getting ready for a men's retreat from June 8-10.

*Please pray for that.*



# Padova



## As you know, every Wednesday we go to Padova to minister to three different groups:

The first group is a ladies group. One of the women, Katherina, has decided not come anymore. Probably because she got to the point that understood that she needs to make a salvation decision, and she doesn't want to take that step yet, so please pray for her. The good news is that the other lady, Francesca, who is a doctor, is so enthusiastic about the Bible study that now she encourages her husband to participate. One week ago after he had surgery, she asked me to bring a Bible to him. When he received it, he began to weep please, so please pray for his salvation- his name is Marco.

Second group: we lost two unsaved ladies too. We have the addition of one new lady. Please keep on praying for the salvation of Antonella e Ubaldo. The third group is a doctrinal Bible study and is doing very well. On Sundays we have afternoon services and we have an average of 24 people. The church is growing with much enthusiasm, even as we are facing some trials with the relationship of some members that we are working hard trying to resolve. We were able to have a big evangelization with an evangelistic team that works with young people from college and it was great. They had a drama presentation in our facilities. It was a presentation about the Gospel of Mark. We had about 80 people, and 45 were unbelievers, so all of those people heard the Gospel for the first time. We had no salvation decisions but the Word of God was preached and we know that the Lord will bring fruit.

**GRUPPI BIBLICI UNIVERSITARI**

**PRESENTANO:**

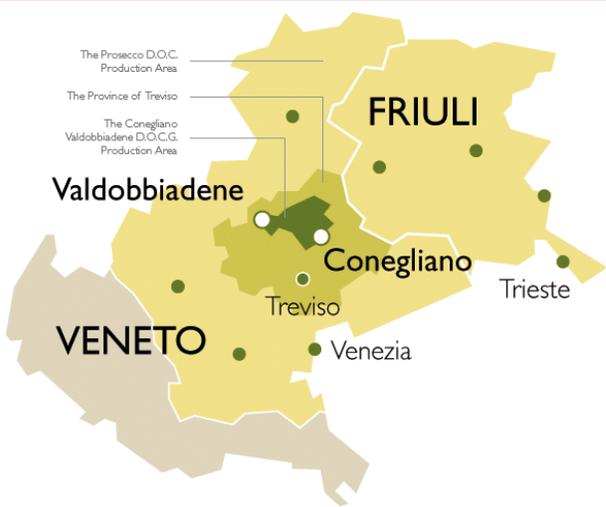
# THE MARK DRAMA

90 minuti.  
15 attori.

La scena al centro.  
Tutto il Vangelo di Marco dal vivo.  
Teatro amatoriale gratuito!

<b>PADOVA:</b> 7 MAGGIO 2018 CORSO MILANO, 6 ORE 20	<b>VERONA:</b> 8 MAGGIO 2018 VICOLO SATIRO, 8 ORE 20
--	---





# *Conegliano*

We are planting a church here. We have about twenty people with many opportunities to counsel and teach people with very difficult lives. So we have started some discipleship in some of these people's homes.





# Belluno

We planted a church here in November.

We are starting a discipleship program here as well. We hold the services on Saturdays here because we are not able to hold them on Sundays. We have a group of about thirty people. We ask you to pray for Joerdson and Ronaldon who are the two men that we are training to help the ministry there. Please also pray for a place that we can rent. Right now we are using a community room. We don't pay much a rent, but it is very uncomfortable and we have no place to have the Sunday school for the children.





# *Pizzoletta - Verona:*

As a planting church ministry, this is the place that I spent most of my time during the week. Four days that week, we had some outreach programs: Pasquetta PickNick (the Monday after is a holiday in Italy) We organized all kinds of crazy games for adults and children, plus we had a cook out. Of course this was a great opportunity to preach the Gospel. We had a group of 60 people. Ten were unsaved and had never heard the Gospel. It was a great day with much fellowship for the Church too.







### Second Young couple Meeting:

We had the whole Church praying and working to invite unsaved people for this event. The goal was to reach unsaved couples. The program and the Word of God were a great impact in the lives of many people. We had 18 unsaved guests. The people heard the Gospel and many people promised that were gong to come to the next event.

We had 4 muslins that attended also. The name of the program was The Four Seasons of Love. We had the whole Church of about thirty people involved in the preparation, and it was great to see how the people were impacted by the Word of God.



## LE STAGIONI DELL'AMORE



## Mother's Day:

We had a surprise program that nobody knew was going to take place. The children sang and recited poems. We had a video with the pictures of the mothers of the people of the church talking about the ministry of the mother. We had patchwork hearts made by me in the patchwork lessons that I am taking in the Treviso Church.

(Other outreach ministry that we have in Treviso) Plus I dedicated a song to the mothers that I knew that my biological mother loved. After that, I had the preaching, and many people were touched by the word of God. That morning we had a guest, a lady of 19 years old who was really touched by the Word of God, but she didn't want to talk about it. During lunch time the person who had invited her to the service talked to her again she started weeping, and at the end of lunch she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior. God is great!!!



Every Thursday we have the Bible study. We have an average of 14 people. We go deep into the Word and the meeting goes for two hours and many people are really changing their lives. I am training Andrea and Francesco every week to be leaders.

I also disciple with Piero, Andreina e Michele and of course I visit the people of the Church which gives us the opportunity to present the Gospel to friends and relatives.

One special testimony: Andrea Adami and Antonella are married with two children. They came to know the Lord one year ago, and from the beginning their family encountered a lot of opposition because of their salvation decision. The last week Andrea came to the Bible study, she was very weary and sad, because her mother was in the hospital dying. The Bible study was a blessing and encouraging to him. I spoke with him and told him that I would go visit his mother in the hospital if he wanted me to, and he told me no, because she only had a few days left and didn't want to upset her. So I comforted him and shared some words with him from God's perspective.

He could not sleep that whole night, and the next day he called me and we made arrangements to go to visit her. When we arrived at the hospital, we were told by the doctor that there was no way that we could speak to her because her situation was so grave. So we began to pray for her. After some time, her situation changed, and her mind cleared 100% and we were permitted to go into the room to see her. When we entered the room we saw that she had a big mask on and tubes coming out of her. Her son asked if we could pray with her. She was not very happy about it, but she finally agreed to let us pray. After that, we were asked to leave.

The son told his mom that he would see her tomorrow. She told him that she would not see him tomorrow. The son became very upset and started to cry so I hugged him and asked him if he would like me to speak to his mom whose name is Silvana and he said yes. So I said to her, I am here because I am friend of your son and I know how much your son cares for you and loves you, but I am here to talk to you about a Person who loves you and cares more for you than your son – The lord Jesus Christ. In a few minutes I was able to present the Gospel and at the end I asked her if she wanted to pray with me to ask the Lord to be her Savior and she said yes. It was a wonderful moment full of joy.

Her son couldn't believe it and said she probably isn't serious! But the next day at church he came smiling to me and said today I went to visit my mother and I took my Bible with me. She always forbade me to read it to her but today she allowed me to read it to her! Now I know pastor that she is saved and go be with Jesus for eternity. God is good!



# Conference:

I was invited to be a guest speaker at a conference for singles in Venice. We had 27 people and it was wonderful to see how people were touched by the Word of God



**RELATORI**



Dott. Gianfranco Giuni



Pastore Mario Portillo

**VENEZIA**

DAL **28** APRILE  
AL **1** MAGGIO

**L'ARTE DI AMARE**



INFO: 340 5304541 [info@trueloveinjesus.com](mailto:info@trueloveinjesus.com) [True Love in Jesus](https://www.facebook.com/TrueLoveinJesus)



## PROGRAMMA

**Sab. 28**  
Ore 17:00 Check-in  
Ore 20:00 Cena  
Ore 21:30 Venezia by night

**Dom. 29**  
Ore 08:09 Colazione  
Ore 10:00 Sessione  
Ore 13:00 Pranzo  
Ore 14:20 Gita in barca  
Isole Veneziane  
(Murano, Burano, Torcello)  
Ore 21:30 Special Night

**Lun. 30**  
Ore 08:09 Colazione  
Ore 10:00 Sessione  
Ore 13:00 Pranzo  
Ore 14:20 Gita a Venezia  
Ore 21:30 Special Night

**Mar. 1**  
Ore 08:09 Colazione  
Ore 10:17 Gita a Venezia



**179 €**

Poste Pay: 5333 1710 1128 8871  
Intestata a: Omerico Stefano  
Codice Fiscale: MRC SFN 80C07 H9260

Oppure tramite bonifico  
IBAN: IT3900200813308000102917982  
Causale: contributo meeting

COME ISCRIVERSI:  
Mandare email di iscrizione con nome,  
cognome e ricevuta di pagamento a  
[info@trueloveinjesus.com](mailto:info@trueloveinjesus.com)



**Centro Card. Urbani - Venezia**

INFO: 340 5304541 [info@trueloveinjesus.com](mailto:info@trueloveinjesus.com) [True Love in Jesus](https://www.facebook.com/TrueLoveinJesus)

***Dear prayer and supporter brethren, Thank you so much for the great help to our ministry.***

You mean a lot to us. Without you it would be really difficult to do what we are doing. So thank you very much. May the Lord bless you and reward you abundantly.

Please pray for:

- For holiness and wisdom in our daily lives
- Norma's health still having some physical issues
- Mario's health (have the check up for heart and as result of that has a new therapy that needs to go through)
- Noma's mother who had a heart problem a few weeks ago and now is out of the danger zone but has to have therapy. She is 85 years old, and living in Argentina is a big concern for us from our location in Italy.
- For our car situation- that is really a challenge day by day for the many miles that we face every day.
- For our monthly support needed
- For Children's camp from 27th of June to the 2nd of July
- For family camp 5-13 August
- For teens camp 25th August to 2nd September

***With much love in Christ, Your servants in Christ  
Mario and Noma Portillo  
CMC Italy***

