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Important News from Bill and Maria Teresa in Rome

OUTDOORS ON THE STREET CORNER IN ROME ... this was my Sunday afternoon pulpit during the first years of ministry. At the same time, we printed millions of tracts that were distributed in every part of Italy.

THESE WERE OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S COMMAND... TO EVERY NATION, TO EVERY CREATURE. We pioneered radio broadcasts in Italian, magazine advertising of the Gospel, spoke in many tent campaigns. And, to God be the glory, we saw many responses.

BUT THESE ROADS TO THE MASSES no longer function as they once did. Where did all the people go? Well, fourteen million of them are using internet for information and relaxation. Italy is the 3rd country in Europe for the number of internet users, and 55% of them are between the ages of 14 and 34.

MANY OF THEM ARE DOING RESEARCH OR BUSINESS, thousands are surfing for pornography, but other thousands who turn to the internet are weary, hopeless, lonely, unsaved, "having no hope, and without God in the world", trying to find answers to life's problems. Can we meet them there?

BY GOD'S HELP WE HOPE TO ENTER INTO THE HOMES of many of these unhappy, searching souls, as we develop evangelistic sites, as well as Bible courses, Bible questions answered, sound Gospel teaching, all on internet. It is a new, important pulpit for the Gospel, as it is available 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. We have a burden to push these doors open with your valuable help.

BILL AND MARIA TERESA'S new beautiful 200-page book, "Who Understands Me?" (in Italian) is just off the presses, explaining 15 of the problems that Jesus faced in his life on earth, how he was victorious, and how many Christians often feel abandoned and misunderstood when facing the same problems. But Jesus understands and offers help.

LAST WEEKEND WE WERE IN A MOUNTAIN TOWN SOUTH OF NAPLES speaking in a small church, for the baptism of a bright-eyed new believer. Her testimony told of her emptiness as she taught catechism in the Roman church and of the opposition as she started attending a Gospel church. And of her joy in knowing she is saved. This week we will be speaking in a small church in a mountain city east of Rome, and next weekend in a sea-side city east of Florence.

THEN, OCTOBER 13-17, BILL WILL SPEAK IN A PASTORS AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, four messages on Paul's shout as he "finished his course" and awaited his victor's crown. His 3-fold accomplishment (2 Timothy 4:7,8) shows pastors and missionaries today where they should be applying their life to God's glory. May God revive God's servants in Italy

NOW LET US SHARE SOME SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN FURTHER THE GOSPEL IN ITALY...

Printer's bill for Bill and Maria Teresa's book - needed **\$5,000**

Finishing the year in the black for our over-all publishing ministry - needed **\$20,000**

Setting up the design and programs for our internet outreach - needed **\$4,500**

Follow-up material booklets, books and courses for those who respond - needed **\$4,500**

Support of our Italian co-workers in the Mission literature ministry - needed **\$10,000**

OF COURSE NO ONE CAN COVER ALL OF THESE NEEDS BY HIMSELF

That is why we need you, and many others, your missions committee, Sunday school class or church, to make a special year-end gift to help cover a part or all of one of these needs, as the Lord makes it possible and leads you to share with us. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him together with us for the salvation of Italians and for the building of sound, obedient churches.



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The logo for Aurora Mission, featuring the word "aurora" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, with "mission" in a smaller, black, lowercase, sans-serif font to its right. A thin blue arc is positioned above the word "mission".

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