## Called by God...

In February 2009, the Adams family felt the call of God to head into the mission field, particularly drawn to the Italian people.

In a country with only an estimated .06% evangelical followers, they will have their work cut out for them.

With a background in Catholicism, and God on their side, they hope to show the Italian people who Jesus REALLY is. Not a statue, not a religion, but a Savior, who will free them and show them what TRUE SALVATION is!



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# Mission Amore



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### What Are We Doing Right Now?

The Adams Family is currently Missionary Recruits with Team Expansion. They are in the "support raising" part of their journey.

In the summer of 2011, they will head to CIT (Intercultural Training, and Bible Intensive Studies). Once completed, they plan to head overseas to Italy in the late fall of that year.

We are working with a team, whose ultimate goal is to establish viable multiplying communities of believers in Italy. Putting it simply, we are church planters.



## Why Italy?

When many Americans think of Italy, they assume that it is a Christian nation that has already received and responded to the gospel message. With the strong emphasis of mission methodology placed on "unreached people groups" throughout the world, there are those who have difficulty understanding how Italy could be considered an "unreached people group" for present and/or future evangelistic efforts.

We consider Italy as an "unreached people group" since the Protestant movement in Italy represents only 0.82% of the Italian population and all evangelicals together number 0.6% of the population. Definitions in our American churches for an "unreached people group" will vary from one group to another, but many will agree that if the evangelical Christians in a given geographical area are less than 2 -5% of the total population, that area is to be considered an "unreached people group." Since only 0.6% of nearly 58 million Italians are considered evangelical Christians, we fervently believe that the Italians' spiritual need is not only evident, but also a matter of concern and prayer, and especially in urgent need of concrete Christian intervention.

You can read a great deal more about the specifics of why we feel God is calling us to Italy at: http://goverona.org/whyitaly.html



# The Dignity and Importance of People as Individuals

We are deeply impressed by the impact that Christ's love has on people. We do not go abroad because of our love for people, but rather, because of our love for God. People change, God does not. At the same time, our hearts break because there are so many who do not know Him as savior, Lord, friend, and guide. So even though we are involved in His work because we love Him, we are also swept up in the impact His love could have on the people with whom we share this planet.

We will not quit, we will not falter. We will hope and believe and we will be victorious. Stephen Neill\* has said that, "Missions is so difficult, it's a wonder anyone should ever have attempted it" To be successful in this work, we need to apply every ounce of energy we have to complete the task.

<sup>\* (</sup>Stephen Neill, Call to Mission, Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1970, p.24) taken from Team Expansion's website: www.teamexpansion.org