
*For who is God, save Jehovah? And who is a rock, besides our God,
Ps 18:31*

Dear ones ,

“Ciao” from Viterbo!

Just a note to say “hi” to all of you ! It was wonderful to share fellowship with many of you during my last trip for seminary training at GPTS ,in Greenville SC, together with brother Roberto Torre. Just a few lines to keep you up on what’s happening on this side of the Lord’s Vineyard. After much work the Church building is now in full function. God has provided in His time from the sink to the outside plaque. Praise God !



Many in Viterbo now know that our Church meets here. It is very difficult for a “local “to come into our Church. Going to church for an Italian means attending a Catholic one. It is a paradox that although many Italians consider themselves traditionally Catholic , in practice they are openly rebellious , anticlerical , deluded and suspicious of their Mother Church. Even though all this visiting a Protestant Church is against their DNA . No matter the hardships there is a continuous personal one on one Evangelization in our city. I thank the Lord to be able to say that there isn’t a day where God doesn’t send us souls to witness to, giving them a sound Gospel tract and an invitation to come hear the Word of God preached in our Church. Many say “oh yes, sure I’ll come visit”, others say :”you are absolutely right, I do hear and agree on what you saying, but I am Roman Catholic and I will never leave my Church” . Only God can open hearts and minds to His truth and with this we go on.

The leadership is growing in quality. Angelo and Antonio are elders in training and are very faithful leaders . They are a great blessing for the Church and God willing soon to be ordained.



Angelo, Pastor Mario , Antonio

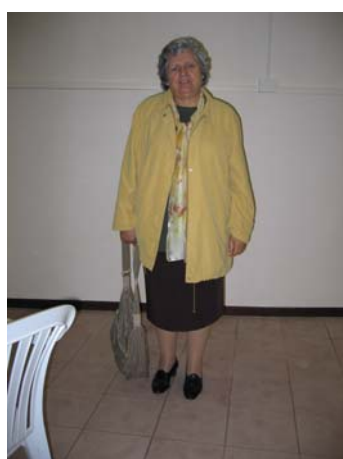


Pastor Mario and Antonio

Angelo is my brother in the Lord and also in the flesh. He shares his bi monthly studies on eldership training with Antonio and I. He is a very studious person, with teaching gifts and will be sharing with the Church studies on Baptism. Antonio , our first cousin, is serving and co- leading , governing and lay preaching. He is like a sponge , absorbing and reading all he can get his hands on at least in Italian . You must understand that very little Reformed material is translated in Italian. But to have such men who want to learn and are called to govern is a tremendous blessing. Our Church is very united family , growing in quality. We have Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship service immediately after. After many schedule changes and trial runs, this solution was the only one that got all the Church together and praise God it works. We have prayer meeting on Thursday evenings.



Antonio's wife, Pina



Rita, an example for all



Mario, Clara, Stefano, Brikena and little Martina

My studies at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary have given me much material to share with the Church. The Experiential preaching class that I attended this summer was greatly blessed. Discovering its history and particularly Puritan preaching . Praise God for Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, their generosity and the privilege of studying to be a minister prepared to give. The church has received over the last years sermons and lessons on Church Government, how a Church should choose it's elders, signs of a true Church , Church censures, Reformed Biblical Evangelization , Expository preaching from various books in particular Acts and presently I am preaching on the Sermon on the Mount . God has richly blessed us through GPTS, along with the Churches at Lookout Mountain, GA and Woodruff Rd in Greenville SC. who have literally took us under their wing in prayer, fellowship and care for this mission. We have been encouraged as usual by PEF Evangelist, Rev.Paddy Cook ,who even though physically far away is always present in our Church and a blessing to all of us for our growth.



Roberto, Dr. Joel Beeke President of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and I at GPTS



Roberto, Dr.Pipa (President GPTS), me, Brother Jurgen of Germany and good Southern food

Please pray for our Church:

-The leadership in our Church: For Tonino, Angelo and I. That we be extremely faithful to God's Word. That we are constantly aware of our need to look to Christ as leaders and the need to have Christlike attitudes in leading a our Confessional Church ,

- For our members : for their spiritual growth. That they remain faithful to the Lord in all things. For Evangelical brothers and sisters in Christ in the area who are not attending any Evangelical Church because of scandals and confusion . That they may find a stable and faithful Church where to worship and serve. Humbly I ask " that it may be ours Lord", so we can nurture them with solid truth in a faithful and orderly Church.

-Conversions to Christ the Lord in Viterbo: that His Name be exalted and people become truly born again only by faith in Jesus Christ. That they be

loosened and convicted by the Holy Spirit on what is false and offensive in their worship of God.

-Our ministry with pornography addicts :we receive weekly requests from Italian Christians and non Christians to be freed from the sewage of pornography addiction and sexual dependency. By the grace of God our small church has been privileged with the very first Christian web site for such addictions. We pray for them specifically in our prayer meetings and exhort them biblically to come and grow in Christ for their freedom.
www.liberidalporno.org

-My Studies at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary : That God may provide for my and brother Roberto Torre's travel expenses, travel protection for us and families we leave behind. For our accommodations while at GPTS. That if it is Gods will to be set free from my secular job in order to completely dedicate my time to the establishment of this Church, studies, sermon preparation, Sunday School and pastoral care. As the years go on the energy isn't that of you younger "whipper snappers" and it gets very heavy being in the ministry, running a Chiropractic Office, doing my studies .,,,,,but God has been so good to us! He has blessed us with physical energy and so much protection. I will share with you a burden : I often ask God why me? I'm far from the type of person able to be minister. There are so many other men who are better qualified than I am, those who are able to speak better, are better learned, have better memories and are more Christlike in attitude, why God am I in this situation? My flesh screams out this is crazy.. but God 's Word says..*"God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; (1Co 1:27).* Praise God.

Brother Mario

Miscellaneous Photo's



Sunday School about to start in Viterbo!



Pastor Roberto and I at Reformed Presbyterian in Lookout Mt. Ga.



**Rev. and Mrs. Carl Robbins
Of Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church
Greenville, SC.**



**Roberto, Rev. Kevin Skogen and I
at Reformed Presbyterian**



Stefano and Daniele



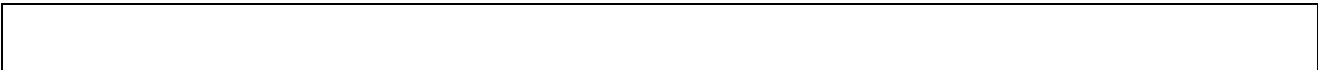
Adriana, Vera, Paola, Clara and Lucy

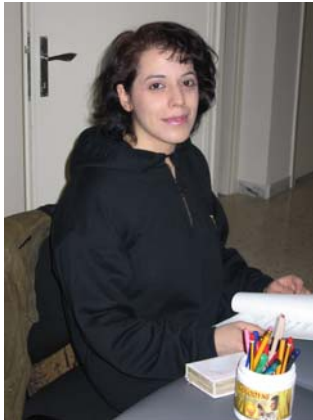


Brikena, Rita and Pina



Rev. Paddy Cook and Baptism Albanian family





Donatella



Church and guest Rev. Paolo Castellina



Dream team
(Roberto, Stephen Cook, me, PEF Evangelist Paddy Cook)

God Bless all of you.



