

We Are Of An Opposite Spirit

(1 Jn. 2:16)

It is often said that the three enemies to our spiritual life are: the flesh, the world and the devil. These are the forces on earth internally, in society, and from the dark spirit realm. In these last months, we have been contending with a very strategic, multi-prong, onslaught against the Church on all these three levels, in order to keep the people of God reacting, confused, and distracted from its primary purpose. Let us not be deceived. God has prepared us to be overcomers and a kingdom force in every circumstance, so that instead, the enemies are reacting to Christ in us.

Walking in the Spirit is our normal, supernatural lifestyle. God's ways are typically opposite and cancel the purposes of the enemy while advancing His kingdom. Our victory in Christ will always contend against the gates of hell and the Spirit of Anti-Christ by pushing forward, not just holding ground or being on the defensive. We are salt and light that should make a difference.

Here are some examples:

Nations are raging . . . God laughs, we should laugh and be unmoved¹

Fear is being promoted . . . We remain in faith, boldness and love²
(Pandemic, gov't decline)

Truth attacked, lies promoted We walk in truth, speak truth, stay free³

People are censored ... We preach the gospel always⁴

World says, "Stay safe." We say, "Stay free." secure in Christ, trusting Him

Put on a mask, distance Behold Him with unveiled face, keep assembling⁵

Beloved, we listen to a different voice and are citizens of a kingdom that is not of this world. The Holy Spirit is at enmity to the flesh, the world and the devil. Hear Him. Follow Him. Be empowered by Him. Instead of listening to secular news - pray, wait on the Lord and hear His voice. He is the Spirit of Life and Liberty

You are anointed with a liberating message to set the captives free (Is. 61) Live your faith in Christ, opposite to the world and be a bondage breaker in Jesus' name. ➔

¹Psalm 2

²1 John 4:18; 1 Tim. 1:7; 1 Cor. 15:55-58

³John 8:32; Rom. 16:18

⁴Rom. 1:16

⁵2 Cor. 3:18; Heb. 10:25



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Dear World Outreach Family and Friends:

May God's grace continually sustain you and keep your affections in heaven. We appreciate you so much and offer you the Spring Issue of our Newsletter.

Our joy is in you. Your prayers and support make a difference in lives and places around the world. As we again are transitioning from one season to another (winter to spring), we are reminded that things don't stay the same, but God is unchanging and faithful. With all the challenges before us, Good News is still being spread worldwide and there is growth.

In this issue, you will hear from some of our team abroad and some of our folks in the States. We are happy to report that new life is constantly coming forth. Enjoy being a part of the spreading flame of the gospel.

Thank you again for your partnership.

Sincerely,

The World Outreach Center Team ➔



WOC Around the World: CORATO (BARI), ITALY



**Mark and Denise Stevanus
Corato (Bari), Italy**

We are both of Mediterranean heritage, and have been ministering in Italy since 1988. Having mainly served as church planters during our early years, we have recently been working alongside Italian pastors by assisting them with pastoral duties, including outreach and discipleship. Our passion is for using home groups to grow the organic church. Italy is considered to be 1% evangelical Christian, so meeting in homes is one of the best ways to present the Gospel.

Since 2012, we have been mostly self-supporting by using our language skills for teaching English in the private sector, professional translating, and relocation for industry personnel. This is an excellent way for making contacts and working within the community.

Italy was particularly hit hard by Covid-19. Its economy was already struggling and now 12 months later, semi-lockdown restrictions have crushed local businesses and set back the educational system. Our church is one of the few that never closed its doors and streamed all services. Heading up the home group ministry, which currently meets via Zoom, we are rejoicing that God is at work in the lives of our leaders, believers, and even new-comers.




We are seeing signs of the Holy Spirit at work throughout our church. It has always been our belief that when true revival begins, it starts with one or two individuals and then spills out into the world. Being cooped up for months, our believers are emotionally sensitive and welcome avenues of fellowship. Capitalizing on this euphoria, we hope to see this emotion channeled towards enriched spiritual life.

How are we doing this? Our Tuesday evening Bible Study has now become a praise and prayer meeting. We pray that the Lord will lead us in discerning and listening to how He is leading. The challenge is to harness His divine energy towards the development and use of spiritual gifts and raise up future leaders.



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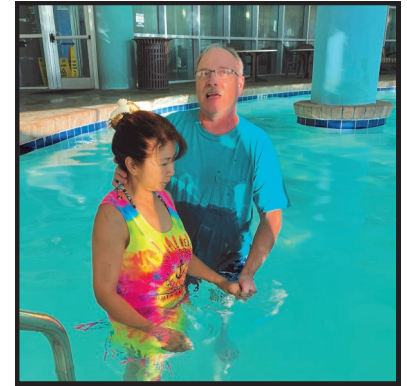
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Update From Stateside: THE FORDS



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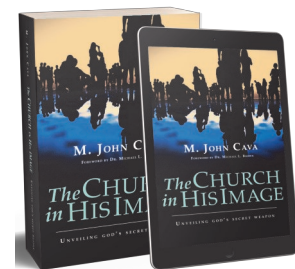
Jeanie and I began the year 2020 with great expectations, as did our church family at Touchpoint Church. After a powerful time of prayer and fasting, we went on our church-wide retreat, which was full of worship and fellowship, closing with a pool baptism service.



Being a domestic missionary pastor can be challenging in many ways, but rewarding in so many more, as you see a small community of believers grow in maturity and faith. After a great retreat, I began to feel very ill on the way home and was hit with one of the most difficult times physically I have ever had to face. Covid hit me full force before proper testing was available. Doctors were unsure what they were dealing with, and tested me for everything from flu to Legionnaire's, with nothing coming up positive. The only things they knew for certain, were that I had double pneumonia and double pulmonary embolisms. Because covid protocols were not in place yet, Jeanie was able to stay with me and folks visited me in the hospital, and NO, neither Jeanie nor anyone who visited got covid (by the grace of God). The doctors treated the symptoms with proper meds, many bags of IV's (seemingly gallons), and people prayed, and people prayed and people prayed. Things turned around quickly and within 5 days, I was on the mend and out of the hospital! **To God be the glory!** We thank the Lord often that I had covid when I did and that I was treated the way I was. Prayer Works! We know that many have suffered with this virus and have lost loved ones. We empathize with all of you. Even in the midst of severe trial, God is still available and He cares for you! It has been a powerful and encouraging blessing for me to not only come through the storm, but to come through it with such support from an incredible family of believers.



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