Paraklesis
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Helping missionaries,
one at a time
associazione
consulenti
cristiani

Italy
& Missions

Italy's church is slowly growing, but "born-again believers" still account for less than 1% of the total population.

Although the church is small, there is a growing interest in missions, and more and more young people are starting to engage in some kind of missionary work.

The problem with missionaries who are sent from Italy to other countries or do ministry cross-culturally is that the majority of sending mission organizations and churches are not equipped to provide the necessary member care, together with the spiritual and emotional support that they would need.
This results in servants on the field who often feel alone or abandoned, and who experience burnout or depression with no external help.

Since Christian counseling and member care are still a rather new concept for many local church leaders, we thought about a way to provide them with an external service sponsored through a fund. This is why the Paraklesis fund was started.

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The Fund

The idea is simple. We created a fund to collect donations from people who care for missions and missionaries, and are willing to create the conditions for them to thrive, have longevity, and receive the help they need.

The fund was created within the **Associazione Counsulenti Cristiani** (Italian Christian Counselors Association) in order to provide accountability, and for its possibility to network with other local Christian organizations and counselors.

Also, an affiliation deal was signed with ACCI (Adventive Cross Cultural Initiatives) in order to be able to receive tax free donations form the US and from Canada (see last page).

The help requests from missionaries will be processed on a first-come-first-serve basis.
Once the request is accepted, the fund will subsidize max 75% of the cost of the counseling therapy needed by the missionary(ies), with the goal to achive a full recovery and allow them to be back on the field stronger and spiritually healthier than before.

The fund will facilitate help for missionaries and their families, through onsite or online counseling as needed, provided by selected counselors with a specific missionary background.

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The Goal

The reference cost for each counseling session is $50. The fund covers up to $40 per session. Considering that the average therapy package might last for about 10 sessions, this would cost around $400.
A weekend for in-presence quality time between a missionary and their counselor should cost around $320 plus travel and lodging expenses.
Our initial goal is to be able to help around 20 different missionaries and their families, for a total of **$10,000**, 80% of which will cover the counseling sessions, while the rest 20% could cover the travelling and lodging for the missionary(ies) or counselor.

If you feel led by the Lord to help His servants to continue to serve Him, please donate here:

US & Canada TAX DEDUCTIBLE:

www.adventive.ca/paraklesis

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