

# *Hello, from Italy!*

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It seems like we've been doing this for a long time...mmmm...actually it sort of has...since 1977!  
And if my geography facts are correct, that's over 50 years of doing this.

Things are really tough in Italy these days.

Many many are out of work, others are going to work but they are not getting paid, others are barely getting paid.

Taxes are going up, prices of everything are rising...and now people are out on the streets protesting and it ain't gettin better.

This of course is hitting our church family here quite hard, many have left to find work in northern Italy, some have left the country, others cannot afford to come to church due to high gas prices.

Here two very interesting articles you may want to read:  
ONE: the incredible economic woes this country is going thru:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/01/06/italy-s-statistics-make-it-look-like-a-third-world.html>

Next one: Italy's high rate of children living in poverty.

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/03/04/italy-has-europe-s-highest-percentage-of-children-in-poverty-says-unicef.html>

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