

# EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

**The 6.3-magnitude earthquake** in central Italy April 6 took the lives of 294 people. It leveled or damaged tens of thousands of homes; reconstruction costs are estimated at \$16 billion. As children return to school this week, many Italians are wondering about the future.

Greater Europe Mission's Italy field leader **Peppo Biscarini** is partnering with local churches and Samaritan's Purse to set up relief shipments to the earthquake-ravaged areas northeast of Rome. Peppo and his wife Jane lead a ministry to influencers in politics, the media, and the arts, and he says the recent quake made people nervous—and open to the Gospel.

After losing a cousin in the earthquake, an **Italian countess** who has always politely declined invitations to the Biscarinis' home Bible studies was eager to attend the study last week. This woman and others like her have tremendous influence in Italian society, and God has used the Biscarinis' ministry to draw these people to Christ.

Will you join us in praying for a **revival of faith** across Italy as a result of this tragedy? Please pray that God will speak to people's hearts and lead them to intersect with believers like Peppo and Jane.

