



ITALY ~ *the Literary Tour!*

Just before Easter we headed off to Italy at the invitation of Richard and Lindsay Jenks, whose publishing house Patmos have published Joyce's first two books in Italian. An itinerary was planned which took us to Turin, Milan, Verona, Perugia and Rome. We also spent the Easter weekend at the Apostolic Convention in Tuscany, where Charles' book "Help yourself to Health" had also been translated into Italian by a different publisher.

We did not really know what to expect – would we be gathering folk together and trying to sell books? No. Our focus was to teach, encourage and minister in a number of Churches throughout northern and central Italy. It was a privilege, many lives were challenged and changed, people were healed and others filled with the Holy



Joyce x2

Spirit. A lot of books were sold too, and we trust that our visit will continue to be a blessing to Patmos.

It also was a great joy to renew fellowship with those we had known more than 15 years ago when we were last ministering in Italy. We even met one Pastor and his wife who had been so blessed meeting Joyce those many years ago that they had named their daughter "Joyce."



GIFTS *that change Lives*

When we were asked to give some teaching on The Gifts of the Spirit at Wrington Chapel, which is situated in the village nearest to where we live, we did not expect God to work so extensively.

What began as one evening late last year, when we were to give an overview of the Gifts of the Spirit, expanded to five evenings when we met with eager and hungry folk who wanted to learn more of the way God wants to speak to his people, set them free and heal. Each week, the room where we met was full, and it felt more like a group of friends discovering new things, than a teaching series.

The most thrilling thing for us was to see God at work setting people free, filling them with the Holy Spirit and healing them both physically and emotionally.

Because we live so near, it was easy to set up times of personal ministry when needed, and our relationship with the believers in Wrington continues. The phone often rings and we are able to share some counsel or pray about a particular need. We have shared meals in one another's homes, and there are others who come from time to time to pray and receive help and encouragement.

