

*Peppo and Jane Biscarini serving in Italy****"For the first time in my life I felt the love of God..."***

For those of you that prayed for the retreat, we have to say thanks. We had 13 people despite the last minute sicknesses and unexpected emergencies. We treated topics from mediums, to jealousy and archeological biblical discoveries. What was most rewarding

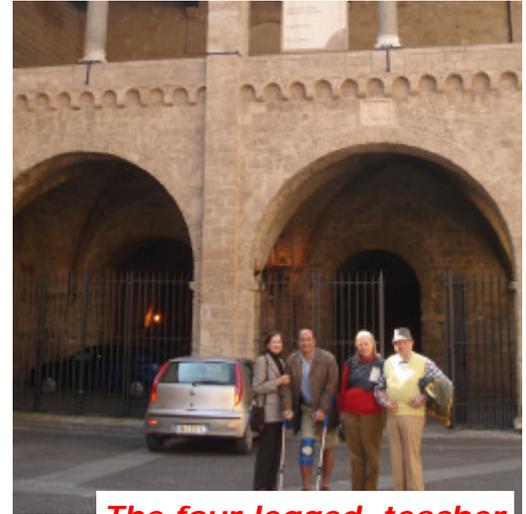
***There are tables.....***

was to see His Spirit at work in the lives of a few. I opened the weekend by encouraging everyone to let go of unnecessary baggage and resentments.

***...and there are Italian tables...***

Well the next day I noticed some bitterness in one of the ladies and I encouraged her to make amends with some of the others. The HS worked in her and before the night was over, others were telling me: "this is a miracle...she has not spoken with so and so in 17 years" (though both

are part of the study)! Anyway, despite me losing my voice (when we left Rome I had a sore throat that deteriorated) God's voice however spoke volumes in the hearts of the attendees. For next year we need to find plainer accommodations and definitely less gourmet foods lest we attract participants for the wrong reasons... actually they were the ones to suggest it after having made a visit to San Francesco's lodging in Rieti (our venue).

***The four legged..teacher******Mens' group***

You may recall that a few months ago, as we were looking for new housing, we met a homeowner. After our initial meeting I sensed the Lord was tagging at His heart. We met a second time and told him that there was a more meaningful reason why we were meeting and he confessed: "the celestial Father has been knocking at my door" just like Rev 3:20....Well, I invited him to our men's study, but he always found an excuse not to come (he runs 2 large successful firms that keep him extremely busy). Finally he came 2 months ago and was hooked. While I was away, I asked Steve and Fabrizio to teach a lecture on the 4 laws and Massimiliano prayed to receive Christ (I should go away more often!). Yesterday he told us that 2 weeks ago for the first time in his life he felt the LOVE of God flowing through his heart: "The worries, severe marital problems, business challenges seemed to dissipate...nothing else mattered, it was beautiful!" he said. What a great testimony. We are now praying for a miracle in his shattered marriage (the wife is not even in favor of his coming to our meetings....).



Jane in action at BSF

Jane's corner:

On March 26th we held the first ever Bible Study Fellowship class in Italy. As always it is an English speaking gathering that attracts "expats" as well as nationals desiring to improve their English. A veteran from Australia was sent here to see that the study would be launched. I felt a breath of fresh air from my daily grind in Italian...and was asked to help in gathering a strong core. We started with 78 women and 13 children plus 9 group leaders. This is a short 5 weeks pilot (Philippians) which will be followed by a second 4 week pilot on Ruth prior to the official launch In September.

Our move at the beginning of the year was very stressful and despite not having heating for 6 days (luckily a friend hosted us in his hotel at no charge and spared us from the 49 degree home) we ramped up to host the Bible Study for the older group on the 18th on January. They just love having us so close to them now and the study is permanently at our home instead of shifting to 3 others locations.

Isabella had to change schools because of the move and is still trying to fit in with the well established clicks... Marco is enjoying his experience in Germany and is now involved in track and field

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since there is no pool available.

The evangelistic changes we brought to our local church are starting to generate new and exciting growth (approximately 20 new faces per Sunday are showing up at the services).

Peppo managed to damage 70% of his lateral knee ligaments and tear the ACL as well as fracture the meniscus all in one blow..... he loves to do things with gusto...However, he will need surgery to re-build the cruciate and fix the meniscus.

Prayer requests

- Continue to pray for Isabella's acceptance in her class: first time she doesn't have a friend in her class, she is new to this Italian school as of January;
- Peppo's surgery – April16;
- A good response after the first cycle at BSF;
- We would love to come and visit in July, but would like to find someone that would donate miles since air tickets are quite pricey.
- Pray for a more favorable exchange rate (Euro/\$) which has gone way out of hand.

We strongly desired to gather Isabella's 4th grade class, Marco's friends and other families for a pre-Easter celebration; Easter egg painting, hunt and all. We BBQ'ed for 30 adults and 30 kids. We prayed for sun to shine and The Son's love to shine. God is so good as everybody had a great time, kids playing together, parents making new friends and no rain! (which was forecast). It was one of those magical events where everything flowed right. Praise be to God! We had to send people away after almost 5 hours; Peppo was preaching.

Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts for participating in our ministry in this parches land.

Thanks,

Peppo and Jane

And Happy Easter!

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