



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BISCARINI'S: *What is the return on your investments?*

So you toil away all your life...and for what??? Definitely not to see your real estate dropping so much lower

than your purchase price, nor to see your portfolio sliced in less than half of its value, and most certainly not to finance your wife and kids that are now living under a different roof...then what? *Invest in what is worthwhile.* The letter that Marco wrote me 3 weeks ago is an example of how important it is to make the best of what the Lord has entrusted us. I am not reporting this to boast about our parenting capabilities (he gave us permission to print the letter), but to give **hope** to those of you who have been trying and not seeing immediate results, those of you who may be ready to quit in the midst of **all these crises**. Our stewardship of the gifts (family) the Lord has given us is something we can invest in without worrying about potential downsides

Ciao Papà

● How's it going? I just thought that it would be nice to send you a letter rather than just sending an email, since you say "letters are far more valuable than emails". I had my first bible study meeting this morning with Mr. Boettcher, it was just me and him, the reason it was only the two of us is because I made a remark earlier in the year regarding my spiritual growth, I told him that this school has helped me gain more knowledge about the bible but I feel as if it has distanced me from God. As I told him this I was thinking of the family and how when I am at home I feel that there is a strong presence of the Lord. During our study he asked me how I feel when I think of God, I told him that when I think or pray to God I feel closer to you almost as if God were a bridge, of course the answer I gave him was a bit more elaborate but it was along those lines.

So that got me thinking and I thought that it would be a good time to write you. Anyway you know when you asked me what it was that I missed about the family when I am away?

● Well I think I came up with a few answers to your question. First of all I just feel more complete and as I mentioned earlier there is that presence that just warms the house, it's quite strong (the presence of the Lord). I also think that it is healthy for me to be with the family since I am away from you guys for a relatively long time, and I feel as if I don't really know you guys as much anymore, as if I am missing out on a lot but that's a sacrifice we all had to make. I also just miss spending time

with you, fishing, swimming and just hanging out even if we never really talk that much. I've come to realize how much more I appreciate the family when I am gone, there are so many families out there that are really messed up and I know we are amazingly and substantially blessed. There is so much we have that many other families don't have

(moth, rust, thieves - of old). Thus this newsletter is like an invitation to **celebrate eternal investments**. We also want to thank all of you that believe and continue to invest in eternal

things...your stock is continuing to bear dividends and appreciate as we see His hand expanding in our ministry. Instead of "pulling the belt" and cutting out expenses that seem so far from your everyday occurrences and needs, you decided to stick it out and for that we are very grateful. The prayer requests for the school plans are making inroads as the meetings with the potential liaison went well. Now we need to move to the second phase and secure finances, location and a board.

### WHAT'S NEW ?

Italy is always probing with new propaganda (I showed in the past the comics ridiculing Christ's crucifixion). Now there is another add for victims of rape showing a woman -edited here for the US viewers-emulating Christ's position on the cross with the capture: "Who will pay for the sins of men" (as in specific gender)... you draw your own conclusions.

Just finished the men's study; **what a joy** to see their inner growth and desire of fellowship (something more challenging with the older group who is eradicated in deep traditions- last week we spoke on saints and had a...vivacious conversation!!). Both groups are growing in numbers as well. We just had the addition of a descendant of the oldest banking family in Italy which predates the Medici by 250 yrs! <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peruzzi>

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Continue to pray for the structuring of the school project
- In April we will start training for the Young Life team
- We are receiving 3 new missionaries in our team
- Pray that churches and businesses will join us and other successful Italian ministries vs. financing new teams of missionaries that often come, stumble in the dark, and return home or to other fields out of frustration.
- I am having very bad back problems and am in need of another surgery; also the ACL surgery performed 2 yrs ago needs to be redone..... (That's Italian medicine at its best...but my physical condition at its worse!).
- We are finalizing the steps for the launch of a new church and learning center this summer

We love and miss you very much!

*Peppo and Jane*



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