



A MESSAGE FROM THE BISCARINI'S: "L'ALBA DI UN NUOVO MATTINO" SUNRISE OF A NEW DAY

Once more we are facing the dawn of a new year....how will it be? Will the economy continue to frown on us and beat us down? Will we struggle to stand up to one more fierce trial? Will we have financial abundance? Will we experience the best year of our lives? We do not know since *"many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails"*. I do rest in the fact that his mercies are new every morning and He desires the best for us! I love Joseph's response to his brothers' concern in Gen 50:20...*God turned into good what you meant for evil.* Let's all strive to rest at His feet no matter the circumstances surrounding us. That is **True Faith** -and I am the first one that needs to embrace it completely and unconditionally. Have a fantastic and proactive 2010!

The second weekend of January we had a chance to surprise Marco for his 18th birthday in Kandern. He had no idea we were planning the event and was blown away to see 30 of his friends pop up from the dark ...to boot he had to identify the mystery friends camouflaged in pantyhose and garbage bags (3 of them were Jane, Isa and me)...He was so shocked to



Marco is trying to figure out who is wrapped in the bags....!



wrestle a bag to the ground (and nearly suffocated me) I will never forget his expression of joy when he unfolded the "surprise"!

Jane's corner:

I am excited to finally have a group of 4 women friends who want to know the Bible, learn how to really pray and develop a personal relationship with God. I have learned the secret for Italy! You must become part of the group vs. trying to make your own! Gina adopted me into hers... We have met three times, but missed last week due to a gal travelling (all wished to wait for her return). They expressed how much the study and prayer



The group at Gina's home.

improved their week and how they missed not meeting last time. Isabella had her first day at the new school and it could not have gone better! We prayed for a warm welcome and easy transition and the Lord gave us that and much more with unexpected acquaintances present at the gate upon arrival that were thrilled to see her there. Now we pray that she settles in well choosing the right friends etc.



Breccia di Roma 1st Sunday's worship

The doors of our **new church opened up on Jan 17** for the first time...**Breccia di Roma** is live. Thus far there are 23-26 people in attendance, which represents a typical evangelical church size. From the start there is a sense of "solidity" in the teaching (the pastor is De Chirico an Italian theologian with a PhD from King's College in London whom I challenged to come to Rome 3 yrs ago) and good bonding between the attendees half of which come from our studies. I am confident the Lord will add to this core group as we encourage more of our Bible study attendees to join us in this new family.

For the past year the Lord has put in my heart the desire to reach the "fresh lump of dough" or- younger generation- here in Italy. A new couple from the States will be joining our GEM team in Roma at the beginning of March to assist us in this task thus bringing the team to a total of 15 people. The good thing about them, besides being young, is that Andy is an Italian teacher in the States and a semi-pro soccer player...

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With Marilyn and Denny Ryberg YL president and David Martin YL European director

Towards the end of January I was invited by Young Life to their annual retreat in Spain. Part of the reason was to meet Arturo (a Dominican fluent in Italian) who is also praying about joining our team in partnership with YL whom he served for a few years in the recent past. It was a wonderful opportunity to worship, mingle, brainstorm and dream with some fine individuals from a great organization. Some of the 1-on-1 made me reflect upon the passions in my life and helped me in narrowing the focus of my tasks. I still managed to find time in the early A.M. to jump in the water and provide fish for dinner...thus earning the "Tarzan" title.

Well, Tarzan was tricked into an arm wrestling contest with a professional baseball player 8 yrs my junior...After 4:20 of grueling back and forth youth had its triumph...a YL moment at its best I was told....soon on YouTube.

Please pray for:

- Isabella new adjustment and integration in the new school
- Solid team spirit as I lead the Italian team towards more and more cohesion
- Marco's approval to one of the colleges he applied to (via the NROTC program- Stanford, USC; Duke and Boston U)

Love Peppo and Jane

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