



*A message from the
Biscarini's:*

"the bush was on fire, but it did not burn up" Exodus 3:2

From the heart:

I have been reflecting on this passage which is especially applicable to any of us in "ministry", but equally as

important to any individual. Moses shepherding in the desert near Mt Horeb was used to seeing tumbleweeds burning; however, this to him was *a great sight...why?* The bush was burning without getting consumed! How could it be? **God** was the **fuel** of this fire and thus the branches did not burn. I believe all too often we auto combust using our talents, resources, gifting to keep the flame burning.... thus, in the long run, we are only left with **ashes!** Let us all learn how to be more God dependable instead of self reliant (and this is straight from my heart).



Santa Fe Christian HS kids in action

Middle School and a High School to integrate the kids with each other, give them a taste of America, help them with English and provide a stepping stone for evangelism. The kids did a great job with their games and skits. Many of them exchanged Facebook info and some were begging to go back to San Diego with the group!

Latest:

Sometimes I ponder on the results of **our efforts** (yours as financial supporters and ours as the agents on the field). I confess it is hard to persevere in a field that produces little fruit in relationship to the resources that are employed! It is so much easier to operate in "virgin territories" that are open to the Gospel because people never heard it (China, India, Africa and tribal areas around the world). So should we forget about Europe? How do we reconcile the shaking off of the sand from our sandals with the- leaving- the flock to look for the lost sheep? Not an easy task is it? We all know that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to change hearts, but us, as laborers, gain new strength and vigor in seeing the miracles before our eyes. I think the Lord tempered me long time ago with an extra dose of endurance in adverse circumstances (ie. the world record in the 24 hours swim or the 2man relay Montecarlo-Genova for 182 km). Then my wife was "tempered" herself by having to put up and keep up with me for 25 years! All of this so that **we could endure** the environment and adversities we are currently persisting in. Thus until a higher calling would come that supersedes the current one, **we will not relent.**

Jane's corner:

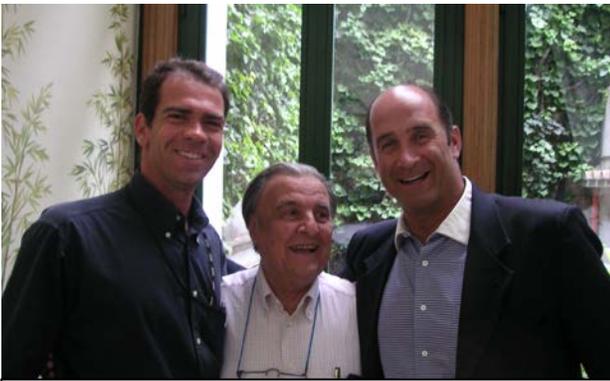


It has been an exciting 1st qrt: 2 feet of snow in Roma, Santa Fe Christian school coming to minister to local HS kids, and then European cheerleading/basketball championships in Germany with 30 high-schoolers I followed as cheerleading coach. The snow hit Rome and the city shut down. There were no snowplows within miles, we weren't allowed to drive unless we had chains, the

sidewalks turned to ice so people were injured just walking. We were basically stuck inside our homes, leaving our cars wherever we could park them without getting stuck. Schools were all cancelled and offices shut down. The good thing is about 5 young Life kids (4 of whom are cheerleaders) live within walking distance so we had 2 sleepovers, made a snowman that lasted for 2 weeks, cooked homemade tortillas for tacos and watched movies together. Then it snowed the next weekend too and we basically repeated our fun again! Peppo missed it all while in the States.

Then 20 kids from The Santa Fe Christian School came with our awesome friend/teacher Jenny Cattaneo and her husband Paul (they are such special friends who have taken Marco under their wing and actual roof. We went to a

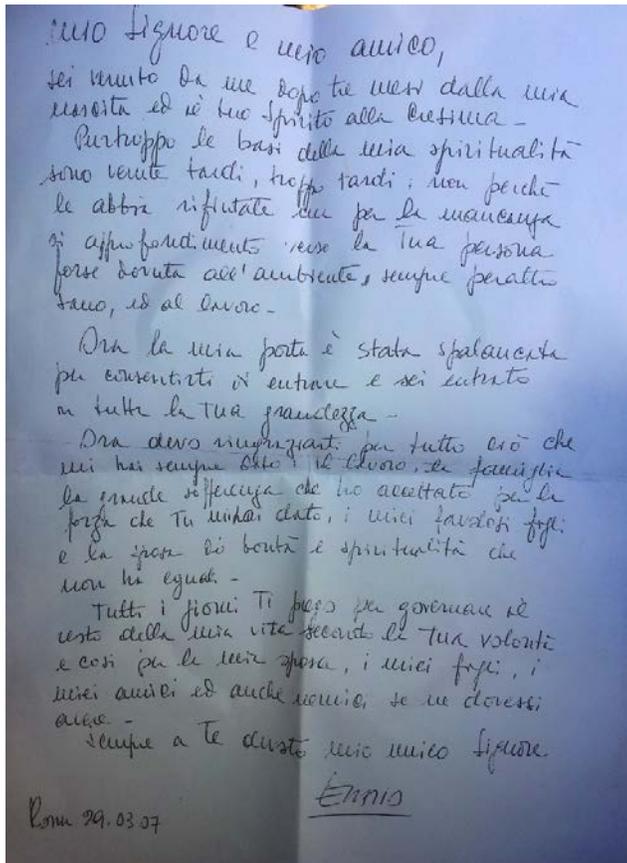




Fabrizio and Ennio - My John and Peter...

In the midst of so many adversities the Lord has been faithful in **opening doors for us** and we have had the privilege to see results even during our tenure. Just two weeks ago, **Grazia**, a friend of Jane whom she has been walking twice a week for the past 3 years, **gave her life to Christ** and wanted to get plugged into one of our Bible studies right away (she has been otherwise disinterested up until now). Ennio, one of the original 7 of our initial Bible Study, **went to be with the Lord** on March 15. His son found a letter no one was aware of that Ennio wrote on March 29, 2007 (a Thursday right after our Bible study). It reads:

My Lord and my friend, you came to me after 3 month from



my birth and your Spirit at confirmation.

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*Unfortunately the bases of my spirituality came late, too late not because I refuted them, but because I lacked getting to know You, maybe because of the environment -though a healthy one -or because of work. Now **my door has been blown open** to allow You to come in and **You came in- in all your greatness.** Now I need to thank you for all You have always given me: a job, a family-my wonderful kids and a spouse with spirituality and kindness with no equals. Every day I pray unto You to **govern over me** the rest of my life **according to Your will** and so for my wife, my kids, my friends and even my enemies should I have any. Always devoted to You my only Lord.*

His wife Paola told me: *“Peppo had you guys never come to*



Peppo's Eulogy

*Italy to show us the way, Ennio could have never written this letter...this is a testament he wrote for you “. Praise God the giver of life! I think when we ponder on examples like this, we do realize that **a soul has no price** thus Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us....*

Changes:

Via Veritas received last week from the IRS a EIN number to operate as a **non profit**

organization; we are waiting for the final approval, but are allowed to process donations (if you send donations to GEM they will still process it for next 60 days). This will greatly **reduce administrative overheads** while maintaining accountability through a board and transparency through the ECFA.

Please make sure **all donations** flow through the **enclosed card** so that we can maintain continuity. Some of you have said that you did not receive letters or notices from GEM regarding your donations; I apologize for this and pledge to do a better job now that we are more in control of the administrative part.

Happy Easter! *He set us free..at a great price.*

We love you all. Peppo and Jane

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