



A message from the Biscarini's:

We do miss you dear stateside saints and perhaps, with the imminent marriage of Marco at the

end of July, we will be able to hug some of you. Quite a lot has happened in this second quarter. Since we secured a meeting place (the **Green Room**) we have our regular Wednesdays Bible Studies and Sunday's Gospel there instead of our apartment. Also a young businessman from Moldavia, **Lorenzo**, married to an



Italian has been spending time with me looking for counsel. He has been "indoctrinated" by **Precept Ministries** and has a strong desire to go full time as a pastor since he has been

very successful pastoring the Romanian community nearby us. He is a blessing as he covers whenever we are engaged elsewhere. We were blessed to have our son Marco visit for 2 days in early June. Since he was traveling with 4 other American friends we decided to organize an outreach using American football and ultimate freebie as a draw. Though I was able to secure the city stadium for free, only 12 young adults showed up... At night as Marco & Co share their life experiences in light of their faith, those 12 were listening and they admitted that, changes, sports, apathy and just not deviating from the status quo are the main obstacles we will have to overcome to gain



more traction with the local youth. In **Bari** however, things were different.

Salvatore, one of the guys



we took to Chattanooga 3 years ago, has a "book club" of 50 peers mostly humanities students. He invited me to speak at the **University** and picked the title "**should we stay or should we go?**". Practically all of the students in southern Italy can't wait to graduate and migrate to other parts of Europe or overseas.



Salvatore asked me to share my experience and forewarned me about any spiritual aspect of the talk since the majority of the audience was agnostic at best. The Lord had a different plan as many of the students were discussing the chance to have a "new birth or rebirth" to get rid of the stigma or framing that has been put on them already. Obviously that gave me the perfect platform to share some of the biblical accounts of true rebirth. What blew me away was the comment of **Barbara**, an **atheist**, who told my friend Salvatore after the meeting that she felt for a moment she was *touched by something much bigger than herself* almost as if **God decided to show up in the room** with us! What an awesome account. Those

guys accompanied me to my car in a distant parking lot after giving me a tour of the campus. It felt as if in an instant I adopted a bunch of sons and daughters. **Their display of warmth and love went beyond the norm, spurred by a desire of intimate fellowship!** Three weeks ago two dear saints came to visit from the States and had the chance to experience some of this with a small group of these students. They too confirmed there is something there that needs to be nurtured. Mid June a cousin from America got married in a the beautiful castle on the Italian Riviera. What was even more stunning was how the Lord orchestrated a **divine appointment** with a friend from our Rome Bible study who **"happened"** to be in Portofino at the same time and invited us to meet her at the **Pirelli's villa** where she was hosted. We thus



met some of the family and had a **chance to talk about His greatness** and our

work in the kingdom. Pirelli's wife and sister were very unassuming and down to earth, something rare and refreshing in Italy with people of their status.

teams who were competing on a 6 nation tournament prior to the world championship in a week. **Sandro Campagna**, the Italian coach, **came to faith** during a talk we had over 3 years ago and is involved in the Rome Bible study group. It is great to see how outspoken he is with the team when it comes to his faith (he introduced me as his spiritual mentor...). I will be with them in the future as Sandro asked me to have a platform with his team.



Jane's corner:



It's definitely been an adventure being back here in Manfredonia. We are glad we

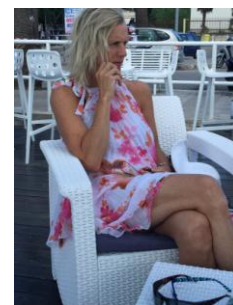
arrived with a suitcase and a month to month apartment which gives us mobility since Peppo has been traveling to counsel some pastors and we go back and forth to Rome. It's been a challenge being away with Marco and Romana planning their wedding and Isabella launching her freshman year at Westmont. My mother too has been hospitalized twice this year. I believe this to be a step of obedience and that God will reward it with fruits.

Our team is growing locally and we just got news that Steve and Melissa Gustafson, a couple from Chattanooga, will be able to join us in September!

We love and miss you all...

Peppo and Jane

BTW Jane just had a BD and looks better than ever!



We truly hit it off and are looking forwards to more times together. A week ago I had an opportunity to be with the **Italian and American water polo national**

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