

# VIA VERITAS



THE WAY OF TRUTH



## A message from the Biscarini's: *Ou est veritates?* *What is the truth?*

This is our second quarterly news letter for the year, but with all the activities that have unfolded in the past 90 days, it feels as if we did not write for the past 6 months...A lot has been happening and I will try to be as concise as possible. Here are a few highlights, some of which were featured in former emails.

During **Easter** our whole family had a great experience in **Macedonia** with a **Young Life** outreach project. 135 High Schools students from all over Europe gathered at their own expense to build 5 playgrounds in different elementary schools. 80% of these Kids did not have much exposure to Christ and it was very fulfilling to see how

they came around day by day and engaged with the skits, songs, testimonies and eventually commitments to Christ.

**Isabella**, the youngest worker of the

bunch turned out to be one of the toughest and productive workers (**in action above**).



**Marco** graduated June 11<sup>th</sup> from Black Forest Academy and is now heading to California where he will be starting the next phase of his studies: biomechanical engineering.



On June 15<sup>th</sup> a group from **Santa Fe Christian** high school (San Diego), joined us in Rome. They came to help us with evangelization through **"practical outreaches"** in the



community. Our thought is to reach kids for Christ while being sensitive to the needs of the neighborhood. We thus cleaned up

Isabella's middle school from graffiti and general vandalism. When I mentioned the initiative to the head of city council, he loved the idea and promised assistance with equipment to carry out the operation; however, in a typical Italian fashion, nothing was provided. Thus after a few trips to the local



"Home Depot", some hundred €€€ in the hole, a lot of sweat and determination we got the job done. (**see before and after at left**).

Thankfully the areas are still clean



to date and Lord willing they will stay that way for a while. One of the teachers that monitored the activity approached me saying: "there is something different about

your group!" What a great opener....I told her that we had

been involved with the cleaning of the **inside** of people and unless kids understand this message, even the cleaning of the outside of the buildings would not last..."The kids that you see have been cleansed from within by the blood of Christ and they are eternally grateful for that"...was my reply. She expressed a strong interest in gathering students for that purpose during the new school year. On the last day we had lunch in the adjacent park with some of the Italian kids, played games and had a chance to share testimonies. One in particular spurred a great conversation about the lack of role models in Italy. Corruption, scandals, immorality are raging everywhere from politicians to teachers to clergy, etc. Kids were saying that they are tired of listening to people that have no integrity. One 12 year old girl in particular was moved by the testimony of one of the students and said through her tears: **"Thank you Cody for sharing your heart, it really touched mine and I will remember what you said for the rest of my life"**. We spoke then about what it means to have a relationship with the Creator through Christ and led the group to a prayer of salvation....what an ending!

Before this group left Rome, another group of **musicians** from **Georgia** came in to help us launch a week long music camp. We had the blessing of having 5 very talented professional adult musicians serving as instructors as well as



13 young "assistants" who got to perform in churches and squares around the city. Another 40 Italian kids were able to *hear*

what worship music is all about as they took lessons daily from 10:00 to 17:00 from these believers. Even **Marco** and **Isabella** learned to play **drums** and **guitar** respectively and performed at the end of the week. This too was a time of celebration and bonding (the American teens shed as many tears as the Italians once it was time to say

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goodbye). More importantly some of the local kids were challenged to dream big as Jane and I envision a new church driven by the youth with a strong worship team.

We are in the process of finishing a book which gathers many of the studies I have created as foundational messages for new believers: Is the Bible reliable? Why Jesus?

God, the Holy Spirit, Grace, Sin, Salvation etc. 10 studies in all. Lord willing, it



will be in print in the next 30 days and ready for distribution by September. Should anyone be interested in **sponsoring** the book send me an email. The title is: Which way, which truth, which life? It came to me from one of the scenes from the Passion of Christ in which Pontius Pilot asks: ***Ou est veritates?*** Perhaps in these uncertain times you may ask yourself: *What is truth?* You may have been beaten down by finances, politics, transitions, relations to the point that you are losing your bearings, and your faith is shaken at its roots... Can we master Paul's saying in **2 Corinthians 4: *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed....***

I have to confess that at times I **feel** crushed, abandoned, nearly destroyed especially when He seems to be silent at the other end of the line...However, you and I need to remember that *feelings* and *facts* often are in antithesis with each other and thus we cannot afford the danger of basing our faith on emotions less we enjoy rollercoaster rides...!

*Love you Peppo and Jane*