



A message from the Biscarini's:  
*The life of the parents is the  
book their children read most!*

Wow what a responsibility... Lately, the

### Latest:

admonition above has been a bit of a challenge for me since the pain in my shoulder, which kept me up most of the nights, the lack of swimming (thus weight increase) and a busy schedule put a heavy weigh on my emotional being. Praise be to God- prayers, petitions and some journaling have dramatically alleviated the load and pain at the eve of our departure for a service project in **Bulgaria** with our youth. We will be building 5 playgrounds for elementary schools and orphanages along with 200 kids from all over Europe. We will represent Italy for the first time with 11 kids and 4 leaders!!!! *More to come later*

### From the heart:

Perhaps the unfolding of current tragic events is heightening my senses, or maybe is the realization that we may be living in the last days. In either case I found myself sharing more and more with people that I am encountering sporadically (or by divine appointment). It reminds me of Dr. Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, who used to share everywhere he went with everyone. At first I thought of this behavior as too extreme for any normal person, but now I appreciate its value: *Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil (Eph.5:16).*

Some may recall the email about the wife of the Italian deputy **ambassador to Libya** who happened to stop by our house to drop her 2 girls off to play with Isabella 30 min prior to our Bible study... I asked about her "spiritual" upbringing which obviously was nonexistent since she grew up in Croatia with **communist** parents. Chance would have it that day we were doing a study on the new birth... So Sonia decided to stay and for another 90 minutes went

through scriptures with us for the **first time!!!!** The other night at a gathering from one of the women in our study I met an Italian architect who is working for **Sheikh Khalifa**, president of the UAE (Marco is building a new 300,000 sq ft house for him as we speak!). We had a wonderful conversation and though not a practicing Christian, **Marco** is looking forwards to joining us in our Bible studies after the Easter break - I sense he is really close to a possible decision. Also pray for the surgeon that operated on my shoulder (dr. **Giovanni**). He was married to a famous actress and has recently divorced. We had some interesting discussions and will get together after the Easter holidays to have more heart to heart talks.



**On March 17th Italy celebrated its 150th anniversary of unification.**

In the last newsletter we asked you to pray for the 3 new guys that joined the men's study. Well one of them, Ugo, opened his heart to Christ 2 weeks ago!!! Praise God and thanks for your prayers. Now we need to do the same for the remaining 2 (Tony and Angelo).



These days everywhere you look you see green, white and red, not only in decoration, but even in typical Italian fashion... this is in commemoration of Italy coming together as one nation the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1861.

878 and finally back in the hands of the Catholic church in 1093... In the process it kept a piece of everything. It makes me wonder about our lives. What would they be like if **we**



**kept pieces of our past** as trophies in display while trying to live a new life in Christ? Not quite what

While on a scouting trip to Siracusa (Sicily) we could not stop noticing some disheartening particulars such as the one below which states that by decree of Mons. Romei in Dec. 1942, whoever stops and recites a Hail Mary

in front of this statue of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (above the epitaph) would receive



200 days of plenary indulgence. The wonderful cathedral in the town of Ortigia was built on a temple for Athena dating VI century BC (see the columns to the left blending with the structure to the right). In the interior we read: *Prima Post Antiochenam Christo Dicata - first church after Antioch dedicated to Christ.* Too bad this church has been first built to Athena, then turned into a mosque in



**Ezek 20:7** says... *Each of you, get rid of the vile images you have set your eyes on, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.* Not even what we find

in 1 Cor 5:7 says: **Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast-as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

**Have a fantastic Easter celebrating His life!**

We love you all. *Peppo and Jane*