



A message from the Biscarini's:

Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you' Matthew 7:13

Latest news:

I am on the plane from Italy to the US memorializing the events that unfolded in the past 2 weeks. It has been a whirlwind, but that is the way I always prefer to operate. The first 8 days we had the blessing of **being with 2 other couples** that wanted to travel with us.



We landed in Florence and worked our way down to Puglia via Assisi and Rome. I had the chance to **share my story** with a new group in **Assisi** encompassing young believers and seekers. The Lord blessed the outreach as a few people came up afterwards to thank me for **sharing some of the life lessons** they were going through. I was surprised to hear that **occultism** is quite prevalent there and heard stories of numerous **demon-possessed people**. The business built around the image of Saint Francis was also quite disturbing as a myriad of shops selling trinkets invaded the quaint small streets as a pervasive cancer.



The saints in Rome were

moved to see Jane and me and urged us strongly to move back to the eternal city. During our sharing time I asked the American couples some personal questions so that the Italian group could appreciate their sincerity, commitment and humble spirit. Some key points that stuck with the Romans were the responsibility of **parents to raise their children** in a Christian way **by example and prayer**. The other was the necessity **to quickly forgive**

and not hold grudges. The two couples also enjoyed spending 32 hours with some of the **Manfredonians we have been discipling**. I got



to go in the water and spearfish lunch for everyone (great way to recharge despite the 4 hours



sleep)! Once our friends returned to the States, Jane and I went back to Rome for a meeting with the **Convitto High School** to discuss **future student exchanges**. God willing we will start doing this at Easter with a group from Baylor HS in Chattanooga. We will take them to Italy and then bring some Italians over for a **summer stint** and also the next school year. I would love to talk to anyone interested in hosting a student that could attend HS in either of these cities: **San Diego, West Palm Beach and Chattanooga**. These are sons and daughters of **very influential Italians** (from senators, to the mayor of Rome to various ministers of affairs). Given the results of last summer's outreach I think this would be a **highly strategic maneuver** and a huge opportunity to make a difference on a national level. Praise God the preliminary meeting went well and they seemed to be very responsive to the proposal. We then moved north to **La Spezia**, my parents' home town, where I had the opportunity to **share my story** once more with a group of young believers and 20 or so **non-believing old swimming friends** I invited to the event via FB. It was awesome to see some dear ones after 38 years of disappearance.... Most of them in this town are culturally **communist/atheist**. Thus it was

stirring for them to see my tears and to hear a plea for salvation via a vibrant relationship with a **living God** vs. a statue of a dead person hanging in a location they would seldom even visit. I was immensely blessed to leave them with this message: "My heart would be torn to pieces if one day you stand in judgment with me present and the Lord would say '**get away I never knew you**' and you look into my eyes and say 'you knew- **why didn't you tell me?**' At least now you are made aware and what you do with

the truth you heard tonight is your responsibility!"



Edoardo (Chicco's son from Rome) spent 3 weeks with us this summer: working at a Christian camp attending a YL camp and the last week with us. It was an honor for me to **baptize him** after he made a profession of faith! This is the **first generational change**, since I baptized his father 8

years ago. He now wants to finish his HS studies at a local private school (Baylor). I feel there is an increasing desire from Italians to send their kids overseas for school and eventually work. In essence this is what happened to me and **it changed my life eternally** because I met Christ in the process. I think we should focus more on these opportunities while we are still Stateside. Also the **Chancellor of University of Tennessee** Chattanooga promised to alleviate some of the current obstacles to the application process in order to increase the foreign student population on his campus.

Our fantastic 4 expressed the fellowship with the Italians as a highlight of the trip.

Isabella started her senior year after working this summer at the Marriot and a bed & breakfast to gain necessary experience for entrance into hospitality at Cornell University or Lausanne Switzerland (both high reaching schools). Marco continues in his entrepreneurial endeavors and mentoring Young Life college leaders. I teach cooking to Covenant College students. My niece Morgan is a freshman there and we are enjoying having her near. I continue to Skype gals in Rome and praying that 3 of them will attend Bible Study Fellowship in Rome to grow deeper in the Word. I also connected with a woman in Italy who is running Moms in Prayer International there and will help her get groups started in Rome and Manfredonia. I am involved with Moms in Prayer at Isabella's school.

*We love you all very much,
Peppo and Jane*

Jane's corner:

First of all don't zoom into the photo of us all in front of the Matera cave dwellings as I have a disgusted look

on my face- now I know you will do just that - ha-ha- We enjoyed watching our 4 friends experience Italy for the first time. It was a great encouragement to have them share their godly business and family philosophy to people who aren't accustomed to applying their faith to daily living in a real way i.e. honesty in business, faithfulness to spouses, loving one's neighbor etc. One of the Romans said he was jealous of their strong faith.

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