

**Peppo and Jane Biscarini** ..... serving in Italy**....SELFISHLY OR SELFLESSLY?****What**

a wonderful opportunity to travel back to California to see some of you dear friends, supporters, and family (Floridians you are next!!!). While visiting San Diego we had the great pleasure to baptize Isabella at a friends' home. Although pastor Bob Botsford was traveling during that particular week; he kindly made the time to visit at the home of the Hall's and administered the "sacrament". It was a special occasion since Bob was the one that 8.5 years prior dedicated her in front of the Horizon's congregation. Isabella was playing in the pool with two other girls while we were giving an update to some San Diegans involved in the ministry; before long she convinced the other two to be baptized as well...a little evangelist...!

**ON THE WAY TO THE SACRIFICIAL ALTAR...!**

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**Letting Go:**

The tough part of the summer came at the end of August. As many of you already know, Marco was having the biggest struggles in Italy. Many a time I felt like letting these Romans sink to their deserved destiny and return to the States in order to safeguard the interest of **my own family**. None of these people deserved the suffering of my family members! Yet once searching deeper I realized that these unworthy, arrogant, pompous, Romans are lost sheep without a shepherd...who was going to bring a message of hope to them? Was I willing to sacrifice something dear to my heart He entrusted in my hands (my son) ? Was I willing to pick up this cross and follow Him in this wonderful yet dark/God forbidden country? Was I really that much different than those people I found repulsive? After a hard tug a war I had to relent. I confess it is not easy to let go of a loved possession for the sake of ....an "unworthy" one ...yet we stand before God's example and John 3:16 takes a new meaning. I confess I am not giving to them out of love like our celestial Father did with Christ; I am



still giving out of obedience and thus covet your prayers for a change of heart. Jane seems to be handling this better than I am. How many of us are willing to let go in order to let God use us to the fullness of **His glory?**

I know I am not the only one that struggles

with separation, yet I believe we are in a time of refining and the bar is set higher (or so it seems given that the World standards are becoming more...worldly). How do you live? ...Selfishly or selflessly? Oh how I covet to be so filled with His Spirit that nothing the world offers would *even begin* to get my attention. May we all learn to live experientially in His presence; may we all be filled to overflow and in so doing become irresistibly contagious; may we all learn not to think less of ourselves, but to think of ourselves less. AMEN.

**Latest happenings:**

Once in Rome the 3rd world experience begun once more. For starter the phone line and internet were not working. The software in the cell phone also decided to collapse and it took 3 weeks just to get a courtesy phone while the carrier tried to fix the problem. As I write the internet is off once more (it worked for 9 days only). I need to learn to let it all roll off my back as Jane always tells me....however, she is forgetting my back is not that stable to begin with...eh, eh! We met a few of our Bible Study students (the older group) who are anxious to restart the study. We are waiting until the first week of October since some of them are still out of town. This quarter we would also like to get involved more with the youth. Prior to leaving the States we visited a Young Life camp in Northern CA and were amazed by the diversity in the crowd and the response of those kids to the Gospel message. We would love eventually to coordinate some activity with this fine organization to reach the

dying youth in Italy. Helen, the teenage girl Jane was discipling prior to the summer, is ready to step up and become the recruiter for a youth group. This would be a critical year since she is a senior in H.S. Our church is willing to provide additional man power for us to guide to accomplish the task without diluting the efforts devoted to our primary target. The couple study will be susceptible to our home relocation (remember that distances in Rome can be short and monumental at the same time because of the horrendous traffic. It is not unusual to spend 45 minutes to cover 4 to 5 miles...yes it is faster to walk).

***Jane's corner:*** Just as I expected, going back to The States (1st time in 2 years) was going to make it harder to return to Rome; we so enjoyed seeing some of our friends and supporters. You can't imagine how refreshing it is to talk about our lives with another believer in a mother tongue! I really miss that now, but it does get better over time as my Italian improves and as I build relationships. So we arrived in Rome with no phone, internet, and almost all stores closed due to the August vacations... even doctor's offices!

1st priority was to get Marco off to school for 9th grade in Germany at Black Forest Academy (his choice) where he would be surrounded by caring Christian friends and teachers, even though we knew it would be hard for us to send him away. Thankfully he is thrilled to be there. Since there is no swimming he tried out for the volleyball team and is on the team! Isabella is happy to be back in school with her friends and class of 12 for 4th grade. She loves to do gymnastics and always wears shorts under skirts so she can do handstands anywhere and everywhere. (I guess she takes more after me for those who knew me at 8 yrs. Of age). Now we are pouring ourselves into house hunting as we must move in Nov. That is our biggest challenge as it is very hard to find an affordable house in our area or close to Isabella's school where we can continue to bring people in and minister to them. We have looked from one side of town to the other and even looked at other school options which are bleak because of prohibitive costs. It is my goal this year to begin a Bible study with the wives and friends of Peppo's Wed. Club group. One of them is very interested in gathering some gals together with



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me to learn what her husband has been learning thru Peppo. This is very exciting and unexpected. The fishing continues... !



***Prayer requests***

- We need to be out of our current residence in November, and covet your prayer for a new abode that would also be suitable to accommodate our activities.
- Pray for new leadership to grow quickly and deeply in the love and knowledge of the Word
- Pray for my (Peppo) love towards the Romans; one that would reflect the Lord's
- Pray for Marco's adaptation away from home

**We Love you**

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