

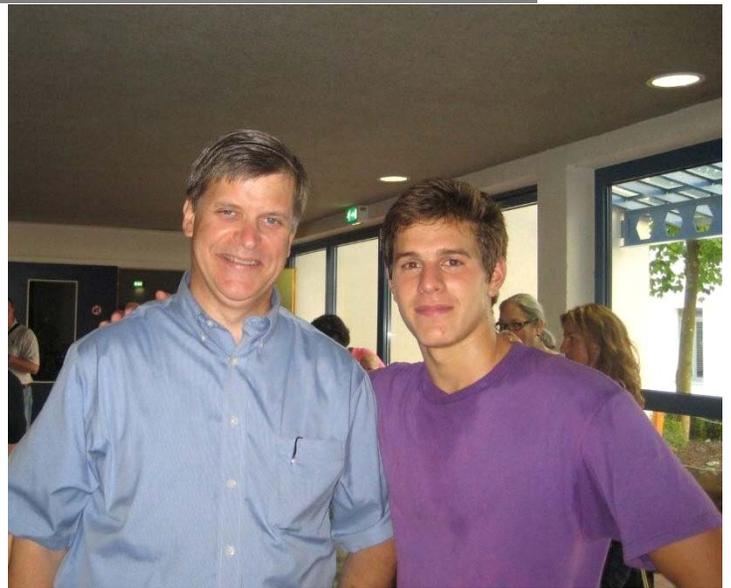
# Peppo and Jane Biscarini ..... *Still* serving in ROMA

*¿ Are we heading for chaos ?*

*From the heart:*

**W**hat a summer...

After fighting the pain in my body (knee, shoulder and back) I had to deal with inner struggles in a very unusual way. **Did you ever get upset with God for His apparent detachment towards your deepest struggles?** Did you ever blame Him for your physical pain? What words do we utter when life seems so unfair? If we are honest with ourselves we will see that at times it is very human to make our relationship-or even our loyalty to Him-contingent to answers to prayers. However, true **faith is not manipulative but submissive**; it does not prompt Him to do our will, but it positions us to do His. Job had a special encounter with God and thus could say: *"My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes"*. However, most of the NT saints-and us today, did not experience such an encounter. Yet the saints of old remained steadfast and unshakable in the midst of God's "hiddenness". Is this our reaction today? I have to confess my inadequacy as I wandered away from the Word this summer in disappointment towards God..... A sort of veil of apathy enveloped me until through a co-worker at the national conference in prayer mentioned that my new name is "overcomer". I was not laughing audibly, but inside I got a kick out of it! Well. A month later I realized the immaturity of taking something out on the One that cares the most and wants to see me through more trials to temper me for what is to come. If you are going through this struggle right now remember that though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day. Fix your eyes on the unseen and not on what you see, it worked for Paul and it did for me.



*Keeping a close watch.....President Henry Deneen checking up on Marco in Germany*

The other day I invited a plastic surgeon friend to our man study. The Lord put him on my heart prior to the summer break and I was not too sure he would respond affirmatively since he is quite a socialite... Well he said yes and after the meeting was very excited to become a part of our group! This reaffirms once more the concept of **talking to God about people prior to talking to people about God!**

## map

Munich, Germany – Though we've had two International School ministries open for years here, we are now beginning both a ministry to German high school kids and a ministry to university students. We have identified the key leaders who will put this in place.

Rome, Italy – We have found a great catalyst in Peppo Biscarini. Peppo, an Italian national, has become a great spark plug for us in Rome. He is highly networked and has already manages to recruit several leaders who want to be trained and begin Young Life in Rome. Peppo's wife is American and she met Christ at a Young Life camp! Yes, they have the vision!

Sofia, Bulgaria – Through the last two service projects we have developed the potential of beginning Young Life in Bulgaria. You can read more about this in our service project update.



*The European director of YL is excited about the possibilities of expansion into Italy as you can read in his latest newsletter. He will be here again Oct 7-8 to solidify the relationship and set the groundwork*

## How dark is Europe?

I keep hearing from different people in ministry that Europe is the new frontier for missionaries: the largest, least evangelized, most resistant mega population on earth!!! It is true, and the picture below is very suggestive as it depicts darkness overtaking the light... Here in Italy I call it the generation of the "been there done that" Most of the unreached populations welcome the "novelty" of the good news; however, most of the European yawn at the same old-same old message. This field needs your ATTENTION.....



While waiting at the post office the other day I came across a notebook for young students. The title was a bit strange and upon glancing at it I saw numerous vignettes depicting Christ very profanely. These are diaries that young kids will read throughout the school year....and get desensitized in the process. So not only the message does not go out to the younger generation, instead it is "cool" to make fun of Him who gave EVERYTHING for us.

Oh boy... where are we heading? This world is getting more chaotic by the day: political instability, lack of accountability, financial crisis, mocking of justice and righteousness.....

### 2 Tim 3:1-5

*There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, **lovers of money**, boastful, proud, **abusive**, disobedient to their parents, **ungrateful**, **unholy**, without love, unforgiving, **slanderous**, without self-control, **brutal**, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God- having a form of godliness but **denying its power**.*

*Tonight I will go out with Magdalene!  
Let's do heads or tails! (in Italian is heads or cross). Cross! You won!*



### The growing Italian team .....

### Prayer:



- We are adding on to the Italian team; pray we will add those who are truly called and are ready to endure in a hostile environment.
- Peppo's extensive travel with GEM this fall.
- Jane's Italian study starting this week.
- The larger group study recommencing this week.
- For the right foundation in starting the youth ministry.
- God's will in pursuing the establishment of a primary school (assembling the right task force that will begin the due diligence).

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