



A message from the Biscarini's: *"The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."*

The downward spiral in the US economy seems to have taken away hope, peace, and joy from the hearts of many people we visited this summer. Things in Italy are not much better as the future appears to be bleaker than the present. I think in these situations it is easy to float as *dead fish* downstream swooped by the flow of the current. However, God calls us to be *spiritually alive* and swim against the current of the times empowered by **His Spirit**. Well, what do we do then? Do we find all of the excuses as Gideon did once called to an impossible task because from his lookout point he could only see his deficiencies and inadequacies? Or do we let God's Spirit lift us up to His advantage point and see the end result of what He wants to do with us? Remember that he who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else. As I thought of this title, I remembered having written something similar in the past and sure enough on the 3rd qtr 08 (see our site), I wrote the following: Are we heading for chaos? (prophetic in hindsight). Here is an excerpt: "However, true **faith is not manipulative, but submissive**; it does not prompt Him to do our will, but it positions us to do His". We may think that our current position is not what we labored for...finding ourselves prone we would like to be supine. Well, assuming we are abiding in Him,

Our growing kids... Isabella and Marco



thus not reaping the folly that we might have sown, then we should take confidence that **He has us**

where he wants us! I have to confess that my demeanor has changed in the past years as we experienced testing periods (typically challenged by the uncertainty of financial provisions). Currently, though we see the dollar weakening once more against the euro and after having just received some unexpected

A brand new Bible study with influencers



news about a 40% loss of support (which critically jeopardizes our stay in Italy), I have an unusual sense of peace and joy and an even stronger determination to keep going with the many new projects underway. Thus I am either growing insane, irresponsible or trusting my God to be bigger than any adverse circumstances! I think that learning to praise him as Job did regardless our circumstances is a tremendous accomplishment for any of us!

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That was the theme of our summer...Marco going to College in San Diego, Jane having surgery on her feet, Isabella changing school, me managing logistics and speaking. Most of you heard via emails about Marco's initial challenges with school and the way the Lord finally provided not just the school, but a **wonderful family** to host him in San Diego. He also passed the physical and mental exam for the Navy Seals' program, but opted to go through it as an officer instead; this came after the council of some of you former military veterans. Jane had a successful surgery in Los Angeles and is now more beautiful by Japanese standards since her



feet are shorter (she had the second toes on both feet shortened because they were putting unusual pressure on the metatarsal area). Isabella had a great rejuvenation time with her cousin in



Whatever it takes to reach and save the lost!...

Peppo in South Pacific garb!

Santa Barbara and was able to continue the *dream*, through the intervention of a few of you “angels” whom made possible for her to attend the American Overseas School in Rome. This has enabled her to blossom once more (what a relief as a parent) and even take leadership positions as the vice president of the middle school. I had a great opportunity to spend some overdue time with some of you. A big thanks to *Tyler/Diana, Michael/Lisa, Bob/Susan, Don/Judy, Dan/Annette, Scott/Bebe, Raquel/Curtis, Hunter/MC, Will, Karen, Jennifer/Larry and Bobby/Lisa* for providing transportation and hospitality, may the Lord richly bless you as you blessed us.

about this is that, unlike in the States, couples here are not used to gather and talk marital issues in a “forum”, but they love it! Exactly a month ago we also started official Young Life gatherings even though the YL staff people we were promised will not be here until next summer. However, once the word got out we were ministering to some 30+ kids a local American couple stepped in to help and it turned out they were volunteer staff for YL for 5 yrs! So now a month into it we have 6 people helping us with this task.

Our newly formed couple's group.



Jane's corner

This is our busiest season so far especially since I am involved at Isa's school, besides the ministry activities. I am preparing for the basketball season as cheerleading coach with bake sales at volleyball games and bonding with the girls etc. We are also taking in our college student friend Helen whom I disciplined 3 years ago; she needs a place to stay and study for the next 2 months. Peppo is half a century on Nov 4th!

Please pray for the following:

- The Lord would provide new supporters in order for us to continue ministering in Italy;
- Peppo is falling apart with his shoulder (needing surgery), back and knee; yet in the midst of his pain he is inspiring others;
- Another young missionary couple to replace a current one that will be returning to the US in the Spring.

Latest:

Once in Rome we did not have but 2 days to catch up and get going. The men's group was suffering withdrawals from our Bible study meetings and had to restart immediately (very refreshing). Prior to leaving for the States we gathered some couples with the hope of meeting regularly for a study in the fall. Well, praise God, we started 3 weeks ago with some eager participants. The interesting thing

Praise God for your help in Isabella's funding for school; Marco's placement with a family, all the new studies; the impact we are making out of obedience to Him!

We love you all. *Peppo and Jane*