



A message from the Biscarini's:

"Be still and know that I am God "
Psalms 46:10

Latest:

So much has happened in this past quarter I find it hard to synthesize it in two pages.

- Our son **Marco** is back living with us after 8 years of separation! He is doing an **internship** at a local incubator-venture capital firm and has been making "rounds" with me to evaluate evangelistic opportunities for the year he will be spending here. Isabella is also thrilled to get to know her brother all over again.



- **Angela** is one of the 11 people that came over this summer. She will remain with us until May receiving specific discipleship training at **Covenant College** as well as a local start up company (she will want to use business as a mission). She is getting equipped to better serve the group in Manfredonia



- We are very thankful the **summer outreach** was a success. The local hosting families were challenged in dealing with non-believers staying at their home, but that resulted in having Christ displayed all the more. Some of the kids' affirmation on our last get together were quite compelling: **"I never received so much love in my entire life"**; "the love displayed by people that do not even know us was overwhelming", **"I had a father I do not have at home"**...are just a few of the statements we heard in the midst of tears from everyone. Even the kids of the host families were touched by the friendships with the Italians.

- Another highlight was the privilege of **baptizing Concetta** at the end of the trip. Initially her parents forbade her to come on the trip because they thought she would get brainwashed into a "cult". Miraculously all these barriers were removed 2

weeks before departure and she was able to realize her dream.

Gippo, a former professional soccer player I have known since his birth (he is 41 now), called me in May to see if he could come to visit in order to discuss a **"void in his heart"**. He has **always been an atheist**, but in the past 5 years he has been searching for meaning in life. Like many, he obtained the goals he set before him, but found that the deep "void" could never get filled. It was great that he could come with the rest of the group. After a few discussions and seeing the Lord at work in the life of others, he came to realization that Jesus is the answer and **relented**.



Gippo



We sent you an email with a link to some of the outreach activities with the Italians (you can view it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmd7Xnrdask>).

- Finally after 22 mos. the IRS **approval** for Via Veritas Inc, is **official**; we are a recognized **501c3** religious non-profit organization.

- We challenged **Marianna**, a Young Life staff member we met 2 months ago, to come aboard VV and **go to Manfredonia** to keep the group together since Angela is with us until May. She is leaving on November 4th. She is a former jet mechanic for the US army, a guitar and piano player and most importantly she is on fire for the Lord.



Marianna (R) with some of our girls @ a YL camp

From the heart:

We have been in Chattanooga for a year now and what the Lord put on my heart since day 1 is still persistent: *Be still and know that I am God!* However, I do not do well with stillness; He created me to be in motion -fast motion- and the thought of slowing down to "smell the roses" is somewhat foreign to me. I am saying this because I covet your prayers. The struggle of acting as the **vinedresser** instead of being a patient-still **branch** is something I am still wrestling with. My sense is that my Father will do whatever it takes to make sure I fully understand this basic yet profound principle. Many of us think we can rely on God-given talents, drive, tenacity, and attributes. These are tools that He uses, but when not in balance, they bring less than a perfect outcome because driven by the **flesh**. I sense that after 14 years in ministry this simple principle is the Achilles' heal of many in ministry and before He can project us to something even more exciting I need to master this concept.

Jane's corner:

Well I am in my element having our 2 kids here with us in the same house! I feel so blessed to be together as Marco finds his way in the working/ministry world and Isabella plows through her junior year as a new driver, student council leader and strongest rowing team member. Isa's school has a new head master who is much more open about Christian events than last years' intern; and has given her full blessing to the Moms in Prayer, which was a battle last year. We hope to get to know her and



involve some of the students in the Spring Break mission trip to Manfredonia. **Angela**- 27 years old from Manfredonia- is also with us and is an added blessing to our family. Besides caring for the home and family, as a form of outreach I am training 2 teen girls in boot

camp/Pilates and organizing Italian/healthy cooking classes (boy do they need help with healthy cooking here!) I have Christian friends for the first time in 14 years that I can talk with and walk with. I have really missed that in Italy.



In the midst of this summer program, we abounded in challenges. We had **to move** with a 30 day notice since the landlord sold the house and cope with the loss of one of our best **Manfredonia friends**, Filippo, who planned to come with his wife to visit us in October.



Prayers:

- Pray I would have the insight of getting involved solely in what He has already **preordained**, instead of bulldozing my way through projects.
- Our budget to date is behind by approximately \$16,000. **Talk to your church** about our ministry.
- Pray for **Angela** and **Marianna** as they are going through some considerable changes.

Love y'all

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