

Peppo and Jane Biscarini

"...I feel as if I were walking on air..."

UPDATE:

-Move-

Dearest ones,
we have greatly missed communicating to you being wrapped up in the vicissitudes of the move, but Thank God we are actually "almost" settled back to Italy. The expected "challenges" were all here waiting for us: the house not ready by the time it was promised (to date we walk partially on slab partially on wood), leaks, mold, electrical problems, constant problems with the phone and internet lines, delays with the shipments, damaged furniture (our big sofa was partially eaten by rats, my suits chewed by moths and the same for 3 oriental rugs...the Lord forewarned us about moths and rust...). Nonetheless we are finally here and realize problems are typically a matter of perspective (see next page).

-Family- Marco is in 7th grade and Isabella in 1st, both at an Italian school. The transition for the little one is a bit harder since she lost all her Italian; however her attitude is great and she is making a lot of friends. Marco's swimming Jane is also back to school and her Italian is almost back to where it was prior to our departure for the States 2.5 years ago. I am the one having the hardest time adjusting: the drivers, delays, inefficiencies of my own people are driving me crazy. Jane tells me to let it roll off my back.

Marco's class



Well I have to admit by now I have 2 large grooves in my back, but my attitude is getting better! I know the enemy hates for us to be here and thus he will try whatever he can to derail us. Whenever we look at what the Lord has already provided, it makes it all well worth it. Well one event that gave us, and continues to keep us going, is the conversion of Vera. I mentioned her story in one of my latest email updates. One week after our arrival in Italy, we were at a restaurant for dinner and the



Countess Vera and the girls

noises and distraction seemed to increase when I wanted to go over the 4 Spiritual Laws booklet with her. However, the Spirit had her block off everything and keenly focus on the material. She was so eager to know more and so open to receive. When she enthusiastically prayed to receive Christ I was the one doing the crying.... our Lord is so Faithful with His appointments! The next day she called excitedly and said "Last night was such a special evening and I still feel as if I were walking on air". This lady is surely a delight to be with. We just started a study with her and Lord willing two others we are witnessing to will join in (Gaea and Elena). Fabrizio, a businessman from the "Roma bene", is also a breath of fresh air.

He came to the Lord during one of my visits a year ago. We are now meeting weekly for discipleship.



My father in law, Fabrizio, me

From the Heart:

What we are facing here should not even be mentioned in light of what has happened to a lot of our friends in Florida that have been without food, electricity and suffering damages to their properties....or what about other missionaries haunted by the shadow of death because of their profession of faithwho am I to complain about "things" not working when I am blessed in the first place in having these things; why should I develop an ulcer driving down the street surrounded by maniac drivers when there are some that walk for miles and many other that use public transport since they can't afford a car...who am I to tell God: "this is very aggravating, frustrating when He urges me to have a thankful heart in the midst of the trials"... Isn't He big enough? Isn't He aware of my situation and dilemmas? What am I doing in the process??? Becoming more aggressive in my driving is not the answer!!!! I need to incorporate and live 2 Tim 2:24-3:1 more readily in my life:

"the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome, but kind to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to

know the truth, and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. "

What about you? What is the behavior that exhibits the lack of faith (I am using the term loosely here) in a God that promised not to abandon us? Could we stand before the fire and say "My God will deliver me from this...so do not fret..." the other day I was reflecting on this passage from Daniel 3:17-18. What struck me more than ever was the believers' unquestionable, unwavering, unconditional trust not in an ethereal being, but in a Father that passionately loves us and One who knows what is best for us no matter what we see, or not see, at the moment.

I believe at times we are all bad mathematicians: we add the "everything else" and subtract the priority of "seeking first His kingdom", thus the net result cannot be but a negative.

-Prayer requests-

Pray for the salvation of **Gaea** (a very influential aristocrat and socialite) and **Elena**, a vigorous business woman (hotels owner) whom we have been witnessing to. The same prayer for a couple, **Sabina** and **Norm**, also very well networked in the Roman society. Sabina is intrigued by what we are doing and would like to get involved with us (first things first since they are unbelievers!). Also pray for the salvation for people that live near us: **Valentino** (the clothes designer), **Zeffirelli** (famous Italian producer/director), **Fiorucci** (largest sliced meat processor in the country) and **Gina Lollobrigida** (Italian actress). Please take these people to heart because we won't be able to make any impact unless we and they are covered with prayer.

We miss you and love you very much!

Peppo, Jane and family

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