



Latest news:

In May Isabella graduated from Girls Preparatory School as an Honor student and is heading off to **Westmont**, Santa Barbara. She was accepted at the oldest and most prestigious Hotel Management School in the world (EHL in Switzerland), but the prohibitive fees and fully hedonistic campus lifestyle changed her mind. We are proud of her and the future that lies ahead.



It was great to share this celebration with 1 brother and 2 sisters from our **Manfredonia "church"** who decided to visit for a 3-week vacation. They had a chance to be with us at Calvary Chapel and feel the full impact of worship. They commented: **"everyone is active and participating**, not just with their lips, but **with their hearts** unlike at home"! We had a great time of devotion every morning, and biblical discussion throughout the day. It felt as if I was back 2000 years ago practicing **true discipleship** as the Lord intended us to do...



A dear friend allowed us to use her house in Kiawah, SC and from there we traveled to FL and met up with some other dear friends in our old stomping ground, Palm Beach. Marco joined us as we were treated to a

Memorial weekend trip to the **Bahamas** where, in between spearing Hogfish, grouper, snapper and Cero, I certified some of them as freedivers. Speaking of Cero Mackerel, I pole speared my first one (you are not allowed regular spearguns in Bahamas) and it came in at 11 lbs, 1lb shy of the world record. What a great time of rejuvenation and fellowship! For this fisher-of-men being able to get back to some **old fashion fishing is always a huge treat** since I miss it so much. The ride





home was interesting: **6 people** in a Hyundai Santa Fe with bags, fish... and **720 miles** to cover !

Pasquale, as we call him "**cheese man**" (he runs a cheese factory back in Manfredonia), was eager to get some raw milk in order to make **ricotta**. I could not believe how difficult it was to find some raw milk since it is not intended for human consumption...but finally Giuliano, a local brother, took us to a farm nearby and

found it at \$5.50/gal.

Anyway, Pasquale made some nice ricotta in no time, but commented that the quality was mediocre compared to the one he can make back home with a superior milk quality...Hey, that's why Italian food is considered the best in the world, even our grass is apparently better...

Prayers:

- **Edoardo**, the kid that visited us last year and I had the privilege to baptize, will be back this summer and attend a local High School for the 16/17 academic year. Pray he will be the first of a long tradition



coming in this area to experience **incarnational Christian living** or as our pastor calls it: Rescipleship (relational discipleship)

- Many of you have kids off to College, so you know how to pray for the "adaptation". Please lift up Isabella who is becoming an expert at this having **changed 9 different schools** since her Kindergarten years !
- Also please lift us up as we go through another change and figure out how ministry will look between here and Italy. Personally, I have been challenged as finances and rationality pushed me towards seeking a regular secular job and **yet do not feel "released" by Him** from the last calling to my post in Manfredonia and



Rome. The saints there are **begging** for a physical presence and not just the weekly virtual Skype- just like sheep without a shepherd! As we plan to organize a team that can join us there we urgently covet your prayers.

We love you very much.

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