



A message from the Biscarini's:

"Everyone who left houses...father, mother, children...for my sake..."
Matt 19:29

Reflections:

As I write this update

Jane is back in the States for a short visit to the kids (and a wedding). Having her at a distance makes me ponder on the **kind of woman** she is. It is not at all common to find a partner that would leave her family (specially her own kids), friends, culture, and embark in an unknown adventure with a crazy visionary with a passion for evangelism! Praise God for her and for all those missionaries that have-and are- enduring the COST of evangelism. We know the Lord will reward these efforts one day, but that is not the motivation that drives us through the challenges of this **high calling**. There are many clichés about the cause, but in a nutshell there is no greater satisfaction in seeing a person's **soul come to life**, or snatching a life from the enemy's grip. The battle this day is intensifying and we know, it will get worse even for the elect. So being in the frontline makes it all the more exciting!! Thus we are forever grateful for those of you that continue to **provide ammunitions** for us (prayer and \$).

Update:

Last March I had the opportunity to host the **Rome leadership** (*Steve, Chicco and Gimmy*) for a weekend in the wilderness



behind our apt. in Manfredonia. The area in the local hills

(approx 2400 ft elev) is loaded with



"holes" dug unto the rocks. Those were "housing units" for the **hermits** that occupied the area around **500 AD**. An awesome place to contemplate God's grandiose creation!



Steve climbing to the top

The Rome group has **merged with**

another fellowship that a missionary friend started a year ago in an effort to jump start a reformed church. This way we do not have to travel to Rome as frequently though I have weekly Skype meetings with the leadership. Also **Lorenzo**, a pastor in a town 30 min away, has been going through training in Romania at the Harvest Bible Church European headquarter. He will finish in June and will be ready to take over the church plant we started in Manfredonia once we move south to Bari. Our teammates **Steve and Melissa** just came back to Italy after returning to the States to acquire a **2 years visa**. Praise God they are all set to go now. Their lack of language skills is trumped by their humble and loving attitude which is

well received by the locals. They are a great support to us.

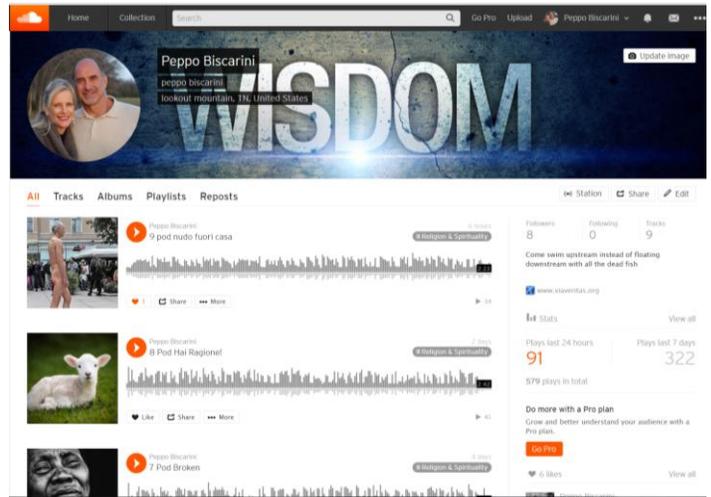


Three weeks ago Jane and I met in Prague with Michael Gaffney Director of Young Life University worldwide for a summit with the European leaders. We were invited since we are exploring how to partner with YL to reach the University community in Italy starting with Bari (90 min south of us). We are looking forward to organize outreaches with other Euro students starting this summer.



The Italian Podcasts are still having a good following and I was asked to put them in a video format...but I am not *techno*! I am, however, contemplating doing an English version since a few Italians wanted to share it with some non-Italian speaking friends.

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In a few hours I will be meeting with the pastor of **Calvary Chapel Chattanooga** and other CC from all over Italy for a 3 day conference near Siena. I am looking forwards to a time of rejuvenation and strategic thinking.

Jane's corner:

We are excited about the group of college students in Bari that are always eager to see us and dialogue about life. We believe God is moving us there to mentor and start the 1st young life college in Italy there. We have only just begun to pour into these 15+ students and they have expressed wanting more of us along with Steve and Melissa. There is a vibrant church nearby we can partner with as well which is a rare find in Italy. Now I'm in the states to be with the kids and my parents as well as doctor visits I can't do in Italy.

We love and miss you all...

Peppo and Jane

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