



A message from the
Biscarini's:

*Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness*

Isaiah 5:20

Well summer is behind us and with it are some of the fun outdoor outreaches like ultimate Frisbee and American football on the beach which allowed us to spread our wings into new groups of young adults. Praise God that despite our physical

deterioration Jane and I were able to keep up with the competition....!

None of these guys/gals have ever played these games, thus we gained instant acceptance as the cool "kids" around the block. This is a huge milestone since we **prayed and**



fasted with our team members about moving to Bari for the school year. It appears that **the Spirit is not releasing us yet to move south** and instead opened up the doors to influence a new group of 20+ young adults eager to learn and make a difference in their lives and this town.

This comes as a refreshing change. Most times the youth we deal with need to be spoon-fed, pushed, and babied to do anything. Instead these guys would love to meet every night, if we allow them, and learn whatever possible. Most **do not have healthy role models** in or out of their homes. We cannot yet plug them into the "formal church" since they are atheist or agnostics, but all of us are having great 1 on 1 discussions as well as group interaction. Pray that the Lord will give them **thirst for the truth** as their primary need. We realize more and more that God's timing and plans are not to be overridden by our zeal for evangelism and thus forcing a hand is always counterproductive.

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That is the difference with what we do at *Via_Veritas: Creative Evangelism*. We were trained by CRU with **aggressive** evangelism, then went with **GEM** heavy on **theological** approach and finally appreciated the **fun** approach programs of **YL**. **Via Veritas has found a blend**



of all three in order to be more effective with Italian nationals that do not fare well with standard American programs... This morning we were reflecting on the "identity" we are projecting and realized how closely we are to **mirroring the early church of Acts**...doing life together vs. doing Church on Sunday.

Just last week I met with **the mayor** to propose a cleanup project since our town is so dirty. Our youth would pick a section of town, keep it clean, maintain it and invite the local high schools to volunteer to do the same in a spirit of "pride of ownership". Our group is ecstatic about the opportunity to teach younger teenagers (void of morals, goals, civic sense) how to do it. That is quite a change from the pervasive spirit of entitlement. I do believe that the Christian community should excel and set an example in the community whenever specific needs arise.

From the heart:

Tomorrow we will be in the States to celebrate **Isabella's 21st BD**, and take care of some personal matters. In addition we will have a few **gatherings** to bring friends and supporters up to speed with the latest development and **raise additional capital** to compensate recent **shortfalls**. Our ministry budget has suffered a 35% loss because of changes with a foundation and some donors retiring. Therefore we are now feeling the effects of this shortage as we are very limited with the purchase of ministry material, food-

drinks for outreaches, events with young adults, and our own travel (visiting churches, conferences and the group in Rome). In addition since we started Sundays' church services over a year and a half ago (we are not asking for donations from the locals), the overhead burden is even higher. Here are some **urgent line items** you could consider covering:

Church rent: \$300/mo

Church Utilities: \$45/mo

Weekly gathering with youth: \$280/mo (food/drinks)

Travel to Roma and Bari: \$240/mo

Purpose driven life books: \$350 (20 copies @15 euro/ea)

Our **goal** is to raise approximately another **\$2700/mo**.

I like what **John Piper** says about our responsibilities as believers... **"go, send, or be disobedient"**

Thus please be in prayer for the Lord to provide financial and human resources as He has done for the past 18 years!

Jane's corner:

Prayer is so much more important than I sometimes realize. I was ready to **shake the sand off my feet** of Manfredonia and go to Bari where the college kids are always available to us and where we can provide for felt needs like a listening ear and Sunday meals for students who are without spiritual mentors. After we fasted and prayed with our team God brought clear answers. Peppo and Steve organized a fun, competitive rally which opened the doors to a new friend group. It's encouraging to see them on our doorstep and desiring to talk, hang out and even learn Pilates. 2 girls wanted me to teach Pilates to them after work and I was



pleasantly surprised when they actually showed up 3x in a row ready with their mats! It's unusual for people to commit to things here. It gives me a chance to know them and talk about life. When I'm busy they are doing Barre classes with Melissa. Here is some news about

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our kids. **Marco and Romana** are doing great in Chattanooga, TN. Their business, **Vibrant Meals**, is now employing 19 people some of whom come from a rehab program at Calvary Chapel. They are now working on opening a second location. **Isabella** is finishing her College career while working at the **Four Season Hotel**. She would love to re-transfer to **Westmont**, if funds allow it (currently at the Santa Barbara Junior College), to finish her last year. This summer she had a great experience through the **Congressional Fellows Program** in DC and worked at the **Australian Consulate** as event coordinator. She received high praises from the Counsel and this November she is invited to DC with a small group of young leaders to attend a convention on defending religious freedom and Christian beliefs.

From the heart:

Recent events in the election of the supreme court justice revealed how much more broken the system seems to be getting. We should not be surprised at the fact that our Lord forewarned us that **good will be called evil and vice versa**. Actually I am excited to think that we may be experiencing the rapture of His church and yet burdened by a sense of urgency towards the many that still do not know Him as the only hope for eternal life. We are blessed the Lord called us to be **set**



apart to fight this battle as full time warriors. Please remember to lift us up in your prayers since we need a strong covering. May our Father bless you over and beyond your expectations.

We love and miss you all...

Peppo and Jane

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