



A message from the Biscarini's:

**"if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation"**

**2 Cor 5:17**

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is sharing her transformation in **Christ** with friends and patients. I think the Lord has unusual big plans for her life. Her father, a non believer, was blown away by her transformation and is afraid to meet me, less something "weird" would happen to him too.



- A **pastor from Phoenix, AZ** and his wife (above pix L) came to visit us because they are interested in joining our team and getting involved in our creative evangelism (specifically we are talking about reaching unbelievers through adventures-which borderlines torture for those of you who know me...). Since we had 3 girls visiting from TN, GA, AL we organized a *personal testimony night* which young and "old" really appreciated. One 25 yr old atheist in particular said "Peppo, thanks for working on **bringing the world to us** since we do not have means to go out there..."
- Please pray for **Pasquale and Antonio**, 2 young atheists that are starting to come around. Steve and Melissa are doing a good job with the one-on-one.
- In 3 days we will be in Lisbon for some meetings with **Young Life Europe** (University leadership) in order to solidify a practical partnership with the work we are doing in Italy.

**Latest:**

At times I ask the Father what is the reason for our staying in a place that seems so *reluctant* to the Gospel, so steeped in *tradition*, so *cynical* and then He **blesses us with some gems**. Our team for the past 6 months has been pouring into the lives of **young atheists and agnostics** which represent **70-75%** of the youth 20 to 30 years old in Italy. Two weeks before Christmas I prayed He would start bringing us people who are searching for Him. I had a dental appointment the next day and the **dental hygienist** asked me a couple of personal questions after which she **poured her heart out and cried profusely**. She was called in and out of the room 5 or 6 times and every time she entered she would cry and "dump" some more. We invited her and the dentist for lunch at the house and she told Jane and me how **anger and bitterness were consuming her** to the point she had to take pills to sleep every night. Long story short a week later she was accepting Christ in the backseat of our car. The next day she told us she was



able to hug her mom for the first time in 2 and half years- though they live together- and was not taking sleeping pills any longer. The mother remarked "**you are a new person baby**". She also stopped going to the psychologist and **replaced**

**therapy with scriptures!** What an awesome gift for us to have in time for Christmas ! Please pray for her as **she**



- Our Christmas time was special: not only our kids were able to join us here in Italy, but I was also able to be reunited with both of my sisters at the same time. This was the **first Christmas** we celebrated together since I left Italy in 1979- **40 years-!!!**
- The podcasts in Italian are reaching a good number of listeners **all over Italy** and this encourages me because it reveals the thirst people have for simple yet profound Godly truths. If you have any friends that speak Italian, please tell them to look at Peppo Biscarini on **spotify** or **soundcloud**.
- I am mesmerized by the goodness of our Father in the matters of finances. Last year we had our **lowest financial year** since we entered the ministry in 2000. Isabella, a junior, received a full scholarship at an American university in Rome, but she wanted to return to Westmont where fees have reached \$63k/yr. Needless to say we cannot afford this and through prayer, negotiating and perseverance we were able to get Isa **back to Westmont at almost 15% of the fees**. Praise God!

#### *Jane's corner:*

We are the minority in this culture as far as people wanting to grow spiritually, so when Elisa surrendered her life to Christ we were ecstatic! Not only did she

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become a follower of Christ, but she is devouring the Bible daily- and she is one of the working gals in this town with less free time than most. She is experiencing the peace of God through scripture and says she talks to Jesus like a best friend. Elisa is not afraid to talk to God directly or live the Christian life in a real way that is not often seen here. We are encouraged that she gets it and is an inspiration to others. I started to disciple her and her mother (a believer) joined us too! Rosa, a recent widow neglected by her own family, has noticed something different in us and has joined both the Sunday's Gospel and Tuesday's studies. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of our 52-65 yrs old widows.

We continue to do life with the 20 somethings with coffees and English club, movies and activities. I'm working on a cooking class series with Anna (Pasquale-cheese man's wife ). She is passionate about cooking and would like to make a little money. She will cook and I will translate for the American community here with Lockheed Martin.

#### **Prayer requests:**

Please keep us in your prayers with these specific requests:

- a. That the Lord would grant us male disciples willing to carry on His work.
- b. That the Lord will provide us with partnering churches that would commit to coming where we are, on consistent bases, to help us implement the different initiatives.
- c. That Joel and Kristen will receive their European passport asap so as to join our ministry here in Italy quickly.
- d. Pray that both Elisa and Daniele (a 20 yrs old atheist that came to faith at our church 2 months ago) will make the step of getting baptized as soon as the sea water warms up.

*We love and miss you all...*

*Peppo and Jane*

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