



A message from the Biscarini's:

"I am moved with compassion upon the crowd." Mark 8:2

Latest:

- For the past 4 weeks we have hosted in our 700 sq ft abode **2 great young adults** from *Northwestern University* who came to help out with the ministry for the summer. Drew is the son of a dear couple from our TN days, Julian is his soccer teammate at school who is of Italian descent. They have been picking up the language very fast and add a fresh component to the evangelism we have been doing amongst the youth. I have been able to train them athletically and another friend is handling the soccer part of their training. Jane is spoiling them with some delicious Italian food (we will need a new budget just to feed them!).



- On June 28, **the Fritz's (family of 5)** arrived to Manfredonia to help us out for the next 12-14 mos. They have yet to settle down in a permanent apartment as they are competing with the summer rental during July and August and in 5 days we already moved them 3 times! Talking about a fuller schedule...all of this in nearly 100 degrees weather.

- Lately a group of 4 high school girls has been spending time with us: 2 are atheist 1 agnostic and one somewhat religious.



Please pray particularly for **Laura** (the agnostic-R) who is trying to find herself and is searching for truth and love. She has a very sweet spirit.

From the heart:

How do you deal with **apathy, laziness, despair**? These are attributes that pervade not only the youth in this town, but a large portion of the population. As we discussed before, those individuals who want to make something with their lives are typically gone elsewhere leaving the town to a **worse degree of decay**. You would think with this mindset people would search for "hope", yet they seem more interested in sunbathing and drowning their problems. I confess this is such a challenge for me as an ultra A type personality. In the NT we notice passages describing our Lord as a compassionate master; however, in Mark 8 Jesus himself states: "I have compassion on these people". And that is the **big challenge** for me...*How do you keep a heart of compassion when the people around you are constantly*



depleting you of the joy, the very thing you want to pass on unto them? This is not just a question for the “professional Christian” because all of us have dealt or are dealing with people that are **MGR** (more grace required). It is a struggle that always brings us to the cross...upon which we too are asked to give up our “self” for the sake of others. That is what the Lord calls a *true disciple vs a follower*. Many of us are used to the concept of Following and Likes. It does not require much; actually it is fairly passive, just a click of a button. However, true Christianity is a constant surrender of the ego (pick up your cross daily) and an embracing of what is usually unnatural to us....Lord have patient with me a chief sinner!

Jane's corner:

We've learned here that summer is time to rest, go to beach, quit the gym, etc. Part of me understands it since it is so hot and humid and I have no energy in it. However air conditioning is here, but people falsely believe AC and breezy air causes sickness. Trust me- we did a study that showed France and Italy are the only countries where this is so and since they believe it to be true it actually does occur for them. That said, we are in our busiest time with 2

college students/soccer players with us to help for 5 weeks and another family just arrived with 3 girls. Busy not only with 3x a week workshops/discussions with youth, 'one on one' coffees, night bible studies, church etc, but now also helping the family settle in, visas to be had in order to get a home lease, car or scooter, and much hand holding until they understand the language and culture. There is much emotion as well since the Fritzs' oldest daughter 11 is very homesick. We constantly need to remember to rely on His strength and not our own as we do get weary. *'Be still and know that I am God'* is very hard for us, but vital. So much of this ministry is for our own growth with God. He wants us close to Him more than anything we can do! Thanks also very much to those of you who hosted the 2 Manfredonians we sent over to Chattanooga last month.

I have been pleased with the spontaneous insurgence of “clean up” initiatives around town. After our inception of **Green Dream**, three other associations have sprouted and are mobilizing more citizens in changing the area. This is a huge start considering the generations of filthy, arrogant, selfish, careless Manfredonians. I am still advocating *becoming the change*, which starts with a **heart transformation**. Eventually the populous will start seeing with a spiritual sight. Manfredonia has been indicted as a Mafia run administration now under the control of an external prefect. Though I thought of running for the next elections of Mayor, the level of frustration, contention, and corruption is not worth the effort...

Love you !

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