



A message from the Biscarini

"And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?"

Matt 6:27

Latest:

The biggest news during this 1st quarter was the birth of Gioia Isabella Biscarini. In the midst of this coronavirus debacle this was truly something to be "joyous" about... So Jane and I are now Glamparents! May she grow with a love for the Lord as her parents model faithfully what it looks like to be HIS own.



From the heart:

In the midst of the concerns with this coronavirus it seems futile to me to even try to update anyone with what is happening in our lives. I am not cynical in saying this, just pragmatic. We came to the US March 6th just before the shut down occurred in Italy and in time for the birth of Gioia. Manfredonia just experienced its highlight



of the year with a 10 day carnival full of celebrations and then all of the sudden a complete shut down as of March 9. It has been interesting to see how non believing Italians reacted in worry,

tension, frustration, depression about the situation in comparison to the more peaceful attitude of those of us firmly planted in Him! Any of those emotional states have not added health,

Carnival in Manfredonia



security, answers or peace of mind for those that do not rely on a Creator in control of the storms in our lives. Yes, indeed the measures adopted in Italy have been more drastic and severe than here in the States, but not to warrant this level of panic. First was the distancing then the actual lockdown (you need papers to go out of the home for grocery shopping), then fines up to \$4,500 if found without papers or picked up by drone surveillance...unbelievable. Now the latest is the proposal of forceful vaccination. We seem to shift to an intensified form of government control that is unconstitutional even in Italy. Anyway, I do not want to get political. I was supposed to fly back to Italy March 28 and the flight was cancelled; 10 days ago the airline cancelled my March 27 return and it looks like I will be "stuck" until at least May 4th. It has been a blessing to be with our son and daughter in law whom we seldom see. On the other end it is frustrating not to see Isabella graduate from Westmont (they cancelled the May 2nd graduation) nor hug some friends locally that are "sensitive" to the

lockdown. Jane was to have **eye surgery** in Santa Barbara and this too has been pushed to June. Many of you have discouraged us from going back to Italy right now. Actually even if we were in Italy, things would not have been different than what we are doing here which is weekly **video**



**conferencing** for Bible study and Sunday gospel. Even our team members on the ground are limited to online connection only. Through a Chinese friend I was able to **secure 500 surgical masks** for the hospital in Manfredonia as a free gift and demonstration of Christian love that our team members distributed to 2 department heads. We placed Genesis 2:7 on the inside and a message stating: ***“May this mask protect you from what could be destructive, but more importantly may you reflect upon who is the giver of your next breath...God Almighty your creator!”*** Also while here I was inspired to record a few **Podcast in English** from the Italian versions that have been aired (you can find them under soundcloud.com or Spotify under my name). While visiting our pastor at Calvary Chapel in Chattanooga, we have been brainstorming and praying about a vehicle-project that would give us more exposure and **impact nationwide**. There is an **opportunity** in its embryonic stage which would have a national scope involving mentoring, youth development, life coaching, couples' retreat, disciple training, co-working with nationals and well established US entities. This is in line

with a vision I have had for the past 4 years and shared with some close friends. **Please pray for our involvement** in this project which is now on hold due to the current state of unrest in Italy.

### ***Jane's corner:***

I never thought I would be writing this from Chattanooga, but if we must be quarantined - better here with Marco, Romana and our granddaughter than in Italy right now! We have enjoyed watching her grow from day 1 which is such a gift from God! I just love being available to cuddle Gioia, make meals, clean or help where needed. They are doing so well as first time parents. We have been busy with cleaning our home in Lookout and selling things after tenants left unexpectedly early. We also have continued our Bible Studies and church with our Italians, even adding on with Italians stateside. My Rome ladies have been much more available and connected with wonderful times of prayer and encouragement. I am trying not to be anxious about where we will be next, but I want to continue to know Gioia and not be so far away. We haven't even seen Isabella yet! Bottom line: I know I must trust God for our family and our future for He has always provided and directed all of us. Phil 3:15 God will make clear what is still unclear.

***We love you and are more grateful than even, during these tough times, for you faithful support!***

*Peppo and Jane*

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