



A message from the Biscarini

"For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."

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Latest:

HE IS faithful ! Indeed He is. We (as a team) have been praying for successors in Manfredonia as Steve and Melissa's term was coming to an end in May and the Fritz's are due back in the States in August. As I was praying a month ago, the Lord put on my heart an American couple, fluent in Italian, which has been attending our church for a year. I called them to evaluate their response to the possible challenge of taking the reins of our church and they told me they too have been feeling a nudge from God and gladly accepted the charge since the Lord has been preparing them for this task. Furthermore, a friend in northern Italy who has been participating in our ZOOM church (I have been preaching every Sunday connecting people from other parts of Italy) told me of a local friend that just relocated to Manfredonia, his native town. Well, last



Sunday, **Salvatore**, was present in our Manfredonia church and he too feels "committed" to his town. Yesterday we had a long

conversation; he is a very mature believer with experiences overseas and would be a great addition to the American couple since he is "indigenous" to the area and very evangelistically minded. All of this to say that we serve a GREAT GOD who follows through, never too early,

but always on time.

From the heart:

I have been preaching on **James** for the past 3 months via Zoom. We have always known him as the faith-in-ACTION advocate, but there is so much more to his writings for any of us that are fine tuning our walk with Him. I have been encouraged, challenged, by his **call to sanctification**, his plea for endurance in the midst of trials holding the right perspective. Even this morning reading in CH 5 about Elijah, being a man and yet doing the miraculous because of the power within him. What a call to us all who are not fully operating in the power of His Spirit the very power that resurrected our Savior and the very power that makes us ALIVE each and every day. I am ashamed at times for my reliance upon self. How short sighted, foolish, unfaithful, and plain stupid that mindset is in comparison to what He can do. I am sure we all fall short of this or the whole world would have embraced Him by now through our example.

The airline we took to get to the US (Turkish Airways) kept **pushing back our return flight to Italy** and we finally decided to have the guys in Manfredonia clear our apartment and put everything in storage until we can sort out our next step. That way we would no longer be on the hook for the rent while we are Stateside. We have been praying for the immediate future as the global situation seems like a bad dream. The project in Tuscany I mentioned in the last newsletter came to a halt until further notice. **Young Life** would like to rally behind us if we decide to move to Rome and start a University outreach program as part of their **Global Initiative Project** (also in NYC, London and Hong



Kong). Yet they too have slowed down trying to wait-out the latest covid19 implications. The beautiful thing about technology is that it is allowing us to stay in touch with our Italian groups and expand to areas we could not physically reach

before while staying in Manfredonia.

In the meantime I have been talking to the life coaches at **WinShape Leadership Program** (a non profit division of Chick-fil-a) for a possible collaboration and interviewed with **Dave Ramsey** to see how the Lord would lead. Please pray for Godly wisdom in the midst of all of this.

Jane's corner:

Covid Chaos and blessing

With 3 outfits and my passport I was ready to meet our first grandbaby, celebrate Isabella's graduation, get an eye surgery and return to Italy! Wow did God have other plans or what? Could any of us have anticipated any of this? I think not. For Peppo and me it was part-blessing since we got to experience lockdown with Marco and Romana. Then March 20th Gioia was born and we've had the pleasure to watch her grow and change each day for 3 months. **This was my desire and request from God:** To be able to know this child and be known by her. God definitely works in mysterious ways. We didn't get to celebrate Isabella's graduation yet, but it may still happen in October. I did get to spend time with her in June in Santa Barbara which was time well spent and needed. The eye surgery didn't happen in California as I hoped for, but am looking forward to doing it closer to Chattanooga since we will be here a while. Now we pray for God's clarity on the next steps for us...

Praising God for my health! **My asthma dissipated after 3 months** (I still don't know the trigger but it's something environmental since I experienced symptoms every time after returning to Manfredonia). I'm also so grateful because the inhaler costs \$380 a month! My wonderful Doctor/allergist was providing me with free samples.

I was also struggling with intense hot flashes, inhibiting sleep and a constant irritant. That also has diminished greatly through good doctor care thus giving me such relief!

I still have no sense of smell since a year and half ago (no it is not covid19) which greatly affects cooking and saddens me so much. I'm trusting God for healing this as well.

Though stateside, I'm still able to connect regularly to my Rome gals via zoom and Whatsapp. We also have an ongoing women's English Bible study and prayer group that is thriving with weekly meetings and daily prayer chats.

Now that Melissa has returned to Chattanooga with Kristen close behind, the study will be in Italian, Karen (the new american couple Peppo mentioned) leading the charge. PTL for that as well!

We do covet your prayers, as we are sure many of you covet ours, during these unusual times. In the midst of uncertainties we are to stand firm on what we believe and **be a beacon** for those around us that are losing hope. Time might be running out on us and many things we are 'sweating' today are just miniscule compared to the eternal plan awaiting us!

Take courage brother and sister.

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

Peppo and Jane