

## Peppo and Jane Biscarini ..... *servi*ng in ROMA

### Immediate, costly, obedience = release of the miraculous...

In a past email I described some of the fruits of His faithfulness. Let me review for those who do not have electronic access... Since the concept I had in my mind -IMMEDIATE COSTLY OBEDIENCE=RELEASE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE- finally sank into my heart and birthed action, I saw the Lord's mighty hand in more tangible ways. A literature professor was very inquisitive during the lesson. At lunch she approached me with more questions and I sensed the Lord was calling her soul. I told her that it was not fortuitous she came to this study and asked her if she was ready to receive the truth in order to experience God in an intimate, personal way...she said: "oh yes, I would love that". We dropped the food, got outside (where it was quieter, but freezing cold) and she told me she did not know what to say; I explained what she needed to confess/proclaim and started to pray. She was repeating at first and then took over and went on excitedly asking the Lord to fill her mind soul, heart body... she was flying!!! Her eyes were reflecting joy, light and peace right after (never witnessed one conversion like this). At the following meeting Ennio wanted to open in prayer ; as he started he got emotional and Marialuisa commented out loud: "oh, come on... what is the deal with these tears..?" He retorted: "What do you care if I am choked up? Shut up and let me finish....!" Not a great start...but very Italian!!! Anyways, I reminded Marialuisa to respect anyone who is praying by refraining herself from commenting as a sign of respect/courtesy and went on with a message on Romans 5. At the end I split the group into 4 sub-cells for discussion. It



**Rosanna, Rossana and Anna**

just so happened....that the 3 people next to me were the most recent arrivals to the group and I decided to stay with them. As I spoke of assurance of salvation, they all confessed not to have it since they never received Christ as Lord and Savior. Before the meeting

was over all three confessed out loud their status of sinners in need of a Savior; they repented of their sins and embraced God's gift as Lord of their lives! He is so faithful!!!! Their names are **Anna, Rosanna and Rossana**.

Evil forces did not stay idle watching the Lord's victories....We told you about the desire to start a ministry for the youth. Thus we invited the European president of **Young Life**, David Martin, to Roma in order to strike a partnership deal. As I assembled a team of nationals (more effective than mobilizing foreign missionaries), I forewarned everyone of the inevitable attacks from the enemy. Little did I know that Jane and I were the first targets...after a couple of weeks of struggles because of lack of communication and unresolved conflicts, we saw the light and crawled out of the hole. Shortly after that there was a financial blow of having to replace my car engine at an exorbitant price (it remained stalled for 3.5 month until the finances came in for the repairs). The most recent blow was my mom's departure. She went into a coma because of a severe stroke (brain hemorrhage) and within 48 hrs she breathed her last. At the funeral I was able to say a few words at the beginning



**Mamma**

and at the end of the ceremony in front of a scrutinizing priest. The message was one of hope not gloom, celebration not mourning, encouraging everyone to be prepared for the journey that awaits all of us (this was not the typical somber dismal ceremony I have witnessed in Italian funerals). A big "thank you " to all of you that expresses your condolences. The Lord specifically gave me Hebrews 12:1-2 as a verse of comfort almost if He wanted me to know that mom is one of the witnesses now cheering me on with the race that is still left before me (she was a great track and field athlete during Mussolini's regime). As I am writing this letter I do not know what else the enemy will pull out from his arsenal, but a new thing I am learning...yes, immediate costly obedience will release the miraculous, however I need to **persevere** when darkness appears to widen over the horizon. I am not saying

anything new; we have all experienced this “cycle” in our lives....the question is how do we overcome it? Are you passively *waiting* or *acting with anticipation*? We do covet your prayers because we sense that the strongholds of the enemy in this city are of old and deeply seeded in this wicked, corrupted society. We need to stand, we need to make a difference, we need to multiply; however we need to ask ourselves *are we worth reproducing?* May His wise guidance lead us all to new and exciting heights as He helps us shed the unnecessary baggage we still carry around...Happy trials!!!

**JANE'S CORNER:**

**Our** Easter egg hunt event was a success with Isabella's school-

mates. They painted eggs, hunted them down, and threw them at each other (not quite...it was an



egg toss contest). The mothers were looking forward to coming as some were touched during Christmas for the short, unconventional, but powerful message. Some of them have expressed a desire to attend the newly formed women study I started recently.



*Henry Deneen (center) enjoying some interaction with our group*

Our GEM's president paid us a visit recently and was elated by what he saw the Lord doing in our ministry. He would like to duplicate the principles of our model to the rest of Europe. We are blessed to have a visionary businessman at the helm of this newly transformed organization.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Continue to pray for Marialuisa; she suffered 3 strokes in the past 2 months and she is in a hospital as we are writing. Her sarcasm and cynicism have given her a form of protection thus far, but she needs to embrace humility and a humble spirit before the Lord.
- Pray for the newly formed team that will assist us in reaching the youth.
- Pray that U.S. churches will start to embrace what we do here and support our efforts in a tangible way (perhaps you feel led to feature us before your mission board to help us with the task).
- We are considering starting the first evangelical Christian school (elementary-HS) in Italy ....

**Marialuisa**



**We Love you**  
*Peppo and Jane*

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