

# VIA VERITAS

THE WAY OF TRUTH



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BISCARINI'S: *HOW THANKFUL ARE YOU?*

The biggest news in the last quarter was the earthquake that struck at the core of L'Aquila 85 km due north east from Rome. In one email, I shared the disappointment in seeing the corruption, the pride of the victims, the misallocations of funds etc. Talking to other people involved in relief efforts worldwide, I came to know that this is a common denominator and thus I have to ask the Lord for an extra dose of mercy and grace....but am I much different? He has blessed us with so much: a wonderful family, great friends, a fulfilling occupation, people that believe and support what we do, a nice dwelling...what else should I want? Yet, I catch myself yearning for a house that we could call ours, or a padded checking account so as not to worry about the kids' education and our retirement...then suddenly the words of Paul ring in my ears: "I learned to be content in plenty and in want..." and I realize that I am just like those victims that are not *grateful* enough for what they receive. Mea culpa! May we all learn to fully appreciate whatever we have and be grateful to Him as the giver of all things.



*In Aquila with Maurizio, involved in the men's study*

The day before our last "vecchiotti's study" I was overcome by a strange dark feeling and asked some of you to pray



for me since I even had a hard time preparing the message. The next morning the message somewhat deviated from what I had planned and shifted unto the Holy Spirit. When we broke up into smaller groups, I ended up with 5 ladies and asked them if they knew what it meant to be filled with the Holy Spirit. They all replied that they were not filled and wanted to be. Thus we all bowed in prayer and asked Almighty God to fill them and empower them to do the **impossible** in His name. Once we rejoined the group Ennio whispered in

my ear:

"Peppo, today's lecture should have been taped because all our friends need to hear this message.." Another confirmation that when the temperature goes up and you feel under pressure, **buckle up** and be ready for the **display** of His *mighty work* ...!

This year's retreat took place at a 1,000 years old abbey ([http://www.sanpietroinvalle.com/index\\_eng.php](http://www.sanpietroinvalle.com/index_eng.php)). I invited Leonardo De Chirico (vice president of the Italian



*Leonardo, the "shiny head," and part of the group*



Evangelical Alliance and future pastor of our new church) to come and lecture for part of the program. He was well received being a "brainy" teacher despite his Calvinist bent...



**Creation of the task force for youth ministry**

At the end of May we were able to have a training weekend with a teaching leader from **Young Life** New York. It was good to learn more about the model and to brainstorm on how to establish a *beach head* with the schools nearby. A new missionary couple, the Siricos, also arrived to assist us long term with the task. They used to run the youth program of over 300 kids at their church in Florida.



**FAMILY NEWS:**

**M**arco finished his junior year well and is now back in the flock with us 'til Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. He wanted a new laptop and thus decided to work for the summer to earn it. He is a waiter, receptionist, assistant cook...in short a "wild card" for the 4 star hotel owned by some friends.



**I**sabella is becoming quite a singer and did a great solo in front of 1,500 people at the end of the school year.

**J**ane is back in Italian school to refine her language skills.

We had another opportunity to proclaim *Christ* at my nephews' wedding (reported on an email) and saw **His Spirit** at work in a powerful way.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- + For the September start up of the new **church** in the center of Roma
- + For favor with the local high school in presenting the **Young Life** program
- + For the new **school project**: we have an organization that can provide the financing, a university that can provide the faculty, but we need a location, a board, and a good marketing program.
- + For integration with the **new missionaries** that are deployed to join us in our efforts
- + For my back (Peppo) needing surgery # 4...to identify which procedure to use and where to have it done.

*If you are not receiving our updates via email please send us a post to add you to the list.*

*Love you Peppo and Jane*

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