

VIA VERITAS

THE WAY OF TRUTH



A MESSAGE FROM THE BISCARINI'S

We are quickly approaching the end of another year ...and what a year it has been ...market crashes, elections, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and dwindling economies. What surprises will tomorrow hold in the midst of so many uncertainties?

Our *tendencies* as humans is self reliance until we are so proven and tried that reluctantly we look upwards. As the world situation worsens even those individuals we are closely ministering to (very autonomous and spiritually deaf) seem to have developed a listening ears....

Since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand, since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, I in turn will laugh at your disaster;

I will mock when calamity overtakes you--when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. "Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me. Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD, since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. Prov.1

Perhaps we are heading towards an imminent end and the Lord is letting those pillars of "perceived strength" (just like Babel) crumble before our eyes that we may realize HE IS GOD!

We believers find comfort with the last verse of that chapter : **but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.**

Amen to that !!

In one email I wrote about Mariella the hotelier that came to the study just to "prove me wrong", as she confessed later. As the scriptures and the Spirit penetrated her heart not only she felt ashamed, but exclaimed: "I never heard Christ explained this way...mine is still on the cross suffering, judging, distant, the one you describe is alive, personable ready to love me..." . Not only has she come ever since and has made a profession of faith, but she has brought her 27 yrs old daughter and as a result we are thinking about starting a young women's group.

Disharming a temple guard...he did not let me!



A month ago I was invited to India to study a phenomenon of rapidly reproducing churches...it was amazing to see how simple yet profound their strategy was : prayer, prayer and more prayer was the first ingredient. Then as new believers were touched (many via miracles of healing or casting out of demons) they would share with their friends (personal testimonies were prepared). They would get baptised as quickly as possible and sent to share with their friends what happened to them. In so doing in the past 4 years 17,000 new churches have been birthed and more than 1MM believers have been formed (many of them in Bible schools now). Everything is indigenous driven including the financial support. **Praise GOD!**



Preaching in Ludhiana

During our Thanksgiving dinner the guests told the story of how this celebration came about (I wrote 20 different segments to be read by some of the guests). We asked each guest to write on the paper under their plates what they were thankful for even in the midst of hardship... We gave a strong spiritual undertone that all guests (including one searching atheist), appreciated very much. At the end we had our customary quiz and a lot of laughs. Jane, as usual, did a great job with the meal!

Some of the Thanksgiving's guests



Gimmy, a plastic surgeon and our newest addition to the men's group shared how he was grateful of the timing of the invitation to the study: " 5 months ago I could have cared less about this matter, but now I am so thankful for what I am learning and the effect it has on my life".

JANE'S CORNER:

We prayed for one thing for our yearly Thanksgiving outreach dinner: that each guest would feel welcomed in a warm, caring environment and notice God's light in us and in our Christian friends (which were 4, one on each table,

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out of 28). The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. We praise God that so many called to express just that-that they felt like they were in a very warm , unusually loving home and that it was much more meaningful than



the typical "party". Many are enthusiastic now to come with their teenagers to celebrate New Year's Eve with us.

The men will cook dinner while the women will....enjoy.

Our next event will be a cookie party for Isabella's class, where we show the Italians how we Americans love to make Christmas cookies, sing Christmas carols and sip hot cider. Last year the parents loved it.

God is so good as He is enabling us to be content here in Rome, after our continued bad attitude. He is connecting us with the right people that He wants us to work with as well as quality friends. Isabella is also happy at school and with all her activities. She is really enjoying singing for the Rome conservatory children's choir and has her first concert on Monday, then gets to miss an entire day of school Wednesday to perform outside Rome. Marco is also doing well at school, (an A- student). We are very excited to be together soon for Christmas.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- We are in the process of receiving a new missionary couple in January. Pray that they will learn quickly how to communicate and that they will blend well with the community. They will help us with the youth ministry.
- Another single woman will join us in March; she is of Italian descent and teaches English as a second language. We will be able to use her inside the Catholic Church as an English teacher.
- Pray that the plans and timing to start a school will become clearer as we have leaders from the Black Forest Academy visit in Rome to strategize.

We Love you and appreciate your sacrifice!