



Latest:

A lot has been happening in the last few



A message from the Biscarini's:

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” *William Carey*

From the heart:

I am writing to you from San Terenzo, a small town below the Cinque Terre dear to my heart since I spent all of my youth summer days here. The wonderful memories of fishing with my father in a row boat until



sundown (I was the engine...), playing water polo in the sea court, the church where I used to play the organ when no one was there, the 1,000 yrs old Spanish castle, are all embedded deep inside! Is this a sign of aging?? Maybe some of you can identify. These situations bring about some sadness as I find myself almost wishing for the things that are no longer. Perhaps I should be focusing on what is to come and eagerly await with anticipation His kingdom *2 Cor 5:4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.* I wonder how many of us actually live daily with this mindset. Wouldn't it be better if at halftime while we are down by a considerable number of points, to know that the final score is in our favor? I know it would greatly change **my attitude** ...what about yours? Isn't that what *1 Peter 3:15* is teaching us? *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

I like what **William Carey**, missionary to India, rightly emphasized the importance of expectation:

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” Or as the hymn puts it: *“Thou art coming to a King. Large petitions with thee bring, For His grace and powers are such—none can ever ask too much.”*

Retreat in Rome



weeks. We shared the email about the **first retreat** with some of the people that will be the nucleus for the new



church in Rome under the Sabaoth Ministry in Milano. Then the **youth retreat** in Northern Italy where I had a

chance to speak to 145 kids completely on fire for the Lord. The **Christian Music festival** in Milano where 16 bands that qualified for the show, did an excellent job in presenting the



Gospel in a new, tangible, refreshing way (Jane and I were 2 of 7 judges).



Lastly the meeting with **Jim Cymbala**- for the first time in Italy- who wanted to meet some heads of denominations to plan a large pastor convention next year.

Jim Cymbala and the Italian representative for Billy Graham Evang. Assn.



Jane's corner:

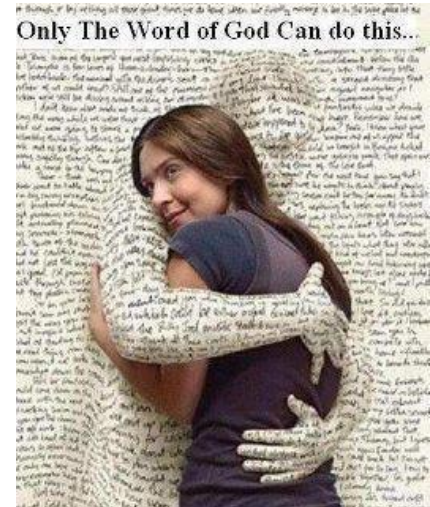
The other day I came across this "piece" which I thought was uplifting for Peppo since he has been battered physically and spiritually. I thought it might uplift you as well. Jeremiah is known as the "weeping prophet". Jerusalem was under siege. Jeremiah was depressed! His world was collapsing and Jeremiah faulted God for his horrible emotional distress. His body ached and his heart was broken. Have you ever felt that low in your life? Have you ever blamed God for the pain and the sorrow that you have had to endure or may even be experiencing right now? It is a very natural response. Jeremiah turned his eyes away from his current circumstance and looked into the eyes of his loving Lord! Jeremiah set his mind on the mercies that are from above and not on the things of this earth! Jeremiah turned his attention away from his stormy world and sought the

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wonder of his faithful God! His renewed perspective led him to quickly remember these five promises of God. Jeremiah's storm didn't go away, but his discouragement and his depression were replaced with hope!

- The steadfast love of the Lord NEVER ceases!**
- His mercies NEVER comes to an end!**
- They are new EVERY morning!**
- GREAT is His faithfulness!**
- The Lord is MY portion!**

I thought this image can visually capture what Jeremiah was expressing



It is that time of year when everyone that has a nonprofit entity for meaningful causes, "pounds" at your door for the year end donation. So why should you give to us? First of all if you are one of those 46 saints who has been supporting us this year: "GOD BLESS YOU" ...really. We have been going forward by the grace of God and that **means you are** His grace to us ! If you are not and have been hearing from us via email or quarterly via newsletter then shame on you... no, not really 😊; but it would be great if you could say that you were an integral part in the revival that took place in Italy by providing the seeds to the sewers. The revival will happen. So use the enclosed envelope in order to make an eternal difference. Always make sure you specify the name or the account number 4410. We are still in the process to establish a 501C to abate costs and will keep you posted on the latest developments. Grazie mille.

One of you has been so gracious in helping with the internet site and a **facebook** group **Via Veritas** English. Please sign up so that you may be part of a discussion group and follow more closely the latest development in Italy. Have a wonderful, meaningful, fulfilling, joyous, unforgettable Christmas!

We love you all. *Peppo and Jane*

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