



**A message from the Biscarini's:**

*"we are His workmanship..."*  
Eph 2:10

**At times**

**From the heart:**

I confess it is hard to persist in the midst of what appears to be a losing battle. Yet the Lord gives us little **glimpses of hope** through people that are searching for truth. That is the case of **Mario, Giovanni** and **Cristina** 3 new "entries" in our Wed. Bible study and Sunday Gospel (please keep them in your prayers).

At the end of July we were blessed to **acquire a new daughter**, Romana, as Marco got married in La Jolla, CA. It is weird to see my son with a ring in his left finger....my boy is no longer so!

A Hollywood friend and director, **Michael**



**Sajbel** stopped by to see us for 24hrs and we decided to build an outreach around his visit in order to kick off a new couples' study. He shared different stories including his adoption of 3 kids from Russia obtained without having to lie (which was strongly suggested by his adoption agency). The guests were surprised by His reliance in God since cheating and lying are customary in this area of Italy. We are happy to start **tonight our kick off** of the new study. The next challenge is putting together **an exhibit** with a Franciscan friar who has a wonderful collection of old texts (scrolls fragments and original Bibles) including **the first King James Authorized Version**. He wanted to do an exhibit in a famous catholic complex in Milan, but found resistance at the last minute since the exhibit is focusing on pieces from

1470to 1680

(Erasmus,

Luther the 1<sup>st</sup> King James) and thus emphasizes the

**Reformation.** We

would love to support it since Oct 31st, marks the 500 yr anniversary.

We need to raise 8,700 Euros (\$10,500) for the ten day exhibit budget.

We do not have the funds, but are acting in faith.. I know the Lord

will be faithful if it is supposed to happen.

**Salvatore**, one of the students we brought to the US three years ago just **graduated** yesterday. It is great to hear from him how that **3 week stint in TN changed his life** and helped him to accomplish what he just did.



That is the essence of what we all, as believers, should be called to do: help those around us who are bouncing around in darkness, find the Light and their meaning in life in order to grow in their potential. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"*. We were looking for places in Bari a month ago and found a potential apartment, but I felt compelled to pray that if God *wanted us- for whatever reason- in Manfredonia a little longer*, an apartment we saw before the summer would be available. This was a long shot since the owner ignored our messages during the summer. Well, four minutes after I sent her a message, she called me inviting us to the apartment. We spoke and even agreed on a great price I already had in my mind! I believe leaving a leadership behind (like we did in Rome) is necessary for continued growth and expansion. That is probably why we are still here in Manfredonia. To boot the Gustafson, a missionary

couple who will join us in mid November, will feel at home here because of the dynamics they have dealt with in the States are very similar to the problems in this town.

**The Podcast in Italian** I have been sending via WhatsApp, still seems to hit a niche in the market as more people are listening to the 3 min reflections and passing them on. Pray for an expansion of this project.

**Jane's corner:**

We survived the summer heat in our old apartment with no AC but a noisy fan to give some relief. I feel guilty for being so uncomfortable in 95 degree humid weather and remember fondly our Chattanooga home with its well functioning AC. It's a cultural thing as the Italians don't like the cold air blowing on them as I do.

As Peppo mentioned, God blessed us with a great new apartment deal in Manfredonia with AC and a large terrace hurray! We experience much apathy here; it is like pulling teeth to draw people to grow in Christ in comparison to Bari where the few times we've been with the college students it has been very fruitful.



The other day at Salvatore's graduation in Bari we had the opportunity to listen to a student, **Rachele**, recount her search for the truth and she was thrilled to meet us since she heard so much about us, but always missed us. **She feels there is no one around who understands her quest for "truth"** and meaning in life. Salvatore's other friends have also shown favor towards us so we know something is brewing and we will be there soon- maybe in July when our rental

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contract ends here. The ladies are enthusiastic to restart our Bible study in which I will utilize Discovery Bible Study which teaches discipleship via scripture memorization and application. The students will have to apply to their lives what they learned and share it with someone during the week. Knowledge without obedience restricts spiritual growth and causes hardening of the heart – even for us believers!

Like in Mark 8:4 when the disciples question where they will get bread for 4000 people just 3 days after Jesus fed 5000! Our new "daughter in love" Romana DeAngelis Biscarini married Marco July 28th! Romana's family did a most elegant small wedding in La Jolla California and we are thrilled about her and her family. The ceremony



was a very Christ centered one aimed at glorifying the union God intended for man. Comments from non believers were very reassuring Her father is Italian



(from Capri) and the mother from New Orleans, so they are much like us. We are so blessed as Romana is also a Christ follower and a strong witness to her family. The pair is living in Chattanooga building a healthy meals-to-go business. This Fall we got to see our Isabella since she has been in Europe studying with Westmont's semester abroad program.

*We love and miss you all...*

*Peppo and Jane*

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