



A message from the Biscarini's:

*"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves."*

Matthew 10:16

The gospel we preach to the hardest places is the same gospel that sustains us in the hardest places.

I am sure some of you do not look at Italy as a "hardest place" because you have vacationed here and loved the food, people, and scenery. However, come as a "spiritual warrior" and things will quickly change. Yes, our lives are not in danger like in the Middle East, however, the challenges and spiritual battles are nothing less than intense, but we are cut for this! It is a pleasure to pour into the lives of Steve and Melissa (the missionary couple that joined us last year) when it comes to battle field training. We have been at it for the past 18 years and have a fairly good grip to what it looks like in the trenches...

John Piper states that: "Missions is essential for salvation" and the apostle John says: "You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God". This is why senders are crucial along with goers. We don't believe everyone is a frontier missionary called to evangelize and plant churches. But if we are not a goer, there is a great calling: Sender and John says, "Do it in a manner worthy of God."

"One of the reasons our prayer malfunctions is that we try to treat it like a domestic intercom for calling the butler for another pillow in the den — rather than treating it like a wartime walkie-talkie for calling down the power of the Holy Spirit in the battle for souls". JP

This is exactly what we ask of you who have been following us for a time...use a walkie-talkie on our behalf! Here are some of the return on investments or fruit of your cooperation with us. Real people, lives ETERNALLY changed not just a statistic to brag about.

### Meet Edoardo,

He came to the US 4 years ago because his father Fabrizio (our first convert in Rome) was concerned about his well being. Edo was suicidal, lacking

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confidence and drive.

After 3 weeks

with us and a week at a Young Life camp his life was turned around and I baptized him prior to his return to Italy. The following year he was in Chattanooga attending HS. **Now** he has graduated and will be attending a **Christian college** majoring in Business with a minor in **youth ministry**!!He is back in Italy for the summer and we have been able to pour into him one on



one weekly. HE is "all in" sold out and is looking forward to returning one day back to Italy to proclaim His truth with his peers!

### Meet Salvatore,

He was one of the 12 students we brought to Chattanooga, TN in 2014. A shy introvert he did not really know what to do in life. His summer experience in the US changed him as well. Now he has graduated and started a master in teaching. In the interim he has been a voice on campus for those who are in need of a "family" away from home and his **group** has grown to **over 100 students**. He has been a great liaison for us to



interact with the students in Bari. He shared that he wants to grow up and be like us....ha ha. From time to time we will continue to feature some of these "fruits" of your co-laboring with us, so that you too can rejoice and pray more specifically. Thanks.

**Jane's corner:**

We had a fantastic experience in Israel for the 2nd Jerusalem National Prayer Breakfast. Israel was on our bucket list so with the invitation and a 3 hour flight we went. It was inspiring to see Jews and Christians worshipping God together as well as hearing from Anne Lots Graham. We were also convicted to pray for peace for Jerusalem in the conflict that they are facing daily!

Zach 8:8 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I



will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."

We were there during Ramadan and the Sabbath; it was intense with the Muslims loudly calling to prayer at the Dome of the Rock while the Jews prayed at the Wailing Wall. Police were everywhere. We were stopped for safety reasons when we tried to enter the Muslim area, yet the Jewish section was open to all. It was amazing to walk where Jesus walked from the Garden of Gethsemane, to where He wept, the City of David, to His empty tomb.

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**From the heart:**

Obedience in the face of what does not appear to be rational is something the Lord is continuing to teach me while we are still here in Southern Italy. We have been in business then trained with CRU in Executive Ministries, evangelized CEO, and high profile figures to end up with the simpleton....why? He is teaching me **patience and perseverance** in loving those who are *harder to love*...definitely a daunting task especially for someone from Milano transplanted in Puglia!



Our church is running out of seat...! Praise God.

*We love and miss you all...*

*Peppo and Jane*

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