



A message from the Biscarini's

"Conduct yourselves with such honor among the Gentiles"

1 Peter 2:12

Latest:

- During our quick visit to the States this summer we learned that **Marco and Romana** will make us Nonno and Nonna in March!
- The Fritz family is adjusting very well to Manfredonia despite the health challenges they are facing and now Kristen's father is sick (she is in the States to visit him and help her mom in his last stage fighting cancer which was diagnosed after their arrival here).
- Our Wed. night **Purpose Driven Life** gatherings (which should be completed in 40 days, but in our group is more like 40 yrs..) is still going strong and we are now engaging the Rome saints as well via videoconference. Perhaps it is the food that binds us together even more as very seldom they skip the meetings which start at 8:30 pm and end at 10:45 pm!

Il Comune di Manfredonia sciolto per Mafia per infiltrazioni della malavita

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"Il Consiglio dei Ministri, su proposta del Ministro dell'interno Luciana Lamorgese, a seguito di accertati

now more than **5 associations** recruiting volunteers throughout town. It took so little to show people that a difference can be made if one works on change and does not give up on hope.

- We Knew It! The town government yesterday was formally "dissolved" for **mafia collusion** and thus

ALL city council administrators and mayor have been removed and are facing imprisonment!



- Leonardo and Jeff from **Calvary Chapel Santa Ynez, CA** (behind my head and white shirt middle) came to visit our Rome group and Manfredonia church. They would like to assist in projects and mission trips for the next summer.

From the heart:

It has been my dream to try to create a 'Little Italy' in TN offering youth from Southern Italy, who have very limited or no job opportunities, a **new life**. This life is to be found not only in job creation, but mainly in the discovery of the truth that **would set them free** from generational hang ups, terrible role modeling, unhealthy

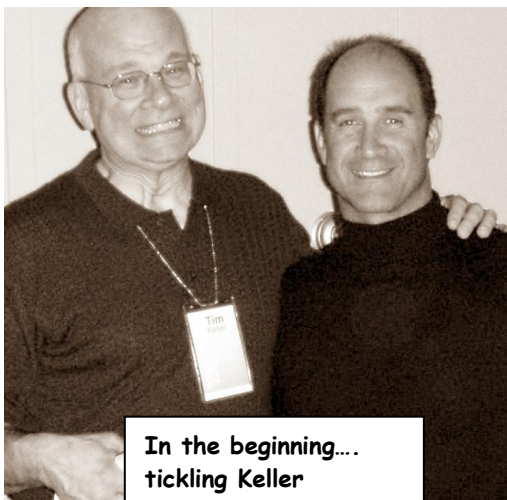


- The **clean up** initiative we started at the beginning of the year has evolved into a city wide movement with

peer pressure etc. Unfortunately, yesterday I spoke to an attorney who spent 3 yrs in DC with the agency and wrote most of the new **immigration laws**. He was very gloomy on the possibility of this outcome becoming feasible. I am exploring the 'political' venue with the offices of the new **TN senator and Governor**, but perhaps the Lord is shutting that door. Pray for wisdom and guidance in this regard.

We have asked for prayers for young males that would be willing to be disciplined in order to lead in the near future. **Tony and Pasquale** are two promising 20 something's. Both are very inquisitive and with a thirst for understanding the Word and God. Tony is a moralist with roots in the Catholic Church and Pasquale is an atheist now leaning towards Calvinism....Please pray for them.

We are approaching our **20th year of ministry work** and have seen the Lord's faithfulness through the up and downs of supporters that **retired, died or focused on other Territories**. However, in the past 3 years our finances have suffered, thus we covet prayers for additional support especially through churches that may have Italy on their "radar screen". If you know of individuals or if your church is interested in ministering in Italy **please let us know**.



Jane's corner:

We will be grandparents! That is the big news for us now and causing me to appreciate family more than ever. Italy does well in devotion to family. Sundays are sacred for family lunch which is something I long for since growing up in sunny San Diego one hardly stops for lunch amidst tennis, surfing, hiking, biking, horseback riding etc. Here we start eating at about 1:30 and may not finish until 5 as "the lunch isn't finished when the meal is done, but when the conversation is over." Also everything is closed! I love that about Sunday's here. If only the conversation could include more about loving God and our friendship with Him - that's what I miss about our gatherings in the States. Our family here is our team with 3 couples 3 kids (adorable-well behaved girls, 6,9,11) and a teacher/missionary (homeschooling the kids). We definitely stand out and fortunately we are seen as joyful, encouraging, happy people. We hope this attracts and leads to disciples to multiply our efforts.

Love you !

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