

# RICHARD AND PINUCCIA WILSON

## SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca, and Mattia

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### In the family

A lot has happened in the family since the last newsletter three months ago. With the end of the school year, there were a lot of concerts, recitals, and dinners. Everyone got through the year, but a special mention for Stefania, who finished high school well, and for Pinuccia, who “passed” her probationary year and now officially has a permanent position at the preschool (after 23 years of casual teaching).

Then there was a lot to do with the family during the school holidays. This included a day with the ECM missionaries in Italy, almost a week in Romania with the Australian/NZ missionaries (and a detour for a day of tourism at Vienna), and three weeks in Sicily with family, friends, and the beach. Apart from the trips away, we had many activities near where we live - even after 32 years here, I am still discovering new places to visit in the province. An advantage of living in a tourist area!

A big change for our future is that Stefania will be moving to Australia in January. She will be doing a gap year course at Sydney Missionary and Bible College. She has some ideas for the future after that, but nothing is certain. This will, of course, leave a big hole in our family.

### On the computer

In July I released new versions of my apps for Mac and iOS, which were completely rewritten from scratch (for the third time) to use new technologies and standards. Daniele helped out as a beta tester, suggesting various corrections and improvements.

There was one big paradigm shift this time in the way that I worked. To code these apps, I had to learn a new programming language (about the tenth I have used during the life of laparola.net), framework, and standards. Many years ago, I would buy an enormous reference book and look everything up, hoping it would answer my question. But for many years now I have asked Google how to do something or how to fix a problem, and usually I would eventually find some web page with an explanation. This time, I asked all my questions to an Artificial



Intelligence, which was much quicker at solving my exact problems and telling me precisely what I needed to do. Being involved in a computer ministry means constantly changing to keep up with the times.

### In the church

In June there was the long awaited first meeting of the *Christian Personal Development* course that Pinuccia has organized. There were 10 participants, which was a bit more than she was expecting. Unfortunately, the second meeting a few weeks later was postponed due to health problems for the speaker. One of many obstacles that has cropped up. The next meeting is planned for September 21.

### In Australia

A bit of advance warning: We will be in Australia in July/August next year, and hope to see many of our friends and supporters there. There will not be there for many Sundays, so if you would like us to visit

your church, you can get in contact with me and we can arrange a date.

Some needs that we will have will be for accommodation and a car. If you know any possibilities for house and/or car sitting, please let us know.

### Upcoming Dates

*2-9 September:* Pinuccia and the three boys restart school, on various days in that week

*15 September:* Combined after church picnic for the churches at Trento and Rovereto—the first time we have done this, but it is something we should have done a long time ago

*17 September:* “Pray for Italy” meeting on Zoom

*21 September, 26 October:* Second and third meetings of the *Christian Personal Development* course

*13 October:* Baptisms at Rovereto

### Computer Corner

Although there are ten Italian Bible translations and three Italian commentaries freely available on my site [laparola.net](http://laparola.net), I do also provide various ways for other sites to take the Biblical text from my site and insert it into their site. One of the most popular ways is to include a single line of (Javascript) text in a page, which runs a program on my site that automatically identifies every Bible reference on the web page and shows the text of the Bible on a mouse hover, click, or touch.

Other times I have created special pages on my site for a different site, that will display the Biblical text in a particular format and graphic, according to that site's needs. An important example of this is Italian Wikipedia. When Bible references are tagged by the authors of Wikipedia articles, a link is automatically created to a special page on my site which displays the Biblical text in four modern Italian translations.

### Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Give thanks for the good finish to the school year, Pinuccia's confirmed permanent position, and lots of good family time during the school vacation period.
- Pray for Stefania as she prepares to move to Australia. Pray especially that she will find a job for the next four months, so that she can save some money to be able to live and study in Australia.
- Pray for Mattia, Luca, and Daniele as they start the new year at school and for their other activities.
- Pray that the new iOS and Mac apps (and the existing ones for Windows and Android) will help Italians to read, study, and teach the Bible better.
- Pray that the *Christian Personal Development* course will take place without further obstacles, and will be beneficial to the participants.
- Pray for the provision of a house and car for our time in Australia next year.

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