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SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca, and Mattia

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In the church

The *Christian Personal Development* course that Pinuccia has organized has continued without further problems, and this weekend there will be the fourth and final meeting. The speaker has also been able to help a few individuals and couples with personal counselling sessions. Pinuccia is now thinking if and how to continue this type of ministry.

While the church continues occasional meetings in the town of Ala to start a witness there, it has also thought to reach out to the area of Rovereto where the hall is located, to try to serve the people who live there. To start with, from January to April next year there will be a series of monthly meetings of various types, advertised among the residents of the zone. The first will be on January 11: a games afternoon for children that Pinuccia is organising.

In October, there was a double attack of a flu virus and a Covid virus at the same time, so quite a few people in the church were sick. This included all three Sunday School teachers and one of the helpers, which left only Stefania and Daniele, who are the other helpers, healthy. They stepped up to do the lesson together, both for the first time, preparing it on Psalm 23 from scratch with just a few hours' notice. Luca and Mattia said they did a good job!



In the family

The boys continue will school and their other activities, with their ups and downs. They do need some extra help at times, and we have made some progress lately in obtaining that help.

Stefania has been in a bit of statis since the summer, although it has given her freedom to work on some of her own projects, mostly writing, but also to meet up with some friends. However, she has just started a fulltime job at a supermarket a bus trip away, for six weeks until a few days before her departure. This will keep her busy, and also give her some needed money for her studies and accommodation.

Stefania and I will be flying to Australia on January 20, and we will have a couple of weeks there for her to settle in and work on some documents, before I head back to Italy and Stefania moves in to her accommodation and starts her course. Pinuccia will take a couple of weeks off work to look after the rest of the family while I am away.

Then in July and August next year we will be in Australia, not just to reunite the family, but to visit, thank,

Church Corner

Stefano and Vanessa, with their teenage daughter M., started coming to church about 6 months ago. They have a complicated and confused history. In fact, they found out about our church from a leaflet in a Catholic church they had gone to, that mentioned that our church offered help to people in need. Since then they have grasped the Gospel of grace as fast as any Italian I have known with no background of an evangelical church. They participate enthusiastically in the meetings, and they are great pray-ers. Stefano has joined the music group and Vanessa helps with some technological work. They are currently preparing for being baptised. We have also spent some time with them socially. It is always good to have another family around church, as there are not too many of them.



and report to friends and churches who have been supporting us. Please get in touch with me if you would like to see us; our time is short so we need to organise well our trip to Australia. We still also need to find accommodation and a car. If you know of any possibilities, please let me know.

In the mission

One of my responsibilities in European Christian Mission is looking after the other ECM missionaries in Italy. For a long time, this was not actually very onerous. There were only another couple and a single lady in the country, who have all been in Italy longer than me and do not need much looking after. However, that all changed in September, when a Brazilian family arrived to start their missionary service. As well, a family and a single arrived in Slovenia, who were added to my field of responsibility. There will also be another couple probably joining very soon. This all means me spending more time following them (with great help from others in the orientation team), something that I am happy to do, to spread my ministry geographically and make it last longer.

Upcoming Dates

11 January: Games afternoon in the church

20 January: Stefania moves to Australia; Richard will be in Sydney to help her from 22nd to 31st January

3 March: ECM Italy prayer day

Computer Corner

As well as my site *LaParola*, I do some work for other sites, although it is a lot less now than in the past, as there are now more people who can create sites, and who can do it better than me. But years ago, there were quite a few sites of churches and publishing houses that had been set up by me. I was part of two teams that created and ran two important sites. One was a portal for the whole Italian evangelical church, of which I set up databases for church addresses and for evangelical web sites. The another was the Italian translation of the book *Operation World*. It is not updated any more, but is still used to get missionary information on other countries.

Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Pray for the last meeting of the *Christian Personal Development* course on December 7. Pray that it will continue to have a positive effect on the lives of the participants. Pray for wisdom for Pinuccia as she considers the future of the ministry.
- Pray for a good witness and service to the local area of the church.
- Give thanks for the spiritual and physical growth of our children, and pray that we will find suitable help where they have difficulties.
- Give thanks for God's work in the life of Vanessa and Stefano, and pray for their growth as disciples of Christ.
- Give thanks for Stefania's job for the next few weeks. Pray for Stefania as she prepares to move to Australia and then starts her course. Pray for the rest of us as we adjust to the new family situation.
- Pray for the provision of a house and a car for our time in Australia next year.
- Pray that I will be able to help the new missionaries in Italy and Slovenia to settle in, so that they can flourish for a long term ministry in their new countries.

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