

**Richard, Pinuccia, Stefania, Daniele, Luca, Mattia**

Helping a church to plant new churches and start new ministries in Trento, Italy

In mid June Pinuccia and I ran the church children's camp. This year there were 11 children from the church, as well as two friends - you could pray especially for the seed planted in Sofia (back for a second time), and Mariachiara (a class mate of Stefania, with whose family we continue to have contact). This year we talked about the certainty and meaning of Jesus' resurrection, examining the case as detectives, interviewing Mary Magdalene, Caiaphas, a soldier at the tomb, Thomas, Lazarus, and the woman caught in adultery. We adults certainly had fun acting out all these roles!

Pinuccia and I actually only ran the camp part time – when one of us was leading an activity, the other was looking after Luca and Mattia. Jury and Gloria led with us, although they were only essentially part time as well, having to look after their son who participated in the camp and who needs constant attention. Thankfully, we were greatly helped by Samuel and Gaia, two teenagers, who are in training for future camps. They organised the sporting activities, spent time with the participants, and helped out with our children when necessary.



The detective who helped us follow the case, with Mary Magdalene who asked us to find a missing body.

What made the camp particularly enjoyable was the almost complete lack of discipline problems, especially compared with past years. There were only a couple of problems, and one was right when we talking about being sorry, repentance, and forgiveness. The children maybe learnt more about these themes from their experience than from the lessons.

This is part of a "season" of camps. This week Christof, a German who came as a missionary with a sports ministry, and who is now teaching German at a primary school, is running a holiday program at his school, teaching Biblical values through sport in German (with the help of some friends from Germany). Once again, Samuel and Gaia will be helping out as well, along with Kora. Illustrating values from sport is as far as he can go with regard to the spiritual input, and even then a few mothers are a bit worried about the program. Despite this, Christof hopes that it is a base that he can build on in the future.

Then for a week from July 9 there will be the camp for teenagers – the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the camp, that started out as a two day camp for children, who have all grown up in the meantime.

### **In the family**

Stefania and Daniele have finished school for this year, and are well into their three months of summer vacation. They and we are happy for how the year went, with Stefania settling into the new school after taking a few months to get used to it, and Daniele (and his teachers) coping a bit better with his Aspergers but still with regular crises. Pinuccia finishes teaching this week before her two month vacation (actually, unemployment in her case as a relief teacher), and Luca and Mattia will finish nursery as well. So next week we will all be travelling to Sicily, to spend a bit of time with Pinuccia's family, before coming back for a lot of time together as a family.