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SERVING IN TRENTO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca and Mattia

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In September another year of school and church activities begins. We returned to Italy on August 22nd to have time to get ready for the new year. Pinuccia, Luca, and Mattia started on the 3rd, whilst Stefania and Daniele will begin on the 12th.

Pinuccia received her first choice out of the jobs that were offered to her, which she was very happy about. It will be a bit of a change for her. After two years of courses and then passing the qualification exam last year, she can teach English in preschools. This made it easier to get a full-time job during school time (rather than after school care), which she is doing this year for the first time. She will be home a lot more in the afternoons when the children come back from school, although she will not have her mornings free for work for church and around the house. I will be preparing and eating lunch with Stefania and Daniele on the two days a week they will each eat at home. It will be a different life style from the past that we will need to get used to.

This is our fourth of seven consecutive years with a new school. This year it is Daniele who starts middle school. It will be a bit of a shock for him: his level of organization will have trouble with the greater independence and responsibility required. He will have a new support teacher, so it might take a while for them to know each other. On the other hand, he will have little trouble understanding what will be taught. Stefania, as usual, is not looking forward to the return to school, but manages it quite well. It will be her last year of middle school, and so will be preparing for the second most important exams of her school life, which will be at the end of the year in June. She will also be doing an extra course of advanced English, which will get her an official certification (one level below that which Pinuccia obtained to teach English).

In the church

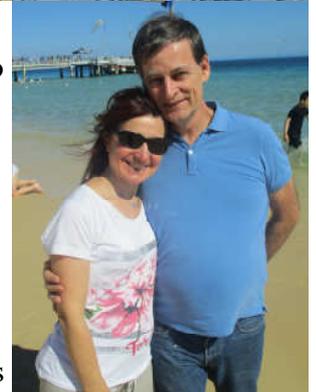
The church activities are starting to begin as well after the summer break. I will be taking a further step back in my responsibilities in the church, which is always my aim as a missionary. With the newly

formed group of elders taking on more leadership, the church committee (that I am a part of) has less to do. As well, I am taking a "sabbatical" rest from leading a Bible study group, as there are others who can do that. I will still be involved with the Sunday School and summer camps. Pinuccia has started working with Jury, with the aim of him taking over the responsibility of the Sunday School in a year or two. This means of course more work for her in the short term, but then she will be free to do other things.

I am still not sure how my extra time (from not preparing Bible studies and usually having four uninterrupted hours every morning) will get utilised. There is the possibility of meeting some people in the church for discipleship, but I still have to see if that can be arranged. In any case I am planning a big return to my computer ministry, especially creating and improving the programs and apps that I distribute, after a four-year break in which I have been able to do very little. I will also have some more things to do in my leadership responsibilities for the mission internationally and in Italy.

In Australia

We had a great nine weeks in Australia, visiting all the church and groups we wanted to. It was sometimes difficult for the family, with long trips or being woken up early to get to church on the other side of Sydney. However, the children were very good about it, and were then allowed to drag us to any place that they wanted to go to. Our stay was greatly helped by the fact that a family very generously lent us a house for most of our time in Australia, so there were



Enjoying our one day of summer this year!

lots of things for the children to do even when we were at home. Stefania and Daniele even discovered that they can read novels in English, since they had no other options.



The one thing that we were not able to do while in Australia was to increase our support sufficiently, and we could not delay our return until we had enough support. This lack will in part be compensated by Pinuccia's fulltime job this year, although this was not the reason that she did take that job. The extra money is mostly intended to help her parents in their new situation.

Upcoming events

- 8-11 October: Meetings at Madrid for the Ministry group and Vision group of the mission
- 27 October: Meeting for all of ECM Italy
- 2-4 November: Italian biennial mission conference
- 29 November-3 December: Meetings in Germany for all the leadership of the mission

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Prayer and thanksgiving points

- For the children getting used to this new school year.
- Give thanks for Pinuccia's job, and pray for the changes in the management of her and the family's life.
- For beginning of the year's children's ministry in the church, for Pinuccia and Richard as leaders, and for Mattia, Luca, Daniele and Stefania as participants. All four will be in Sunday School this year (the only year in which it will happen), which will make it easier for us to manage our Sunday mornings.
- For a good use of my time in the mornings.
- That the computer ministry, as I do more in it, will continue to be a help for people reading, studying, and teaching the Bible in Italian.
- That I will be a help to others in the mission through my leadership responsibilities.
- Give thanks for the great time in Australia, and continue to pray for our support situation.



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