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SERVING IN TRENTO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca and Mattia

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On the computer

With the rest of the family at school until at least 1pm and my pause from preparing Bible studies for adults this year, I am able to get a lot more done in my computer ministry now. So far, I have been able to do two things:

1. An overhaul of the site

a) Visually, it had remained essentially the same since 2001, but has now been redone. Someone helped me with the graphics—that is not one of my strong points.
b) I made the site more usable with smart phones. I was surprised when I found out that about 60% of the users are visiting the site on their phone. (My surprise showed how old school I am, and why I also need to keep learning new technologies and working on the site and the programs—about every 5 years everything changes.)

c) I changed the way the site displays Greek characters, to use a more modern technology, something I should have done a long time ago.

I am a blind lady. Recently my father died, I would like passages from the Bible in which it is explained how dead people live and what they know about us, both those you went to purgatory and those to heaven.

2. I completed my list of *answers to common questions on the Bible*, with explanations of the more difficult passages. This started as my saving my answers to questions people sent to me, so I could just copy and paste them when others asked the same questions. Then I started adding answers to other questions on the Bible. This work was seven years in the making, although for the past four years I did very little on it because of a lack of time. The text is freely available on my web site and in my computer programs and apps, thanks to my financial supporters who have been paying my time to write it. Since it finished up being 300 A4 pages, I thought some

I have used your program since I was a boy, but I have used it even more in the last two years, as the translation of the Greek words and the easy copying of them pushed me to deepen my knowledge of Biblical Greek. May God give you the right reward since you did not want nothing for yourself donating your work to the brethren and to the Lord.

people might find it easier to use as a book, so I self published it on Amazon (including Kindle) for the cost of printing

and Amazon's cut; I get nothing from it. If you would like to see it, search "Brani difficili della Bibbia" in Amazon. The next projects are to work on the apps, especially the one for iOS, that can be greatly improved to bring it up to the level of the others.

Since the site is visited often (average of 9,000 distinct users and 29,000 page views a day; 186,000 different users in a month), people often write to me, and I answer all the messages I receive. Around this newsletter you will find just a small selection of extracts from the last month.

In the family

The children and Pinuccia are well into their schooling for this year.

Stefania is looking into which high school to attend (they all specialise in different areas) from September. She has changed her mind a few times, but at the moment prefers doing cinema in an artistic school. She will need to decide by the end of January. **Daniele** had some difficulties settling into middle school, but his support teacher says he is improving. The school work itself is no trouble for him. **Luca and Mattia's** preschool teachers have suggested that they be evaluated, because they

Since I met the Lord in 2000, until now when I serve as a Pastor, the site accompanies me helping me in a very effective way to study the Word of God. The new graphics are much more pleasing to the eyes.

have some strange behaviours, although obviously very bright. This is not a surprise. Even before they were born, I thought that it

would have been likely. If we can get them some help now, rather than waiting until they are 10 years old as happened with Daniele, it will be good. **Pinuccia** enjoys working full-time during the pre-school hours, rather than with the after-school care: professionally it is more satisfying. However, the extra hours and the more time needed for meetings and training connected with the school, means it is harder for her to do everything she wants to do, especially spending time with the family.

It was very edifying to read your comments.

In the church

Although I am not preparing Bible studies this year, I am attending the English language group that others are leading. There are a lot of international students in the group, so it is a pleasant change, and a return to my roots in university ministry.

In the mission

This part of the year is when I travel for my international leadership responsibilities in the mission. In October I was away for 4 days for meetings in Spain, and in November for 5 days in Germany. 9 hours of meetings each day do get tiring, especially as I am the minute taker and so have to concentrate, but it is exciting to be a part of what God is doing in all of Europe and not just my little part of it, and to be able to help the ministry of 200 missionaries.

Thank you for LaParola.net. It helps me a lot in my studies and especially in the translation of devotional material.



That's me presenting a report to all the other mission leaders.

Upcoming events

16 December: fund raising by the Sunday School for a school in India, selling desserts after the church lunch

21 December: an afternoon of Christmas activities for the neighbourhood of the church

12 January: meeting for teenagers and young adults from various churches in the region

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Prayer and thanksgiving points

- That I will be able to reply well to the e-mail messages that I receive about the Bible.
- That *Brani difficili della Bibbia* and the other resources I produce will help Italians to understand the Bible.
- Give thanks for my financial supporters, who make it possible for me to offer at no charge all the Bible study resources and computer programs that I produce.
- Pray for the physical, spiritual, and emotional growth of our children, so that they can serve God in the way for which he made them.
- Pray that my leadership ministry in the mission will be a help for the other ECM missionaries in Italy, and for all the ECM missionaries across the continent.
- Pray for the church as it looks for ways to reach out to and serve the neighbourhood in which the hall is located.




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