

RICHARD AND PINUCCIA WILSON

SERVING IN TRENTO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca, and Mattia

Number 116, June 2021



richard@laparola.net



<http://www.laparola.net/richard/>



www.ecmaustralia.org/give



<https://www.facebook.com/richard.wilson.italy>



In the church

The restrictions in Italy were reduced enough in May to be able to have a few weeks of Sunday School before school finished in early June, and even then it was only possible with small groups at the park. It was good to be able to spend some time with all the children together, but at the same time it was a reminder of what we have missed out on this year.



The few children of the Sunday School whose families come to the church, at the park with insufficient distancing.

The church will continue through the summer in the same way that it has for the past year, with simplified church services and all other meetings on Zoom. Before the restart of the church activities in September, there will need to be a lot of discussion on how we are going to do church and be a community in the new culture that has been created by the 15 months of limitations. The different ideas that there are in the church about what should be done (for example continue mid week meetings on Internet, go back to only face to face meetings, hybrid meetings, ...) will not make the restart easy. Since I will be leaving the church at Trento, I will not be involved in these discussions very much, although as I will be doing some ministry there for a further year the decisions will affect what I will be doing there.

The early part of summer is usually mostly dominated by the two church camps for children and

teenagers. While it was possible to hold the camps this year, the limitations would have made them difficult to organise and run, and probably not enjoyable to the children either. So once again they will not be held this year. We will instead be organising a number of day long outings during the school holidays. The first will be a day in the mountains for the children on June 19, with games, a small hike, and Bible teaching. The teenagers will instead be meeting a few times in early July.

In Internet

I have been continuing to produce resources for my web site about the Bible, and finished two projects since the last newsletter. The first is something different from my usual resources. As I get older, and become more of a father, I understand that wisdom is just as important as knowledge, and that teaching wisdom is often best done with examples and stories. So I have written a series of short stories for my site that explore the theme of justice and righteousness (that are the same word in Italian), and the connection with truth and freedom, with love, with repentance and forgiveness, and with death and hope. However, I still continue to serve up information, and so extended my Bible Encyclopaedia by adding another 100 entries to the over 3000 that were already present. Both of these projects I also self-published on Amazon, to make four books now available (adding to the explanation of difficult passages and to the Bible panorama I published a couple of years ago) for those who prefer the printed word to the screen. I also decided to put the four books together in a single volume, the LaParola collection of Bible tools. Reducing the text to 10 point, I was just able to fit the over 400,000 words into the 700 A4 page limit for print on demand books on Amazon.



In the family

There has been a lot of paperwork and organisation to do to get our apartment ready to be sold, but at the moment we are looking at signing the contacts to sell our current apartment and buy the new one in the week from June 21. The actual house move is planned for July 5, after Daniele has done his end of middle school exam and Pinuccia has finished teaching at pre-school. It has been great to see everything work out just as we needed it, in this complex process of moving.

Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Thank God for the improved situation in Italy, and that we can avoid a future fourth wave.
- Thanks for the spiritual growth we have seen in the children who have been coming to church, despite the lack of ministry for them.
- For the time together with the children and teenagers over the same.
- For the discussions on what form the church should take after the summer, and for wisdom for us to understand what ministries we should be involved in at Rovereto and at Trento.
- For a good time of closure in the next month, which will be an intense time with many commitments apart from moving house.

The reduction of restrictions have come just in time to allow some closure to our time at Lavis. Yesterday there was the first band practice since October, so I was able to say good-bye to friends there. Probably the end of my musical career, as I get involved in other interests in our new town. Next week there will be the chance to say good-bye at the chess club I went to, until it was closed by Covid.



ECM-Australia will be holding a one hour meeting to “Pray for Italy”. I will be sharing some prayer points for the country, and for our family and ministry. All are welcome to participate in our ministry in this way.

It will be June 15 at 6pm Sydney time,
10am Italian time, on Zoom
(register at <http://ecmaustralia.org/prayforitaly>)

Thank you for partnering with us in

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

across Europe

We are serving with **European Christian Mission (ECM)**. ECM is an interdenominational mission that partners with local churches to send gospel workers to Europe. ECM's overarching purpose is to glorify God through **evangelism, discipleship, and church planting** all across Europe.

If you would like to find out ways you can partner with ECM through praying, serving, or giving, please contact our office.

How to give to ECM:

Cheques and money orders: payable to European Christian Mission

Direct Deposit: NAB, Australia, BSB 082171, account 509197512




*Sharing Christ's love
in Europe*

PO Box 15 Croydon NSW
2132 02 9747 5446
ecm.oz@ecmi.org