

## In the church

A couple of weeks ago there was a meeting with those in the church interested to discuss the **Rovereto church planting project**, a year after we officially got it going. We talked a bit about what we had done, the current situation, what we would like to do, and what we can do with our resources and abilities. It was encouraging for me to hear the elder start the meeting with the statement, "Every church should have in its plans the planting of new churches". Not only has he caught the vision of what we want to do (as a church and in ECM), but he is transmitting the vision to the others. Unfortunately we have not done as much public evangelism as we had wanted to, with snow and elections causing a few planned bookstalls to not take place. But there is the desire to increase this aspect next year. There will be another meeting to work out some of the details, and there are some other changes coming up in the next few months, but as usual I will write more about them later on when they happen.

The church is also trying something a bit different at the moment. Last week was the first of six fortnightly meetings at a **café/cultural centre** at Trento, in which the other elder will be leading a conversation on the six requests of the Lord's prayer. A handful of people from outside of the church were present. It is certainly a different type of evangelism, and a result of our vision to have a voice in the culture of the city.

Last Sunday the sermon in church at Trento was on Mark 12:41-44. The preacher reminded us how the church at Trento came into being, and continues to be supported, by the sacrificial giving and prayers of people around the world. So your ministry and partnership at Trento are remembered and appreciated not only by me, but by all here.

## In the family

**Daniele's** operation for an undescended testicle last month was postponed for the third time, this time because he had a cold and was all blocked up, so the hospital did not want to risk an anesthetic. So now we will try some time in Spring, when hopefully all the winter ailments will have passed. In any case, there is no real hurry to have the operation.

Celebrating a birthday in the family.



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Daniele getting to know his animals.

**Stefania** continues to grow, especially socially, for which the school is no doubt a great help. She is also becoming an expert on the computer, and will sit for ages at my computer playing games or visiting Internet sites, using the mouse or touchpad. Since sometimes I want to work on my computer at the same time, maybe she will have to get her own computer some time soon just so that I will be able to use mine.



Stefania the butterfly  
for a dressing up day  
at pre school.

## Upcoming events

*7 March:* A praise evening run by the Young Adults' group

*14 March:* Bookstall at Rovereto

*28 March:* A day of prayer in the church for its projects (Rovereto, a new hall to meet in, a social ministry that will be starting soon). Pray together with us for these things on this day!

*29 March:* Church service at Rovereto

*5 April:* Annual church meeting

*18 April:* Bookstall at Rovereto