

News and prayer info from Richard, Pinuccia, Stefania and Daniele Wilson

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In Australia

The second half of our time in Australia was not surprisingly busy as well, with a lot more movements. So now when people ask Pinuccia about the trip, what she mentions most often is usually packing and unpacking twice a week. The longer trips were to the ECM prayer days, and then to Queensland to see some of my relatives and have a short almost summer holiday. For the children, there were a lot of tourist and Australianization events: seeing Hi-5 in concert, the zoo, a steam train exhibition (including Thomas the Train Engine), the beach, Powerhouse Museum, and lots of parks. Daniele got three parties for his fourth birthday as well, so that made up a bit for the fact that he could not invite his friends.

In the family

When we got back to Italy, we had 10 days of summer holidays left. And they were real summer days, with temperatures around 37 degrees most days. So we had a few trips to the lake and to the pool. Then in the last week of August and the first week of September Pinuccia accepted then let go three job offers, before settling on the fourth.



At least, that is the current job. If she gets a better offer, she could change again! But at the moment she is at a school only a couple of kilometres away, part-time as she wanted, and in the afternoon but not too late, so she will be able to spend at least a little bit of time with the children when she comes home from work each day.

Pinuccia and Daniele have therefore been at preschool since September 1st, which gives me a lot of time with Stefania. She will have her first day of infants' school on the 12th. She is excited about that, especially since we bought her a pencil case and backpack for school.

In the mission

I have picked up more work to help the mission lately. The group of leaders of the on the field ministries used to meet for a few days twice a year. But now we are moving towards more regular meetings in small groups over Internet, with one physical meeting together each year. I have been asked to do the administrative work for this new structure, organising and preparing the meetings, and making sure things get done.

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In the church

There were naturally a lot of new faces in the church when we came back after two and a half months away. So I am trying to get to know these people, and also encourage them to become a part of a small group. The restart of the groups and other activities after the summer break also takes up a bit of time, both for me for the small groups and for Pinuccia for the Sunday School. One exciting news was the renewal of the Val di Non group - one of our future church plants, and where the group has struggled lately. But over the summer the group more that doubled in size.

The other change is that last Sunday the church at Rovereto started morning services, so now we will really see the consequences of church planting, as less people attend at Trento and we will see our friends less often. Although to be honest, even though there were a few less people at the service than normal at Trento, the hall was still almost full. Enough new people have been coming to be able to fill in the gaps in the seats that the people going to Rovereto have left.

Church corner

In this new section of my newsletters, I want to describe some of our friends and co-workers in the church. Because even though I usually speak about the church in general and its projects, what is important to us are rather the people we work with. They are the church. In this way you will be able to pray better for the church.



Miriam grew up in the same church as Pinuccia, and has been her best friend for many years, and was her bridesmaid as well. They came to Trento at the same time for work (Miriam is an infants' school teacher).

Carmelo is from a town near that of Pinuccia and Miriam, and was converted at university through Miriam's witness. He is a high school teacher. Now they live just down the road from us at Lavis. Miriam helps Pinuccia in the ladies' ministry, and teachers the middle class of the Sunday School with us. Carmelo co-leads the Tuesday group at Trento, having taken my place after I had trained him. Miriam battles frequent migraines, which reduces what she can do in the church. They have praying for a while that they might succeed in having children.

Points for prayer

- Give thanks for our time in Australia, for the meetings that we led and for the positive time it was together as a family
- Give thanks for Pinuccia's work at Lavis, and pray for the job in October
- For Stefania as she starts school
- For the new church at Rovereto, and that the Val di Non group continues to grow in size and witness
- For the restart of the church activities
- For Carmelo and Miriam, for their growth as a family and their service in the church

Upcoming events

September 6-11: Restart of the Bible study groups I lead and the Sunday School

September 12: Stefania starts infants' school

September 26-27: Two ECM meetings via Internet

October 9-10: ECM meetings in Austria