

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

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Helping a church plant new churches and start new ministries in Trento, Italy

September in Italy is the time of new beginnings. The school and church activities restart after the summer break, which means that there is a lot of change for us now.

## In the family

Pinuccia started work at the preschool at the beginning of the month. This year she was offered a job at a nearby school, which is good, but in the afternoon finishing at 5.30pm, which is not so good. It means that she will not be able to see the children as much as she would like, and we will have less flexibility when there are things I or the children would like to do in the afternoon. On the other hand, it gives her more time in the mornings to prepare work for the school and the church.

On the 11th, Daniele commenced school, and Stefania went into third class. So there are lots of changes for both of them. For example, Stefania will now be doing one hour a week of English as well as the seven hours a week of German she has done so far. At least that will be an easy change for her!

Since the last newsletter, we spent a few weeks in Sicily visiting our family and friends there. The first few days were spent catching up on a year of sleep and winding down from the commitments at Trento, before being able to relax a bit, and doing new things. We usually went to the beach every 2 or 3 days (but only after 5pm, when it is not too hot), made some cultural visits to Pompeii and Syracuse, Stefania discovered the joy of reading Mickey Mouse comics, and Daniele liked beating his grandfather and me at Sicilian card games. The last few days were tiring again, as we had to get ready, have Daniele's birthday party, and especially catch up with everybody again to say goodbye to them. The next week we went away again for the ECM-Italy prayer days, followed by a week enjoying the school holidays at home.

## In the church

There is a lot for me to do in this period as the church activities restart, helping the groups get started and encouraging people to join the groups, especially the many new people who arrive in September for work or study. Pinuccia is working on the start of the Sunday School. Most of the groups this year will be studying the life of Abraham, and I have been preparing notes for all the groups to use. During the summer I was able to do quite a few of the studies, and since then have finished more than half.

Once things have calmed down a bit, I will be able to work on some other ministries in the church. We have noticed that lately the public evangelism by the church has been lacking, so the church leaders have asked me to get a small group together to help get it going again. For me, this will mostly mean training others and helping them with advice from my experience: the idea is to eventually leave the work to them. This is exactly what I want to do in the church – equip others to serve God in new ways, and then leave them so I can go on to help others – so I'm excited about the possibilities of being a part of this group.



Celebrating Daniele's sixth birthday.

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## On the computer

I was not able to do much programming work during the summer, with the children, the holidays, and concentrating my work on the preparation of the Bible studies. But now I hope to really work on creating the iPhone/iPad version, as well as a few updates for the Windows, Android and Macintosh versions that need doing.

I was interested to read in July that a commercial program had created a fund raising program for \$US28,500 to create a Macintosh version of their program, based on their existing iPad/iPhone version, so they would just have to work on the different interface. As well as that they will get extra revenue selling books for Macintosh. Whereas I will be doing almost the same thing for free, creating the iPad/iPhone

*A review for my Android App  
written on Google Play:*

I was an atheist. The first Bible that I read was in this App. Let Jesus and he who sent him be praised.

## Points for prayer

- Thank God for the time in Sicily, and for the provision of a good job again for Pinuccia this year.
- Pray for Stefania and Daniele at school, that not only will God protect them there but that they will be good witnesses.
- For my preparation of the studies in Abraham, and that they will help the church members to grow in their faith.
- For the public evangelism of the church, and that I can equip people for that.
- For God's help in developing new versions of the program, and that God's Word spread on more platforms will bring more people to him.
- Thanks for all my generous supporters.
- For the administrative work that I do for the ECM leaders, that it will help them in their ministry.

version from the existing Macintosh version. Actually, I don't do it for free: I get paid by my financial supporters to do what the fund raising program and sales do for the commercial program. A bit later I read that what is probably the most popular free Bible program has spent \$US 60 million to develop and distribute it. This does put in perspective the value of my financial supporters, and makes me thankful for all the help I receive from those who donate, without receiving anything back, so that I can freely give in Italian what English speakers already have. So thanks to all my readers who financially support me as well!

## Upcoming events

27-29 September: second mission conference for the young adults of the church (and others)

9-12 October: ECM leaders' meeting in Germany

1-15 November: Exhibition of a Christian artist (who makes art from recycled material) at Rovereto, with connected public talks