

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

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Spring is the season of new life, when we see a lot more happening in church as people come out of the 'hibernation' of the winter months. So there have been good times building relationships with others lately, and more activities in church.

In the church

At Easter, there are two events that we hope will become regular (monthly?) happenings in the future. On Good Friday there was a church service for Pakistani. This is a development of what God has been doing in the church lately, bringing Pakistani Christians to us. The service was for them, for other Pakistani at Trento, some Pakistani from churches in other cities, as well as people from other countries that wanted to participate. They easily managed to fill the hall. **Pray that we will continue to grow in our witness to Pakistani**, as God leads us, to build up his church both here and in Pakistan. On a related matter, last newsletter I mentioned that Ayub's son had been kidnapped. He has been found, but he had been left for dead by the side of the road. At the moment he is in hospital recovering; continue to **pray for Ayub, his son and the rest of his family**.



The following day, there was the fulfilment of Pinuccia's 14 year old dream. When she came back to Italy from Bible School in Switzerland, she had the desire to start up a Kids' Club, with activities and a witness for children. For various reasons it has not been possible until now. But in the last few weeks a team of people in the church has come together to organise it together with Pinuccia. There are a lot of talented people in the church, who created a great program.



Milena, Andrea, Ovidiu and Simona entertain and teach the children.

The children in the church had invited their friends, and one family walked in having seen the poster on the footpath. So although there were not a lot of children, there were almost as many guests as children from the church, which is always a good objective. It was a good starting point, and we hope that even more come to the next meeting that should be in June.



Pinuccia talking to the children.

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In Croatia

In the week before Easter we went to ECM's biennial conference. It was one of the more helpful for me for some time, mainly because the children are a bit older and a bit more autonomous, which meant that Pinuccia and I were freer to participate in the meetings and to spend time with the other missionaries. That was true especially in the first half of the week; in the last few days half the family were sick. However, in between bouts of fever, head and throat aches, and vomits, Pinuccia and I managed to sneak out for 20 minutes on Thursday, our 10th anniversary. We watched the sun set over the sea (one of Pinuccia's favourite activities, as they get great sea sun sets near her home in Sicily) whilst some



Points for prayer

- That God will continue to lead the church in new directions.
- For the witness to Pakistani, and especially that Ayub will be able to bring his family to Italy.
- That the Kids' Club will grow and an instrument that God uses to bring children to him, and that all of Pinuccia's dream will come true.
- Thank God for the good and helpful time for all of us in Croatia
- For the children's healthy growth
- For the plans and preparations for the summer, as there is still a lot that needs to be decided and done

friends serenaded us with romantic songs in the background. On the first evening, I won a free entry to the hotel's saunas and spas, which Pinuccia enjoyed as an anniversary present. We are **thankful that the children loved the time there** – Stefania would insist that she was not sick any more the moment she realised that the children's program was about to start – and so pleasant to be with – we had some great family outings together in the spare time, at least until the illnesses started to take over.

Upcoming events

May 3: Sunday School excursion

May 24: Second church leaders' retreat

May 25: End of school year Sunday School presentation

July 6-13: church childrens' camp