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We are coming to the end of another school year, which means lots of things to do for the family as school and extra-curricular activities wrap up. This also means that it is time to finish up some ministries for the year, and think about how they have gone.

In the church

The year in our Sunday School was hard to start with. Apart from the six children who were in the class last year, of which the majority have difficulties learning in traditional ways, there were four new children who brought their new problems. One clearly stated that he wanted to stay in the class where he had been last year, because he did not want to be in the same class as some of the others. Another would come into the room, take a chair, and put it in the corner where he would remain for the duration of the lesson. We worked on these problems during the year, in our lessons, in social outings together, and talking with the children and the parents. It is going a lot better now than 8 months ago! Two events in March stand out. One was when the children of

Daniele helping the smaller children, with the boy who normally can't contrate for long and the boy who six months before did not want to talk with them.

our class (10-13 years old) prepared and ran the lesson for the class of smaller children (4-7 years old). They worked well together to serve others. Seeing one boy, who can not concentrate for more than one minute in a normal lesson, sit down and help the small children with their craft for 15 minutes was incredible!

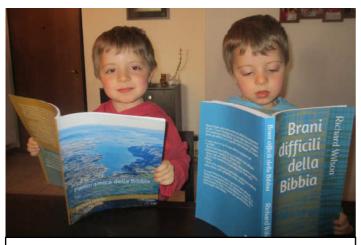
The following Saturday we hosted a dinner and film night at our place. We had organised some games as well, but they were not necessary, as the children happily spent the time together doing what they wanted to do. This was certainly not possible at the beginning of the year.



With the school and Sunday School coming to the end, it is also time to start working more on the summer activities, which for us means the camps. I am organising the church children's camp in June, with a team of other leaders (Jury and Gloria, Edilberto e Pricila). Stefania has exams for the end of middle school in that period, so she will not come, which means that Pinuccia, Luca, and Mattia have to stay at home as well. In July there will be a church teenagers' camp, and Stefania will go to that one for the first time. I am helping a bit in the preparation of this camp, and will go for a couple of days, although there is another team that is organising it.

On the computer

This year I had a "sabbatical year" from preparing Bible studies in the church, mainly to have more time to dedicate to various projects for distributing tools for studying the Bible in Italian on the computer. In the last couple of newsletters, I mentioned some of these, for example a book and an app for a sixth operating systems. Last month I self-published my second book, an overview of the Bible in 20 chapters. This is partly a



Two of my biggest fans getting into my books.

response to a fairly frequent request that I receive from people who read the Bible but do not understand what it is talking about, what the overall message is. The book publishing is not actually the important part – usually two copies are sold per month. However the same text is freely available on my site and in my computer programs/apps, thanks to my supporters who pay me to write and publish resources like these. So on my site, there are about 170 visits per day just to the index pages of the two books.

Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Give thanks for the great progress made in the Sunday School class this year. Pray that we will be able to help the children grow as Jesus' disciples.
- Pray for the preparation and running of the two summer camps.
- Pray that the text of the books, and other resources I produce, will help Italians know the Bible better, and so transform the country.
- Pray for Stefania and her exams in mid June, that she will be calm and trusting in God.

I still have some projects I am working on for the site, although once school ends my available time will be drastically reduced. After a year off, I have a renewed enthusiasm for leading Bible studies with people, and will probably start doing this in church in September.

Upcoming events

9 June: Sunday School end of year presentation 14-16 June: church children's camp 7-13 July: church teenagers' camp

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