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SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

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We are coming to visit Australia! After four years and a one year postponement (due to moving house, school exams, and the pandemic), we are looking forward to catching up with family and friends, and being able to talk about what has been the most unusual of my times in Italy. We will also be looking to raise up more prayer and financial support for this new phase of our ministry in Italy, as we serve in the church at Rovereto now. We will be in Australia from June 25 to August 24, so if you would like to catch up or invite us to your church or small group, get in contact with me as soon as possible so we can put together a calendar for our trip.

In the church

With the fourth wave coming and going since my last newsletter, in which more people were quarantined than at any time in the past, church life and so also our ministry has been kept fairly simple. We did manage to host a church lunch at our house the day after Christmas, just before new restrictions and people's precautions would have made it impossible.



The three week New Year break for the Sunday School was extended into mid February, but Pinuccia has now been able to restart that ministry again. I have been able to continue with the weekly Bible studies for Rovereto and Trento, and as well as preaching and leading the Men's Bible study monthly. I am also playing the keyboard at the services, to help out with the music ministry.



The music group: Jonathan, Richard, Marika, Emanuela, Irene, Carolina, Paolo

On the computer

Last week I received two messages that were an encouragement for me to continue with my computer ministry, even if usually I see little results or feedback:

I wanted to thank you for all the work you do for us. For your website laparola.net, for the phone app and for the desktop. Because they are very useful and edifying tools for believers. They have many versions of the Bible, even the Bosio commentary on the NT, which is now unobtainable on paper, encyclopaedias, books, Hebrew and Greek dictionaries, questions and answers and many other tools for our good, all provided free of charge.

I always use the website to look up Bible verses, the desktop app for dictionaries and the phone app always to reach and share Bible passages, and I can't do without them because they are necessary.

I am not good at thanking with words, but this work of yours is precious, thank you again from the bottom of my heart for what you do for us, God bless you greatly. I will make a special prayer for you.

THANK YOU!

In all the Internet, this work is the greatest for the name of God.

May the Lord bless you and give you a great reward!

In Ukraine

The war in Ukraine is having an effect in Italy (and the rest of Europe) as well. Apart from general anxiety about a war fairly close, in the church we know people in the region and some have family members there. In ECM, there are Ukrainian missionaries serving mostly, but not only, in the western part of the country. It has been my privilege to get to know them in the past few years, and they send chilling reports from the field. Missionaries in nearby countries have been helping the many refugees. You can find more information about what ECM is doing at https://bit.ly/ECMUkraine.

An extra job that I have picked up as part of my international responsibilities in the mission is to be part of a small group that will consider how to distribute and provide accountability for the funds that are raised by ECM for Ukraine. You could also pray also for my role in this group.

Upcoming dates

April 6-8: ECM conference. This year it will be only online - we have not met physically since 2018. April 11-15: Retreat for ECM-Australia missionaries, at Berlin.

June 25-August 24: In Australia.

I have written a series of articles for the *Eternity* magazine about my daily life as a missionary. If you are interested in reading about what being a missionary means in practice, you can find them at https://www.eternitynews.com.au/people/richard-wilson/ (they are in reverse order).

Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Give thanks that we will finally be able to spend some time in Australia again.
- Pray for the preparations for our trip to Australia. There is a lot of paper work to get done first, as well as preparing what we will be doing there, while normal life commitments continue on.
- Pray that the churches at Rovereto and Trento would be able to restart their ministries (again), and that we will not be too used to meeting online.
- Pray for our teaching ministry in the churches, to children and to adults, that it will have lasting fruit.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to electronically distribute the Bible and resources to read and study it, and pray that God will use it to transform lives.
- Pray for the Ukrainian and other missionaries providing help to those suffering because of the war.
- Pray that I can assist in finding ways to help financially.

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