

# RICHARD AND PINUCCIA WILSON

## SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca, and Mattia

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Since the beginning of the year, I have found a better balance between my three areas of ministry, family life, and my own personal life with God. I am even getting to go out with Pinuccia for a coffee once a week! Getting a better balance has meant getting more done, and being able to depend on God and thank God for everything as well. Here is what has been happening in the ministries:

### In the church

In December Pinuccia organised a one day meeting with a friend from her Bible college days in Switzerland, who does and teaches Christian counselling. The meeting went a lot better than expected. 28 people had indicated that they would come, although a handful did not make it due to another wave of flu. Then 5 couples or singles were able to have a private conversation in the afternoon. 7 people signed up to do a course (one Zoom meeting a month), in order to multiply this ministry in Italy - not only helping people but training others to help people. While Pinuccia's friend will be doing the teaching, Pinuccia will be continuing her good work as the organiser and secretary.

The witness of the church is continuing to pick up where it had stopped due to the pandemic. The



Angelo, Zoraida, Giosuè, and Rosario at the book table.

Saturday book tables are occurring more often, but with a renewal in the personnel. The new people in the church, who have started attending since the summer, are the ones keen to do it, with the guidance of the pastor Angelo.

The church has also organised a meeting in the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup> at Ala, the next town down the valley which has about 10,000 people in its area. There were some activities by the church at Ala a few years ago, although it all came to a standstill. It is not going to happen soon, but our desire and vision is to plant a church there. Just in time, the church mid week Bible studies in Acts have arrived at chapter 13, and it was good to talk about sending people out to plant churches while we are thinking and praying about Ala.

### In the mission

Now that travel around Europe has returned to how it was, my ministry in the mission has had more opportunities for personal interaction. In February I was in Germany for a week, meeting with the other ECM missionaries in field leadership positions. It had been more than three years since we had last met, so there had been a lot of changes. New leaders to get to know, and changes in the mission to understand and to apply in Italy (in my case).



The ECM field leadership.

From 29<sup>th</sup> March, the whole family will be in Croatia for the (theoretically) biennial conference of the whole mission. In this case, it will have been five years since we have all met together. In the past it has been great to finally meet and talk with people who had only been names and descriptions on paper. This time it will be great to have real conversations with people with whom I will have only had interactions by Zoom in a meeting. Pray especially that it will be a special time for our children. Stefania and Daniele especially are looking forward to it, having been counting the days to go since January, particularly to seeing again the other teenagers that they already know and kept in contact with.

Continue to pray as well for my various roles in the wider mission. As leader for ECM in Italy, I am talking with a few people about joining or collaborating with the mission in Italy, and keeping in contact with the current missionaries. My membership of the Ministry Development Group, the Vision and Strategy Group, and the team that manages the fund to help Ukrainian refugees means participating in regular Zoom meetings, but more importantly working with the missionaries around Europe to help develop their ministries.

### On the computer

In the last three months, I have completed some of the projects that I mentioned in my previous newsletter. I added two more Italian translations of the Bible, after many hours correcting and improving the electronic text that I had received, taking the total available on my site and apps to 10. I also released new versions of another Italian Bible translation and a commentary with various improvements. The next project is to complete an important half finished and often delayed update to the program for Macintosh.

### Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Give thanks that life is going well: God is helping me to do joyfully what I need to do and what I want to do, both in the family and in the ministry.
- Pray for Pinuccia's work in helping the counselling ministry grow in Italy.
- Give thanks for the new people in church, and their desire to share what they have been learning about the Gospel.
- Pray for the town of Ala: for the meeting on the 25th, but also for another church to be planted there in the future.
- Pray for the conference in Croatia: that all the missionaries will be encouraged and taught, and it will help ECM fulfil its vision for Europe in the future. Pray for all our family and for our relationships with others that will be created and that will grow during the conference.
- Give thanks for the opportunities that I have to help develop ministries around Europe, and pray that I will be a true help to them.
- Continue to pray that the Italian Bibles, commentaries, and other resources I distribute will continue to serve God's work in Italy.

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