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## SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca, and Mattia

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The second week of September is always a week of anniversaries and celebrations for me, and this year was no different:

Monday 11th was the first day of school for the three children who had not already started school. Pray for them during this new school year, especially for Stefania who is doing her final year.

Tuesday was a Significant Birthday for me. There were a few hours of relaxation by myself in the morning, and then a family celebration in the evening.

Wednesday I led my first Bible study of the new church year. The pause over the summer was a helpful break, and renewed my energy and enthusiasm for the Bible studies.

Thursday and Friday was time to get back to Zoom meetings, working with others across Europe to help ECMI across the continent.

Friday was my 31st anniversary of leaving Australia.

Saturday was my anniversary of arriving in Italy, but also the climax of the week. Pinuccia and I had a combined party for my birthday, my arrival anniversary, and her work (see below). For me, it was a great summary of my life in Italy. There were people who were already here when I arrived and who welcomed me into their life and church, people I have got to know over the past year, and people I have seen born and grow up into mature disciples. People from all three of my new Italian families: physical, from the church at Trento, and from the church at Rovereto. And the participants enjoyed a longer and more relaxed time together, especially with people from the two churches meeting each other, some for the first time, others for the first time for a while.



And the party had a science fiction theme.  
Can't do better than that!

### In the summer

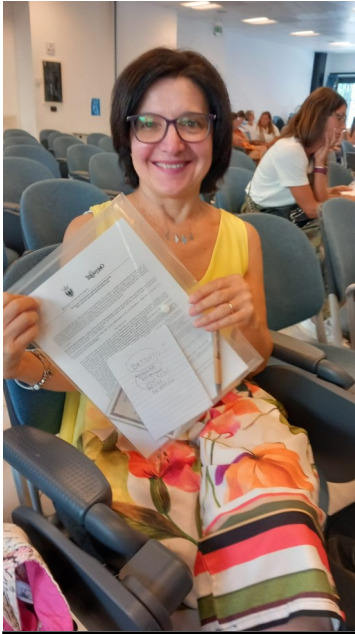
With between two and three months holidays for Pinuccia and the children, and a six week break from church activities for me, there was a lot of time to spend with the family and to do things we are not usually able to do.

The principal summer event was spending a few weeks in Sicily with family and friends. Unfortunately, we were not able to do as much as we would have liked. First there were extremely high temperatures, so that even the locals (who are used to high temperatures) could not cope and were staying inside. Then each of us in turn caught a 24 hour stomach bug. As well, there was a family emergency, so Pinuccia often had to take the car to be able to help out. But it was good that we were there in that period so that Pinuccia could help; she would like to help more but it is difficult from a distance.

We left Sicily a day earlier than we had planned (which no one really complained about) because Pinuccia was called up to be assigned her job for this year. We left Stefania in Sicily to attend a church youth camp there, which she really enjoyed. The day after we arrived home, Pinuccia, after 22 years of casual jobs (originally replacing teachers for one day, but lately 10 month long jobs) obtained a permanent position. Not only that, it was with the same class in the same school where she was last year, where she enjoyed working. And it is only 10 minutes away from our house - it would have been possible that she received a job a hour away in the mountains. The hours and geography also work out so that she can give Stefania and Daniele a lift to school twice a week. So we celebrated this as well at our party.

After more than 3 decades here, I am still discovering wonderful new places in our province. Especially since we are now in the southern part of the province rather than the northern half, which has led us to new places. So during the summer there were lots of family picnics and outings to lakes, castles, tourist attractions, archeological sites, and more that we had not seen before. I have put some photos of these activities on my site at <https://www.laparola.net/summer23.html>, as they would not fit in this newsletter.

Stefania and Daniele were also able to help in different week long holiday programs for children, while Mattia and Luca went to other programs as participants. We also had the privilege of various guests staying with us, and a



Pinuccia happy after signing her first permanent contract

few pizza parties at home as well. With fewer evening commitments, I even had the opportunity to go to play occasionally at the local chess club.

### On the computer

For the 25 years that LaParola has been available, I have never had an Italian commentary on the whole Bible to distribute. In July I finished my latest project, to add such a commentary to my site, programs and apps. To make it possible in the time I have, I had to choose an English public domain paragraph based rather than verse based commentary (Matthew Henry's Concise

Commentary), and then did a computer translation into Italian with manual corrections. Still, it took me more than three months of 30 to 60 minutes work every day to copy the text, format it, add hypertext links, and do a quick check of the translation. Then it was another week's work to prepare the files for the programs, update the database that generates the text for the site, change the relevant pages, and test that everything was working.

### Upcoming events

*30 September:* A public meeting at Ala, where the Rovereto church wants to grow the outreach and one day plant a church.

*11 October:* There will be another adult in the apartment: Stefania turns 18! This means more parties.

*14 October, 11 November, 16 December, 20 January:* The course on Christian Personal Development that Pinuccia has organised for people in the churches of Rovereto and Trento, and for others.

### Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Give thanks for God's faithfulness over 31 years in Italy (and almost twice that overall), and pray for many blessings from him for this 32nd year.
- Pray for the children at school, especially for Stefania as she prepares for her final exams in June. Pray that they can also be a witness and an influence for good at their schools.
- Give thanks for all the time we were able to spend together as a family during the holidays.
- Give thanks for God's provision of a stable job for Pinuccia, and pray for good relationships with other teachers and with the children.
- Pray that the Bible material that I distribute on my site will continue to be a help to many, and that I will be able to work well on my next projects to improve the site.
- Pray for the meeting at Ala, and that the witness will continue to grow there.
- Pray that the course that Pinuccia has organized will run without problems, and that many people will grow in their relationship with God and with others as a result.

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