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SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca, and Mattia

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We are always grateful for the many people who have supported us for many decades, and continue to be surprised as new people ask to receive these newsletters so as to be able to pray for us. Your prayers are remembered and appreciated!

In the church

The bimonthly meetings at Ala continue, with new people coming each time, although without any (apart from church members) who regularly come back again. The next meeting will be on March 16. Unfortunately, we have not been able to be present as much as we would like, with the Youth Group and other family commitments often being at the same time, but it is good to know that there is a small group at Ala who keep the witness going, supported by various members of the church at Rovereto who

Church Corner

Jonathan and Emanuela are two of the very few young adults in the church at Rovereto. Emanuela is the daughter of the pastor, and has been part of the church at Rovereto since it began 12 years ago, when she was a teenager. Now she leads the music group, singing and playing the guitar, accompanied by a drummer and myself on the keyboard. She married Jonathan, originally from South America, 3.5 years ago. He was the drummer for the music group, but taught the songs to one of the teenage Pakistan refugees who has taken his place. Jonathan now helps with the mixer and sound system.



make the trip to Ala when there are meetings.

There are now some dates for the course on *Christian Personal Development*, that Pinuccia is organising and where her friend from Switzerland will be speaking. There will be two meetings in June, and then a further two after the summer break, in September and October.

In my previous newsletter I asked to pray for the regular teaching that Pinuccia and I do in the Sunday School (for her), weekly Bible studies and monthly sermons (for me). You can add Stefania to that list now. She has been helping for a while with the organisation and some activities in the meetings of the Youth Group. Last month she also led two Bible studies, the first she has ever prepared and taught.

In the mission

Last month there was a week long meeting in Germany for more than 40 of the leaders of ECM: field ministries, mobilisation teams, member care, and international oversight. Although we do keep in contact in smaller groups by Zoom, it was great to be all together in person. Something I found particularly helpful was a reminder of how worthwhile it is to help other missionaries thrive. Looking after the other three ECM missionaries in Italy is not a big commitment—they have all been in Italy longer than me and know what they are doing. However, in the next few months the number of missionaries I will be responsible for will be at least doubling, with some new missionaries on the field who will require more assistance.

In the family

At the beginning of December, Pinuccia's father died after a few months of deteriorating health. Pinuccia was able to fly to Sicily for the funeral and stay with her mother for a few days. My father-in-law had a simple and deep faith, with great humility and service. He was converted in his early 20s and suffered opposition from the rest of his family, but was a great father in bringing up his children in the



Christian faith, a fact that I in particular have benefitted from!

Continue to pray for our children. It has been a busy period for us with medical appointments: dermatology, orthopedics, dentist, neuropsychiatry, optometrist. Some of them are precautionary,

and we are grateful to live in a place where children are so well cared for and prevention is stressed. Some are for various real long term issues. Pray that they can be resolved while the children are young, and that they will learn to trust God to live with the problems that remain.

Computer Corner

One of my personal interests in Biblical studies is New Testament Textual Criticism - looking at the thousands of ancient manuscripts to try to determine the original text. Because of this interest I created a page on my site (<https://www.laparola.net/greco/>) to view the variant readings of the manuscripts. It is outside of the structure of the rest of the LaParola site, because it is of interest to only a small part of my usual audience, but also to many who don't usually use Italian sites. For this reason, it is available in English, Italian, and Spanish.

The page does need, however, a complete overall. The graphics and technology are old, there are links to sites that don't exist anymore, and especially because there is a lot more useful data on the Greek New Testament electronically available than there were 18 years ago, when I created the page. I am still thinking about how to do it, and it is in second place in my waiting list of projects to work on.

Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Give thanks for our many faithful and new supporters.
- Continue to pray for the ministry at Ala, that some people in the town will start attending regularly.
- Pray that the *Christian Personal Development* course can take place without further obstacles.
- Pray for the Bible teaching of Stefania, Pinuccia, and me, that we will be faithful and helpful to others.
- Pray that Jonathan and Emanuela will be a blessing to many others through their ministry in the church.
- Pray that I will be able to help the new missionaries to thrive in the ministries to which God has called them.
- Give thanks for the life and witness of my father-in-law, and pray for his wife and the rest of the family as they adjust to the new situation.
- Pray for wisdom and love from Pinuccia and me and we look for the best way to help our children, physically and spiritually.

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