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## SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

With Daniele, Luca, and Mattia, and Stefania in Australia

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Since we returned from Australia in August, there has been a slight shift in our ministry, especially in the church. Richard being able to leave the music group has given him more time, and there have been opportunities to do new things, so we have ended up organising an event every month since the end of the summer break.

### In the church

**September:** One of the hoped for consequences of moving to Rovereto four years ago was to strengthen the relationship between the church there and the church at Trento. One way was by organising a picnic together after the services at the end of the summer, in a park halfway between us. It was my third try after weather and other activities put an end to the other attempts. But it was worth waiting for, as it was a great afternoon together, and people are keen to do it again in Spring.

**October:** The church at Trento had some new teachers in its Sunday School and were keen on doing some training for them. So they called the local expert, who is of course Pinuccia. There is a limit on what can be done in a few hours, but she was able to go through what it means to prepare a Bible lesson. Daniele was also able to participate, as he now teaches in the Sunday School at Rovereto every three weeks.



**November:** Something completely different, as we organised a meeting for neurodivergent people and parents of neurodivergent people and advertised it around the city. There were five people I did not know, plus people from the two churches who fall into these categories. The theme was “You are not alone”, as I have seen that many have difficulties but can not or do not want to talk about them with others, but they open up when there is the opportunity, especially with other neurodivergent people. They were all keen to meet again, so we are looking at a second meeting in mid January.

I could write about five pages to describe why we decided to organise this event. Suffice to say that it took me about 20 years to realise that my computer work was not just a



hobby but a ministry that God had prepared me for and probably a reason why he sent me to Italy. In the same way, although it has been more than 20 years since I have known to be neurodivergent, it is only in the last four years that I have been talking about it with others, but always as a “hobby” on the side. However, this time I want to be more receptive about what God has prepared me for, and maybe another reason he sent me to Italy.

**December:** Pinuccia has already organised a few meetings with her friend Lucia from Switzerland, to give personal help. This time it will be a 1.5 day course for couples, with a follow-up meeting in January.

### On the computer

My various projects for LaParola continue. One that produced results last month was the publishing (on my site and in the various apps) of four new commentaries, all translated by Artificial Intelligence by others, of which I then did some automatic corrections and transformed into a format that I could use. This means that since June, the number of Italian commentaries that I distribute has grown from three to ten.

Apart from working on new resources or updating apps, the main work of providing the Bible and Biblical resources continues. As someone wrote to me recently, “My name is P... I live in the province of Macerata in the Marche region. I am on my way to becoming a Christian. Thank you very much for the valuable work you offer to everyone”.

### In the family

One evening at the end of September, Daniele was crossing the road at a pedestrian crossing in the dark and rain, when a car went through a red light and hit him. After not finding him where he was supposed to be a couple of hours later, we did discover that he had been taken to the hospital. Miraculously, nothing was broken except his umbrella, although he did get a blood clot from hitting his head on the road. He ended up spending nine days in hospital under observation and with several scans. It was harder for him to survive the boredom of staying in

hospital with little to do than getting hit by a car. But there was a growth in maturity as he came to grips with what he could and could not do. So physically he is fine now, and mentally seems a bit better. He is still looking for a job or other activity, but in the meantime last week he started three courses in his interests in drama and music. He is also doing up to an hour per day of work for my computer ministry, the fruits of which will come out in February.

Stefania graduated from her gap year course at Sydney Missionary and Bible College last weekend. She has been accepted for the Bachelor of Ministry course, which will mean another two years in Australia (as the course she did this year counts as credit towards the Bachelor's degree). She will be moving into the student residence at the college. In the meantime, she will have a week of holidays in Australia and then come to Italy for six weeks. Although with all her plans for visiting people and spending time with friends, there might not be much time left over for her family!



### Upcoming dates

*December 8-January 21:* Stefania in Italy

*December 19-20:* Course for couples.

*January 17:* Second meeting for neurodivergent people (date to be confirmed)

*February 23-27:* Richard in Germany for the ECM Leaders' meeting

## Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Keep praying for our regular, weekly ministry of teaching and discipling, in Sunday School and in Bible studies, which is where we see people maturing.
- Give thanks for the opportunities to serve in special ways, as we have organised and prepared these different events.
- Pray that we will be able to follow God's leading as to what we should do to help those in the neurodivergent community, and how. Pray that it will be a blessing for and a witness to others.
- Pray that the couples coming to the course in December will have a deeper relationship with each other and with God. That includes us!
- Pray that the resources and apps that have been created and are being created will help Italians to become Christians and to grow as Christians.
- Pray for Mattia, Luca, Daniele, and Stefania as they continue to grow as disciples of Jesus in different ways.

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