

**What an end to the summer...**  
**driving license, outreach, understanding**  
**dyslexia, more time to build relationships**  
*"When I am weak, then I am strong."*  
*2 Corinthians 12:10b*



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### Driving License

As July ended I was finally back behind the wheel, legally! Thank you for all your prayers as I dealt with this long process. On the day of the driving test, I waited with four nervous young drivers to rotate turns driving the instructor's car. I volunteered to go first, but the woman who runs the school wanted to ask me some questions. As each of the young people took their tests and I waited for my turn, she asked more and more questions about what I am doing in Italy. Even with my limited Italian we were able to talk about what I believe. The woman already understood that I was a Christian, but was not sure what that meant to me. She wanted to know how I deal with difficult situations, such as a recent death in Montefiascone. It was great to be able to explain to her how the Christian family works together to support each other in life's good and difficult times. She was surprised when I shared with her that there were individuals in Montefiascone and also in America praying for me to successfully complete my driving test. God was able to use a situation in which I felt weak as an opportunity to share a little about Him with a woman who is seeking.

### Outreach

Summer plans changed, providing an opportunity for a few women in the church to organize an outreach at the lake. I was not able to invite a summer team from the US to Montefiascone this year because the Mayor has been put on house arrest and approval for a team could not be obtained. It was great to see Katia, Dori and Speransa work together to create this outreach. I was asked to help them organize and gather some of the resources to be used. For a few days in August almost half of the church members spent their afternoons at



the lake reaching out to Italians. There was a book table, face painting, balloons and crafts, all free for those who wanted to be involved. Many children in the church were actively involved, boldly sharing God's love. It was a blessing to see God empower this small church in a new way to reach out when the original plans fell through. God's plans are always better!



### Understanding Dyslexia

My language class this summer took an unusual turn. Much of the class is spent in conversation, practicing grammar and sharing writing assignments. One day the topic of this class was books that have become movies. My language teacher has known for the past year that I am dyslexic. Thankfully, she understands what that means. Many Italians do not know about any learning disabilities, so it is an unexpected blessing that she has knowledge in this area. In our class conversation I said that I prefer books on tape because the physical act of reading can be very tiring for me. Others in the class did not know about dyslexia, so I was asked many questions. As the conversation continued, students asked, "Then, how do you deal with this or that?" I was able to continually share my dependency on God! It was great to be able to explain that God helps me deal with difficulties. I never expected my class to spend time talking about my disability. What a joy it was to spend so much time talking about God helping me in my weakness.

*“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10*



**More Time To Build Relationships**

One of the things that I appreciate about my work assignment in Italy is the warmth of the people. Families spending time together and enjoying the moment is a high priority for Italians, especially in the summer. I have been privileged to be included in many long, relaxing family meals with friends, sharing amazing food and conversation. Teachers from the high school where I volunteered last year invited me to join them at their lake house for

a great afternoon. On an Italian holiday, I had lunch with an extended family and then joined them for a drive to a city famous for its gelato. Another family shared a special dish with me from southern Italy. We poured water on very hard bread and then added tomatoes, herbs and oil. It was a little strange, but tasty. I am learning to cook Italian and have entertained several groups for meals at my home. Please pray for these relationships to continue to grow.



***Please take time to praise God for...***

- Completion of Italian Driving license
- God directed outreach opportunities this summer
- Improving understanding of Italian culture and language
- Weekly prayer group meeting for the Montefiascone church
- Growing relationships with individuals in Montefiascone

***Please pray for...***

- Continued understanding of Italian culture and language
- Improvement of Internet connection at my home—once again I am without internet at home and it may be another 2 months before I am reconnected
- A formal invitation to return to teach conversational English at the local high school in the fall



Prayer group meeting at my place

*Thank you for partnering with me!*

*Ciao,  
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