



**Again Jesus spoke to them,
saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life." John 8:12**

The family in Italy plays a far more important role than it does in the UK. An expression of which is the expectations put upon "i nonni", the grandparents. These impressive elderly folk run around after their beloved 'nipoti' (grandchildren) with a spring in their step and a sparkle in their eye. Thus nannies, child-minders and au-pairs are rare and our witness can extend across three generations. We pray for the Lord to have mercy and to call whole families out of darkness into His wonderful light. Join me then in giving thanks to the Father for giving us a marvelous May and a joyful June as He shone brighter into our hearts through the Bologna Bible School (BBS), strengthening us to bear witness to His glory in the face of His Son, Jesus Christ at the Torricine Bilingue Summer Camp.



Marvelous May at the BBS, growing together in knowledge of Christ in Genesis. (16th; 23rd; 29th.)

Marvelous because not only were folk from Forte Torre, Nuova Vita and San Lazzaro present but also from other neighbouring towns; notably with one pastor bringing 5-6 young men, demonstrating his heart for the church's next generation of pastors.

Marvelous because there was an average attendance of c.70 every week.

Marvelous because there were encouraging and excited conversations

across churches during break-times, at discovering Christ at the centre to all God's promises.

Marvelous because each evening ended in heart-warming prayers in small groups in response to clear, profound and brilliant teaching, helping us all to feel part of a bigger gospel witness.

Joyful June at the Torricine Bilingue camp, with the presence of 46 children (aged 6-11) spread over two weeks, who we pray, were beginning to get to know Christ in Mark.

Joyful because you could have heard a pin drop as excellent talks were given by Sue, JP and most excitingly Rita, Elisa, Antonella + Daniele. The life-giving Word was sown on what we pray will prove to be good soil. Joyful because significant small-group Bible studies, memorable (!) memory verse-teaching, creative craft, terrific team games, exciting English, luscious lunch all combined well to fill a brilliantly organized



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Memory Verse Fun



Jesus calms the storm



Jesus is the King

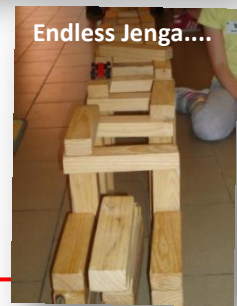
programme put together by Sue. We praise God for His protection from all harm; for the servant-hearts and endless patience of the two English teams from Christchurch, Durham; for a good response to the puppets; for the church family hosting suppers and participating in Anglo-Italian prayers: for encouraging conversations with adults at drop-off/pick-up times and not least for the happy smiles and concentrated expressions on the faces of Italian children. Many of us had meaningful conversations with a good number of the children over craft, lunch or during walks to the park, enabling us to bring them on in their thinking as to who Jesus really is. It was an enormous privilege to see (some) tense and unhappy children visibly respond to the love of Christ in us as attitudes and behaviour changed for the better and trust was built. We were deeply humbled, encouraged and thankful as we experienced God's grace on a hourly basis.



Team 1



Team 2



Endless Jenga....

PRAYER POINTS

- with the summer camp over, the prayer work can begin in serious for the 30 families that the Lord has graciously given us: for the children to come to the Torricine Bilingue after school club; for the parents and "i nonni" to the next Buona Domanda in Sept to feed into Perche Gesu? And miraculously for whole families to come to church on Sundays.
- for the Spirit to continue to work in each of the 46 children to put aside false and deadly Roman dogma in favour of the fresh and faithful teaching about the King who came to serve and save by giving His life as a ransom for many.
- for the EXCHANGE camp (1st-5th July) for Bolognesi teenagers to renounce the ways of the world and become followers of Christ; for Sue from Forte Torre and other leaders from Nuova Vita and San Lazzaro to have daily encouragements as they labour in the heat.
- for unbelievers to come to Sunday services as JP preaches through Ecclesiastes and for a greater commitment to our Thursday prayer-gatherings and Midweek studies on our confession of faith.
- for puppet rehearsals through the summer to go well as we strive to use all our gifts to produce a show on September Sundays (in town) that will honour Christ and win families for Him.

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