



**November 2014**

**"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."  
John 10:9.**

Dear Friends,



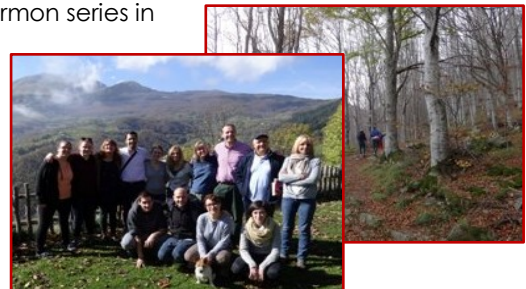
Having finished a stupendous sermon series in Exodus, a number of us enjoyed sharing what we'd learnt about God's holiness

and salvation amidst the stunning Emilia Romagna countryside last month. Our first weekend away as a church was full of good fun, food and friendship-building! Meanwhile, we're seeing steady growth on Sundays. We've been excited by **new arrivals**

**D** (R's niece) who in turn is bringing her niece(!), **N**, to **Torricine**

**Domenica**; also **L, R, F, E**, (all female Erasmus students) and an

American brother, **T**. We've nearly finished a two-year project of working through the implications, we've known the Spirit's sharpening and leading into the deeper mind of the Triune God. Humbling and brilliant: not least for anchoring our apologetics in his word as we seek to show others that Christ is the only door by which anyone can enter his eternal Kingdom.



**?** **Perchè Gesù?** has now **started** with three (very different) Italian women, **D** (R's niece), **S** (my accountant/friend)+**A** (friend of A). Pray they all come every week and that others will join them as the course progresses; it would be great to have some men!



With the **start** of **Torricine Doposcuola** last month, we continue to intercede for the 30 children as we take them through the warnings in Numbers and proclaim Christ's promises; and for their parents as we chat about church-life and invite them to **PG?** + to our **Apologetics Eve** on 14 November, "All Roads lead to Rome?"



And ... a little fanfare required! ...**Torricine Domenica** has **begun!** A team of six (**A, Aoife, E, E, M + I**) work in twos, taking **N,L,G+E** out for well-prepared lessons in Exodus + James, following sermon series. Give thanks for **Sue** who has written excellent, creative material.

**MYSFACE BOLOGNA WEST... Starting on Saturdays.** Following the **Exch@nge** reunion, we're thrilled that our mission to teenagers can now continue on a regular basis. Over the years, we've come into contact with an increasing number of adolescents through teaching work, Exch@nge and the Torricine families. Also, as children become too old for Torricine, it's wonderful to know that we now have something for them to "move up" to. Please pray for **G** as he leads this work, ably supported by others from Forte Torre and Nuova Speranza. Pray that by means of a creative spiritual programme, English lessons, games and other activities, relationships of trust would build so that the six youngsters and their parents would entrust their lives to Christ. Give thanks for another long-term ministry, with access to yet more families given to us by the Lord God. Pray that he would bless and protect this work and add to the number of teenagers coming through these initial weeks.



**Via Castiglione 65** The project is now underway. Please pray for **L** (the surveyor/project manager) as he meets regularly with **JP** + others, that amidst this complicated restoration work, he might meet with fewer obstacles than anticipated and in fact, meet with the Lord Jesus. **A letter of introduction** has been sent to the six people who live in the small flats above inviting them to meet us on 23 November. We intend to visit the premises after a church lunch with a view to building good relations. Please pray that this time would serve to dispel any suspicion, mistrust and fear; and that in time, our future neighbours may be won for Christ by our witness. Pray for the Forte Torre team to find time in the midst of busy lives to make speedy decisions; to be wise, united, prayerful and joyful as they serve the body, using their God-given gifts. Thanks so much for all your prayers for and financial support of this unique building project.



**GBU e Aoife.** How so many of you have faithfully prayed for the **student ministry** at Bologna university! As you may recall,



Aoife is working with GBU and is now in her second year here. A huge encouragement and a great co-worker as she helps serve on Sundays + Wednesdays at Torricine Domenica and Torricine Bilingue. Her passion though is to win students for the Lord Jesus. Pictured here is a good mix of Erasmus students from

GB/USA/Australia and Italians, including **G**, an Italian man(!) who came to Forte Torre for the first time on 2/11. Please pray that both he and another male student **P-L** would attend FT regularly. Pray for more Italian/longer term students to come to the GBU meetings held in the canteen at the university every Monday evening and that as a consequence, all come to know the true Lord Jesus of the Scriptures. Pray that **L**, an English girl who's seriously seeking Christ will be born again this year as she frequents Forte Torre and meets 1-1 with Aoife.



**September Sundays in the Parks** at Giardini Margherita, a big event which attracted families from all over town + Villa Spada, a smaller more local event but nonetheless well-attended, (pictured here). The puppet show, activities, balloons and bubbles yet again provided an easy back-drop and spark to conversations about the differences between Forte Torre and the RC church. Whilst there's been no obvious fruit as yet despite the handing out of a mass of publicity, we all agreed the park events were a better vehicle than times spent in town under the two towers. Pray we continue to learn from our experiences to bring the Lord more Glory in future such events.

With grateful love and prayers for you all to stay faithful to Christ and the work to which he's called each of you to do for his glory, Penny.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- **Please pray for JP** that he would continue to know the Lord's grace wisdom, strength and courage to lead his flock the Lord's way and as he writes up the Confession of Faith in the hope it will be an excellent resource also for other Italian evangelical churches.
- **For the Spirit** to continue His transforming work in the lives of the saints at Forte Torre; in particular **A+A** who are considering baptism and who, as young adults are facing up to tough choices. Pray they submit to Christ's way.
- **Please pray** for me to be an encouragement to **B + E** as we meet one-one studying 1Sa+Heb respectively.
- **Please pray** for Aoife to know Wisdom in her discipling of students 1-1.
- **For the Spirit** to work new births in **A+S** coming to PG? and for parents in particular to come on 14 Nov.
- **Please pray** for **A**, thanking the Lord for her joy in Him, her serious and eager hard work for Torr Dom amidst life's busyness, as a working Mum to **G+E** and as a wife to her unsaved husband, **F**.
- **Please pray** for saved parents at FT to instruct their children in the Scriptures and for unsaved fathers to hear Christ's call to them. **Please pray** for **N, G, E + L** to come regularly to Torr Dom; that they experience joy as they meet together and we trust, meet with Christ.
- **Please pray** for our serene sister, **R**, who has suffered a nasty shoulder fracture to know Christ's healing as she makes the most of her time at home getting to work in prayer!
- **Please pray** for us all to be steadfast pray-ers as the Lord Jesus reminds us, staying thankful and watchful at all times.

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