

THE ARK COMMUNITY

"There is ONE body and ONE spirit, just as you were called in ONE Hope of your calling, ONE Lord, One Faith, ONE Baptism and ONE God and Father of ALL, who is above ALL, and through ALL, and in you ALL."

(Eph 4:4-6)

Road Works - March 2011

Dear Companions and Friends

(st. Augustine 354-430AD)

"The Glory of God, is Man fully alive...!"

Remembering our Calling "Being precedes Doing"

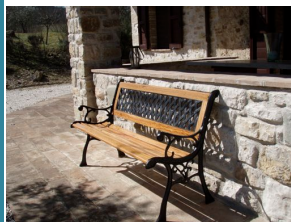
"**Being precedes Doing**", is a saying from our ancient Church Fathers. They believed that as Christian Men and Women focused on "**Being**" Christ within society, they'd find themselves "**Doing**" good works naturally. Bonhoffer calls this 'natural' out-working of Christian ministry – "**Spontaneous Christianity**". True ministry proceeds from true Christianity, and Jesus' brother, James (Bishop of Jerusalem), said that true religion was to care for Orphans and Widows. Don't misunderstand James, he wasn't saying that True Religion is Charity – he was saying that "true religion" was COMPASSION. An honest compassion that STOP US IN OUR TRACKS TO HELP. This brings us back to us remembering our 3-fold calling, as a Community:

- Personal **Transformation**.
- **Unity** & Reconciliation of Christians.
- Ministry to the **Orphan, Widow and Poor**.

This is the mandate God placed on our heart when He asked us to "**Build an Ark in a dry Land**", back in 1995. We must remain faithful to this call. SELAH (left), our Community Retreat & Ministry Centre, serves all those who seek to take time to be transformed, and we're off to a great start..! Some testimonies: "We felt so loved, nurtured and cared for in every way and came away really restored and encouraged. The spiritual food, looking at the



"be-attitudes" was really helpful - challenging us and (hopefully!) changing attitudes." (Geake's) Doris said: "I had a great time and came back really refreshed. I feel like God injected me with life through this time with you guys. I am quite buzzing." - Transformation is the only way to experience the "Abundant Life" – you're invited..!

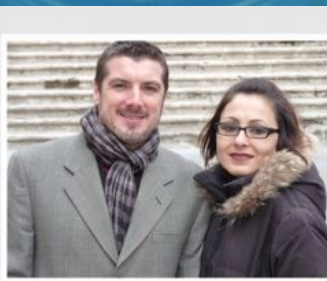


Retreats are '**necessary time-outs**' in order to advance the Kingdom through our transformed lives. It means we are to live the vision we carry before we attempt to pass it on to those

we minister to. We all need a 'pause,' a moment to reflect, to look at Jesus and how He lived, and our prayer is that we **imitate Him in all we do**. Contact us for further details: adele@thearkcommunity.org. Or visit our website and click on "SELAH".



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Coming up:

March 29th & 30th – Italy

Milan 2013 – 1700 years ago Christians were given Religious Freedom by the Roman Empire in the signing of the "Edict of Milan". In modern Europe that 'freedom' has pretty much disappeared. Here in Italy, Milan 2013 we'll be re-signing the commitment to Christian Freedom. We are involved and already in preparation for this event and need your prayers.

Here's the video of the event we're involved in:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4aaA69oQeY>

For Prayer

6th April:

TBN Europe have asked to interview us and for me to lead a Daily Devotional on TV. They also want us to speak about Kenneth & Gloria Copeland's books we've translated and distribute here in Italy. KCM have been ministry Partners of The Ark Community since our beginning in 2003 Thanks KC & GC..!

Sicily

We have been invited by one of the Leading Evangelical Church Leaders in Sicily, to come down to Sicily to minister and encourage unity between the Catholic and Evangelical Christians. This is a 'NEW DAY', and very exciting. We need spiritual warriors to pray for this mission..! **April 9th**

Unity & Reconciliation

Charismatic Leaders Fellowship – USA – Regent University – Pat Robertson



John 17:21 continues to fan the flame of worldwide Christian unity. January this year, Matteo and I were once again invited to minister to the Leaders of the N. American Charismatic movement. These were the Men & Women God used to initiate the Charismatic renewal back in 1967, which since then spread to all over the world. The fear is that in the US, the charismatic movement is in decline, and the Leaders were asking the Lord for new direction. Matteo and I presented our findings that the worldwide ecumenical (Christian Unity) movement has flourished because of the

Charismatic movement. While the indwelling Spirit of God cries out from within us "Abba Father", He also cries out across the Table, "Brother, Sister", thus making Christian unity a reality in the common experience of being Spirit filled and baptized into Christ as ONE BRIDE, ONE CHURCH..! We have been asked to return to N. America 2012 to hold a larger conference and to encourage Christian unity among Leaders from all denominations. **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God"**



Doing it at Home:

Where possible, Companions gather in homes in an informal way to grow friendships and celebrate diversity. We're Christians from all types of denominations, seeking to live a 'genuine' Christianity which will



both lead us into our own liberty in Christ and to become testimonies to those around us. We seek to **"Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words."** We desire to live out loud..! Why not start a Gathering in your Home?

Orphans, Widows & the Poor

It's always been our conviction **not** to reinvent the wheel, and if someone has a successful project established, we'd rather 'Partner' with them, they are:

- **Acres of Love** (HIV Orphans)
- **Build the Future** (Feeding Poor)
- **Zanspruit** (Church Plant)
- **Bosko** (Orphan School)
- **Fountains of Faith** (ministry to the poor)



Be a Benefactor / Partner: This year we gave away 68% to OTHERS..! Although we began as Missionaries to Italy, which lead to a pan-European Ministry, we've now expanded into an **International ministry of reconciliation**. Thus, partnering with us is a support of an international Kingdom ministry. We have a **PayPal** Ministry account: (www.paypal.com), that can receive gifts from any country in any currency, sending your gifts to: gifts@thearkcommunity.org. **Thank you** to all those who support us in every way...! For those of you desiring to financially support the Ministry in the more traditional way, please donate to **"The Ark Community"** by using any of these Bank Accounts below.

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