

## Memories and thanksgiving



**D**o you have people in your life for whom you thank God when the mere memory of them surfaces in your mind? Sure you do! Individuals who have affected your life in a positive way by their example and zeal for the Lord. People who were God's gifts to you, for whom you praise the Lord with joy.

Paul had a special remembrance for the Thessalonians: "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3). For Paul, the remembrance of the Thessalonians believers is interwoven with thanksgiving to God for their faith in Jesus that works, their love for Jesus that labours, and their hope in Jesus that endures.

At IBEI (Italian Evangelical Bible Institute), we have many reasons to thank God by remembering the

many brothers and sisters who have served here over the years: believers who with faith, love, and hope have left a good memory and example in service. There are too many of them to list; yet, I would like to mention the ones who served as principal: Royal Peck, Bernard Oxenham, Fares Marzone, and Gianfranco Giuni. Each of them has made an important contribution to the growth of IBEI, to the benefit of the Italian churches, to the evangelization of the world, and to the glory of God.

So let us remember, let us give thanks ... and let us be challenged to live a life of service that will inspire such remembrance and thanksgiving. IBEI, now in its 63rd year, continues to maintain its mission of assisting churches in training believers to be prepared to serve. We desire to be *faithfully* anchored in the Word, yet ever relevant in a changing world; committed to personal and collective growth towards *maturity* and *holiness*; determined to live out the *unity*

of the church, and to serve in the *community*; intentional in training for *practical* ministry while developing *competencies*; involved in *quality* academic education to serve the church in *charity*. My commitment as principal is to do my utmost in this direction, to serve all Italian evangelical churches, praying that the Lord will be magnified as He sustains and leads us.

Remembering those who have been here before us is, therefore, useful and good. However, keeping our eyes fixed on those who have come before us is like unwisely driving with our eyes fixed on the rear-view mirror. Our eyes must be fixed on the road ahead, and especially on "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). There is no shortage of challenges, but nor is the Lord's faithfulness in short supply. Aware of this, and eager to bring thanks to the Lord, we can only say, "Onward and upward!" —

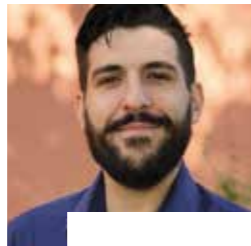
**Daniele P. Pasquale**

## The students of our Residential and Telematic School 2022-23

### FIRST YEAR — RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



**Alessia Amarie**  
Missionary Church  
Varfu Campului, Romania



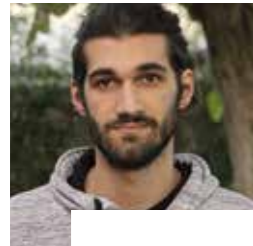
**Gabriel Trogu**  
Brethren Assembly  
Alghero (SS)

### THIRD YEAR — RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



**Manuel Ardolino**  
Pentecostal Church  
Rome

### SECOND YEAR — RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



**Daniele Di Lecce**  
UCBC Church, Milan



**Naomi Rovegno**  
AoG Church, Tortona (AL)



**Desiré Degiovanni**  
Brethren Assembly, Asti



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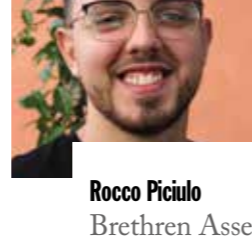


**Aurora Benigni**  
Missionary Church, Bergamo

### SECOND YEAR — TELEMATIC SCHOOL



**Gaëlle Boinet**  
Pentecostal Church ADD  
Paris (France)



**Rocco Picuolo**  
Brethren Assembly  
Picerno (PZ)

### THIRD YEAR — TELEMATIC SCHOOL



**Ruben Scorsonne**  
Apostolic Church, Ribera (AG)



**Alberto Orma**  
Independent Church  
Lienz (Austria)

## Ending and beginnings

### STAFF

Once again, this year we experienced some turnover concerning our staff at IBEI. After many years of service, Ada Scorza Marzone ended her contribution as a lecturer, translator and helper in both publishing and Distance Education. Mr. and Mrs. De Santis also leave us after serving for five years in various tasks at IBEI's residential school in Rome. We also said goodbye, as already mentioned, to Gianfranco Giuni, who led IBEI for three years as principal during a delicate time in its history.

As new staff members, we have already welcomed the Grassi family for more than a year. Francesco is our librarian as well as a faculty member. Together with his wife, Manuela, they contribute as mentors and in various ways to the life of the Residential School. In addition, a few weeks ago we also welcomed Mr. Riccardo Ragno and his wife, Mrs. Eleonora Modena, our very recent graduates of the Telematic School; they are now our Distance School Coordinators, replacing Andy Hamilton in this role, who thus has more freedom to devote himself to his duties as vice principal.

We thank the Lord both for the contributions of the staff members who leave us and for the staff members who join us! —

### EXTENSION (BRANCH) SCHOOLS

Last March we completed the cycle of studies at the Extension School in Santa Maria di Sala (Venice). Eight students obtained the 60 credit Certificate of Theology, and four obtained the 30 credit Certificate of Theology.

A new Extension School in Milan – Nova Milanese – began in September. We are grateful to the Lord for how He has blessed both of these schools! —

### RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AND TELEMATIC SCHOOL

On June 11, we had a beautiful celebration to close the academic year. Josiah Catchpole, Sarah Kaiser, Eleonora Modena, Riccardo Ragno, and Giancarlo Villarta completed the Bachelor of Theology studies. Giona Adang, Debora Di Martino, Naomi Rovegno, Daniela Valenzano completed the 60 credit Certificate of Theology. Naomi Rovegno and Daniela Valenzano are continuing their studies for the Bachelor of Theology. —

### DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

This first quarter, we have 21 new students enrolled, while 42 are continuing their education. Some are in their final sprint to obtain their Certificate of Theology in the coming months. We are rooting for them! —



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#### In the images:

1. Eleonora and Riccardo Ragno
2. The Extension School in Santa Maria di Sala (Venice)
3. The Extension School in Nova Milanese (Milan)
4. 2021-22 graduation ceremony at the Residential School



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#### IBEI's new website is online!

New look, new content, new features. To get to know IBEI ... and make it known!



Haddon W. Robinson  
*Biblical Preaching*  
IBEI Edizioni

## Publishing

Expository preaching is one of the needs of the contemporary church. Haddon Robinson has worked hard to meet this need. The book begins by defining and emphasizing the importance of expository preaching. Robinson insists on the need to find the central idea of the passage, which must then be the central idea of the sermon being preached. The author takes the reader through an explanation of the ten steps necessary for the preparation of an expository sermon. The final chapters offer practical pointers for preaching effectively and clearly. The book is a best-seller and is considered by many to be the basic reference text for expository preaching. After nearly 40 years since the first Italian edition, IBEI has recently published in Italian the third edition, with a new translation and layout. —

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**Lux Biblica 66**  
The Parables – Understand Them Correctly and Communicate Them Effectively  
IBEI Edizioni

In the parables, we find the beating heart of God, his love for his creature, his indignation against evil and sin, his sovereignty working in a sometimes subtle and seemingly hidden way. Some parables appear as secret codes for which it is necessary to find the right key or keys to unlock their meaning while others surprise us with their almost dreamlike atmosphere where events follow one another in a surreal way or where strong, “violent” elements leave us stunned. Still others appear so simple that we wonder if there is nothing else within them to discover. However, this is precisely why it is necessary to return to these parables by committing ourselves to interpreting them carefully in order to unfold their powerful and overwhelming message for our benefit and for the benefit of those around us. This is exactly the goal of *Lux Biblica 66*. —

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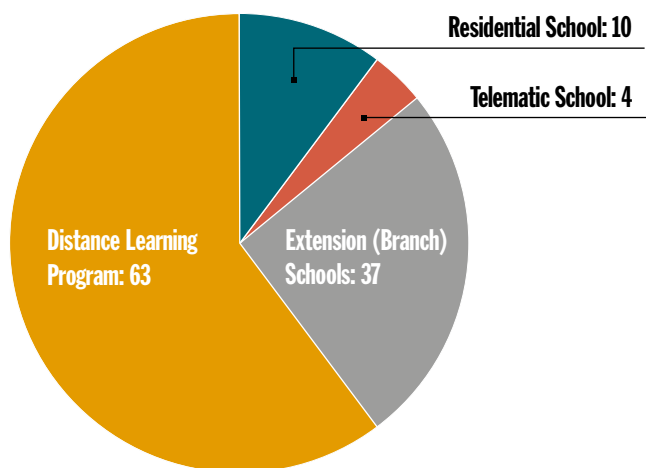


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## IBEI's numbers



- **114: THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT SCHOOLS**
- **68 ALUMNI SUBSCRIBED AT AESI (IBEI Alumni Association)**
- **30 EXTENSION SCHOOLS OPERATING IN THE PAST**
- **28 LECTURERS INVOLVED IN TEACHING AT IBEI**
- **12 DENOMINATIONS/MOVEMENTS/NETWORKS FROM WHICH OUR STUDENTS COME FROM: Assemblies of God Italy, Apostolic Church, Azione Biblica, Baptist, Brethren, Christian and missionary alliance, Impatto (Acts 29), Independent/free, Mennonite, Pentecostal (Parola della Grazia), Pentecostal (Free), UCBC**
- **11 REGIONS FROM WHERE STUDENTS COME**
- **11 IBEI STAFF MEMBERS**
- **5 FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHERE OUR STUDENTS RESIDE**
- **3 EXTENSION SCHOOLS OPERATING TODAY: Fossano (CN), Milan - Nova Milanese, Shkodra (Albania)**

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