

THE PETHTELS

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Pethtel News

- ✦ May 19 will mark our 4 year anniversary in Italy. This is a huge milestone, because 90% of missionaries in Italy return permanently to their home country within 4 years.
- ✦ Also, in May, Dominique and I will celebrate 11 years of marriage. That will make 4 years in a row that I have taken Dominique to Florence, Italy on our anniversary! (It does help that we live in Florence, but I think it still counts.)
- ✦ After a year and a half we have finally found a new apartment. We have given our 6 mo. notice and will be moving in September. This new apartment will have easier access for our home groups, a parking spot, 2 bathrooms, and a better contract.

Moving Forward

This past semester we launched 2 new ministries to continue to train and equip our people. The first ministry we began was discipleship groups. We started meeting in groups of 3 to help guide individuals in a closer, solid walk with our Lord. In one of our groups, as they were discussing Sunday's sermon on tithing, it became clear that they were equating tithing with the view of the Catholic Church. They were seeing tithing as the church just wanting their money. Through these new discipleship groups we have been able to clear up misconceptions, not just on tithing but on a wide range of issues by a focused approach to discipleship.

Our second ministry started was a Youth Group with 6 Jr. Highers. Twice a month we do an activity to build relationships with our teens, while having open communication about who God is. In our last letter we told you about Jos and Ossi who volunteered to help us start the youth group, but didn't want too much responsibility (this is common in Italy.) However, after a few meetings with the teens, Jos opened up during his discipleship group. He shared that while he was in Indonesia his church begged him and Ossi to do youth, but that they always resisted and how his heart has now changed. *Now* he can't wait to spend time with the teens and is excited watching them grow.



Youth Night Out