

Akhi, the beggar sage sits at the city gates, instructing all in the dance of life.

Ask

Akhi...



Dear Akhi,

*It was very hot this summer in Cleveland. In fact, it was a devastating summer in many parts of the country. How do you manage the heat of the day where you are? You sit in the sun without the benefit of shade!
-- Overcome.*

Dear Overcome,

You are quite right. It was a hot one. But where I sit, the hot ones are even hotter. So Akhi always remembers to do two things for some relief.

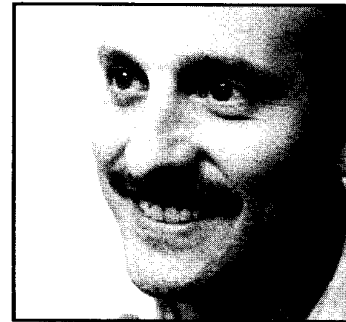
The most important is "stillness". Yes, Akhi cries out to those who pass by, but when I am able, I close my eyes and sit very still. That way I can feel the gentlest of breezes come my way. When people move too quickly, they only make things more difficult for themselves.

Secondly, Akhi focuses more deliberately on his begging. You see, I am here to relieve those who pass by of their coins so it is easier for them to dance. So as Akhi continues to reach out to others, he is less concerned about himself. If Akhi were to give too much thought to his discomfort, it would weigh me down as well. So, I just beg.

One last consolation. Akhi knows that when the days are so hot, the night is not likely to be cold. Akhi prefers a hot day to a cold night. It is his preference.

I wish you well, Overcome. Come to my gate sometime and we will sit together. ☺

**Spotlight On:
Luigi Pecoraro
First-year
board member**



Occupation: Product representative and team training specialist for Technicomp, a training materials development company.

Relationship to BS: Joined the board this year. President of the marketing committee.

Birthday: July 20, 1961. (On this date in 1969, I believe we had the first lunar landing).

Home: Cleveland Heights.

Family: Julie, wife of five years: sons Michael David, 2 1/2, and Justin Gabriel, 15 mos.

Favorite movies: "Rockie" — the original only, from my teen years; "Princess Bride" — from the romantic period in my life; and anything Harrison Ford does because I like action films.

Favorite books: *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl and anything by M. Scott Peck — I've read them all.

Personal hero: Jesus, because he emulates what it means to be human. My dad, because he is an incredibly handy guy who will help anyone anytime and works hard.

Hobbies: Golf as of the last several years. These days, it's visiting friends with other children.

Best thing about working with BS: The people. You gotta love the mission, purpose, and passion folks have for this ministry.

Best part of my job: Helping people in organizations help their people become more skilled and competent in team-building, conflict management and improving business processes for better customer satisfaction and higher quality of service and goods.

Motto: "Nothing is impossible with God."