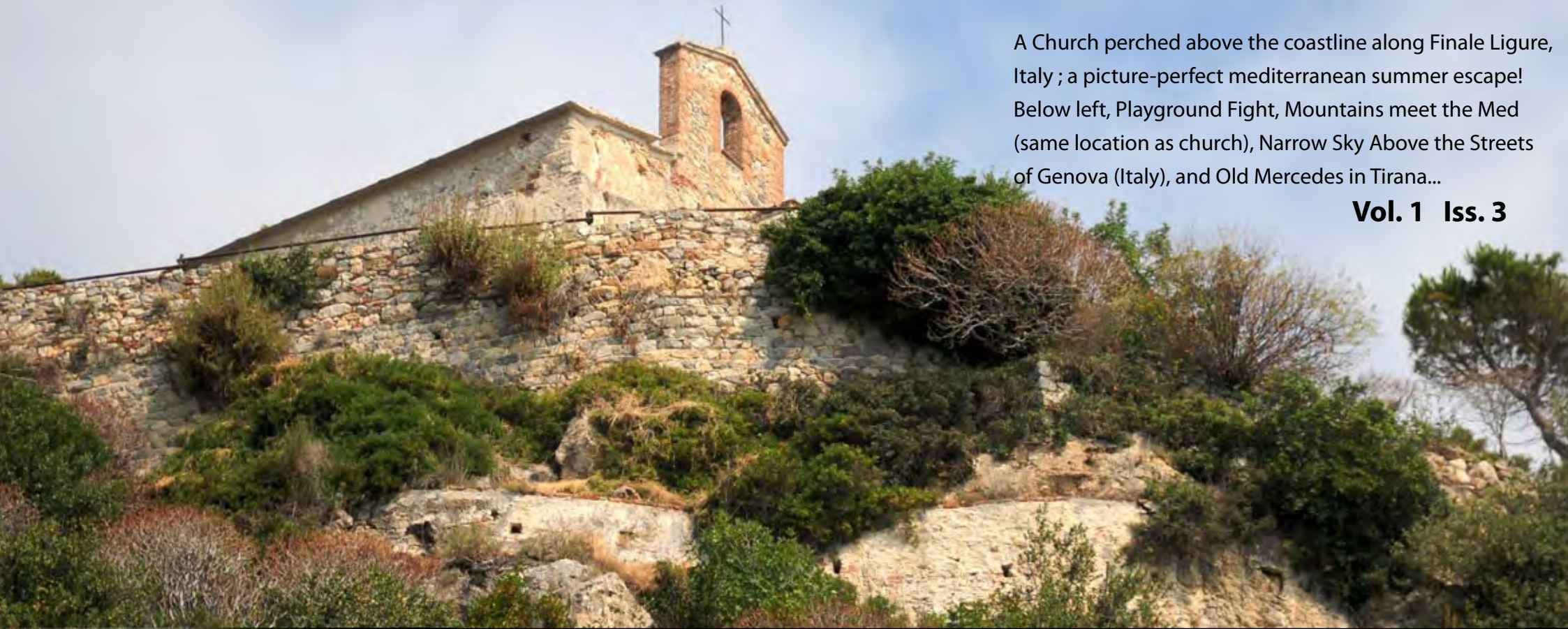


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A Church perched above the coastline along Finale Ligure, Italy ; a picture-perfect mediterranean summer escape! Below left, Playground Fight, Mountains meet the Med (same location as church), Narrow Sky Above the Streets of Genova (Italy), and Old Mercedes in Tirana...

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**Top, Center Riomaggiore, Italy, at sunset, Below, Me and Afghani Mirwais Waak between classes at Boulder MFT.**

## Perrrfecto!

Gelato is best described as the most flavorful ice cream made on Earth. Coffee and hazelnut flavors pamper my taste buds (left) as I stroll through the old city of Genova, Italy.

Despite what I communicate with my photos, I did spend a solid three weeks studying - often starting from 8am and finishing near 7pm. Some of what was covered: the cash flow patterns of the poor, product design for rural clients, product costing, human resources management in microfinance, financial analysis, social performance, and so much more. Professors were quite good, but more than that, the diversity of students and group learning harbored a unique environment of international microfinance learning. To give you an example - one class had 40 students from 26 different countries - all involved with microfinance in some fashion or another.





## **Exploring the Unmarked Mountain Biking Trails of Tirana**

Returning back to Albania, I was blessed to smoothly jump right back into the rhythm of living in a developing nation; power cuts, residential construction until 2am, and yes, pristine black berry patches! So it's not all pain and suffering as I transition back to this small Balkan nation. There are always two sides to the argument and thus something to be said for the lack of developed infrastructure - GREAT MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS! Flip side of that same coin - sometimes, fording a river is required...



One of my Boulder classmates, Antonio, after the first segment of the Cinque Terre hike (quite gruelling in the hot summer sun). Will he make it the rest of the way? Maybe after some food and a gelato...



A man making a living on the streets of Torino by playing his saxophone.



Thanks for coming on my third visual tour.

Continue to track my journey in whatever way suits you best... It's a journey I'm passionate about and I hope to share that passion with you as well.

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