



The Roterts in Italy

A monthly look at the ministry, life, and culture of Ancona, Italy

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Greetings from hot, hot Ancona, Italy!

As you may have heard from us in the past, in the summer we usually hit a lull. People are always out of town for vacation, moms move themselves and the kids to the summer house for a month or two, and we even suspend church for a couple of weeks so people can plan their vacations around that time.

Unfortunately, the Rotert family has not hit that lull. As we told you last month, God has completely blessed us with a beautiful baby girl. After coming home from the hospital and recuperating a little, we got a phone call one Friday night from our landlord. She said she needed to talk, and asked if she could come over at 9:30 the next morning. Being a Saturday morning and all, we knew that she had some important news to tell us. Sure enough, as I held our two week old, she told us that she was having



some financial problems herself and that she needed her house back. Since she was breaking the contract, we have six months to find a new apartment, but the sooner the better.

So, we are currently house hunting. This has proven to be a somewhat stressful ordeal. Here, houses come unfurnished or furnished. Unfurnished means *completely* unfurnished. No light fixtures, no kitchen sink, no kitchen cabinets, refrigerator, nothing. Furnished often means antiques (which is how our current apartment is furnished, and we're constantly worried that with 4 kids they will be destroyed).

Since we feel we should get something unfurnished, we find ourselves needing to completely furnish an apartment, plus pay the various fees and deposits. Please pray for our upcoming decisions. No matter what we find, this move will cost us quite a bit, especially with the dollar being so weak. Please pray, also, for our finances during this time.

On the other hand, our ministry life has been very exciting. We have had a lot of fun with

our new summer schedule. Our weekly Celebration has a worship time, brief sermon/teaching time, and then we split into our small groups. After discussion time, we eat dinner together. So much happens when the Lord's people gather around the table together. We have seen people come closer to Him and to each other just in the last month. What a blessing it has been.

Please let me have these last lines to tell you all how much you mean to me. We are so blessed to have your support. I love hearing from you through notes and emails. Thank you for your encouragement. It always gets us through the hard days.

Until next month...

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Trey's favorite beach activity.

Our daughter, Francesca, has become quite the superstar at church. Here, Haven, Chloe, Simona, Simona, and Giulia gather around to hold her.



Our church building is getting a facelift this summer! We're painting, fixing cracks, laying tile, and getting new bathroom fixtures. It's lots of work, but worth it in the end.



Please Pray...

The apartment hunt has begun. As Heidi stated on the front, it's a lot of work, and stressful. Please be praying for wisdom in choosing just the right place. Unfortunately, there are going to be lots of expenses associated with the move. God is faithful, and we know He's going to take care of us.

Pray for the harvest! I look at our church and the steps that it is making and get so excited about seeing God's Kingdom grow here in Ancona.

Kyle Koval recently arrived and will be working as an intern for one year. Pray for his adjustment to *la vita italiana*, and for the relationships he will be making.

A Word from the Pres...

Earthquakes in China, cyclones in Myanmar, wars in Iraq & Afghanistan... It's enough to cause one to fear the present and dread the future... Except for one critical difference: Team Expansion workers actually seek out locations just like those mentioned above. Our workers often follow directly behind the United Nations to provide help and hope to those without recourse. And remember that when you help your favorite Team Expansion worker, 100% of the money you give goes directly toward the work of the person(s) with whom you have linked. We're so thankful that you're involved... and we're grateful for the way you enable our global force of workers to serve! May God bless you for your unselfishness!

Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

Financial Statement as of
June 30, 2008

Balance	\$6,673.18
Income	\$4,940.05
Individuals	\$1,667.00
Adventure CC (McMinnville, OR)	\$250.00
Central CC (Rockford, IL)	\$1,040.00
First CC (Gravette, AR)	\$50.00
Harmony CC (Georgetown, KY)	\$200.00
Newberg CC (Newberg, OR)	\$900.00
Oswego CC (Oswego, KS)	\$330.00
Shively CC (Shively, KY)	\$500.00
Interest Income	\$3.05
Expenses	\$5,409.64
Benefits - Salary	\$1,996.89
Benefits - Medical Insurance	\$500.00
Benefits - Special Medical Expense	\$175.81
Benefits - Social Security	\$621.00
Benefits - Retirement	\$100.00
Benefits - Housing Allowance	\$1,119.45
Benefits - Education for Children	\$10.92
Education - Language Acquisition	\$8.77
Education - Conferences/Classes	\$95.16
Education - Team Building	\$2.81
Christian Education - Hospitality	\$11.37
Evangelism - Short-term Projects	\$97.56
Postage - In the Field	\$35.88
Postage - In the States	\$83.00
Office - Supplies in the Field	\$54.58
Office - Facility/Utilities	\$100.00
Office - Supplies in the States	\$29.56
Office - Mission Phone	\$39.00
Promo./Rep. - Newsletters	\$70.00
Promo./Rep. - Representation	\$100.00
Travel - Car	\$44.92
Travel - Fees/Tolls	\$52.96
Misc. - Banking Fees	\$4.00
Ending Balance	\$6,203.59

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