



The Roterts in Italy

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

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Life changes on a dime!

In our last newsletter, Heidi wrote about how we were in the process of house hunting, since our landlord needed her house back. God answered our prayers in a hurry, and we've found a great apartment that I think is going to fit our needs very well.



However, as is very common here, the apartment is *completely* unfurnished. There are wires where light fixtures belong, no cabinets in the kitchen, and pipes sticking out where the faucets will go. The move from our current, furnished house, to an unfurnished house will be a strain on the budget.

We prayed a lot about this decision, and have talked it over with our team leader and representative elders, and feel that we need to ask our churches and individual supporters for help in furnishing the apartment.

Can I just be really honest? For me, asking people for money is one of the hardest parts about being a missionary. I would love to be able to buy furnishings on my own and not have to ask anyone for help. But for lots of reasons, we just can't. We didn't plan on having our landlord break our contract. Our visas don't allow us to get jobs. And we don't see a lot of wisdom in accumulating debt (if we could even find a bank willing to loan money to a foreigner).

So I say all of this to let you know that this decision didn't come about lightly. We take very seriously our supporters faith and trust in the work here in Ancona. I wouldn't ask for help if I didn't believe 100% in what God is doing with the body of believers that I've grown to love here. And we also believe in complete financial transparency. A record of where ever penny gets spent is on the back of every newsletter, and we're always available for further clarification.

Can I ask you to pray about helping us with our moving expenses? As best we can calculate, furnishing the house to the minimum we need to make it

livable is going to cost \$5,000. If you've often thought about sending a gift, but haven't gotten to it, now would be a great time! We can move in starting on September 15, and many things need to be bought ahead of time. **Time is running short!**

Feel free to send checks (made out to Team Expansion) to the address listed below. Everything sent to that address goes straight to our work in Ancona. If you'd like to donate using a credit card, head over to our website (www.theroterts.net/blog) and look for the button that says "Donate."

We'd love to hear from you. Thanks in advance for your partnership.

Until next month...

Want to get in touch? Here's how...

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This month we were blessed to attend a conference on "The Lost Family," put on by several churches in Southern Italy (top right). Lance, Jason, Jacob, & Harrison play "Gladiator" in Pompeii (above). Trey gets lost in the ruins of a temple built to the Roman god, Jove - Jupiter (right)



Please Pray...

Yea! We found an apartment that we think is going to really work out well for our family and ministry. See the front side for more details...

Thanks for praying for Kyle, our intern. He's really impressed us with his independence and willingness to dive right into things. Please keep praying for his language learning.

We're happy to have Heidi's mom and sister here visiting (our first family visitors). Please pray for a refreshing time.

A Word from the Pres...

Proverbs 25:25 says, "Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Each month, we receive all the reports from each of the 311 full-time Team Expansion missionaries around the world, serving in some 47 lands. As we open reports, gaze at photos, and bow in prayer for these courageous saints, we are truly encouraged by their selfless sacrifice and their unceasing determination. Each report causes us to bow to the Lord and give thanks for feet and hands that seem to never stop in their service for the Lord of Lords. Please join us in giving thanks for the way God is working through Team Expansion servants throughout the globe.

Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

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Financial Statement as of
July 31, 2008

Balance	\$6,203.59
Income	\$7,604.98
Individuals	\$3,340.18
Central CC (Rockford, IL)	\$1,000.00
Dayton CC (Dayton, OR)	\$600.00
First CC (Gravette, AR)	\$50.00
Harmony CC (Georgetown, KY)	\$400.00
Iron Gates CC (Joplin, MO)	\$400.00
Newberg CC (Newberg, OR)	\$600.00
Oswego CC (Oswego, KS)	\$330.00
Shively CC (Shively, KY)	\$500.00
Willamina CC (Willamina, OR)	\$384.80
Expenses	\$6,730.32
Benefits - Salary	\$1,940.10
Benefits - Medical Insurance	\$250.00
Benefits - Special Medical Expense	\$96.64
Benefits - Retirement	\$100.00
Benefits - Housing Allowance	\$1,392.84
Benefits - Utilities	\$533.33
Benefits - Education for Children	\$222.74
Education - Books/Periodicals	\$45.68
Education - Conferences/Classes	\$966.80
Education - Team Building	\$247.77
Christian Education - Hospitality	\$13.83
Evangelism - Compassion Projects	\$15.70
Postage - In the Field	\$20.02
Postage - In the States	\$123.00
Office - Facility/Utilities	\$157.00
Office - Mission Phone	\$226.08
Promo./Rep. - Representation	\$100.00
Promo./Rep. - Miscellaneous	\$53.76
Travel - Car	\$151.72
Travel - Fees/Tolls	\$51.89
Misc. - Banking Fees	\$21.42
Ending Balance	\$7,078.25