



# The Roterts in Italy

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

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Instead, in His time, we are seeing that He brings us blessings far greater than what we can ask for or imagine. Our cup will run over.

So, as I am watching the handyman literally sawing my countertop down to size in our living room (and leaving huge piles of



sawdust) I know that in just a few short weeks that living room will be a place of prayer for our Life Group. It will be a place of refuge for our children. It will be a place of hope for my dear friend whose fiancée died this summer.

Or, when I watch the kitchen be built piece by agonizing piece I will be able to relax knowing that He will provide the funds to furnish our home. And one day I can use that kitchen to bake bread for a friend in need. Or make a meal to share at a potluck gathering with our believers.

God is bringing out glimmers of excitement from the stress and strain of our daily lives. Like you, we just put our hope in Him and watch what He makes of it.

We have to rejoice at the relief a more favorable exchange rate

has brought. We still have a ways to go until it gets to where it was when we first moved here, but every little bit helps.

Please be in prayer for us as we handle the stresses of moving. Pray for all the little logistical things like appointments with plumbers and technicians to turn on the gas. Pray for the funds we need to furnish our completely empty home (though it's slowly taking shape!). And most importantly, pray for the conversations that will happen, the friendships that will deepen, and the refuge our home will become.

*Until next month...*

Living amid a sea of dust and boxes, I can only think that surely this season of "hurriedness" will be over soon. We just finished up with four solid weeks of visitors (my mom and sister, and our good friends Randy & Naomi Jones), school started on Monday, and we are moving this week.

Also, we recently lost Brian's beloved grandpa, which has been a difficult and stressful part of our lives. Thinking about it makes me tired and, well, living it is a little tiring also. :-)

I must say, though, that the Lord has really been a part of this transition. How could He not? We are called here to minister to the people of Ancona, and sometimes I need to step back and realize that if He has called us here surely he's not going to leave us high and dry desperate for just a little drink from that living water.

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*We're moving! We learned all about the very-Italian ritual of buying a kitchen. Since our new apartment is unfurnished, we needed to measure, design, and buy an entire kitchen. It was a fairly easy process, but we're not done yet. Here, Trey stands among one of the piles that will someday turn into drawers and cabinets.*



*In August we hosted our very first family visitors. Heidi's mom and sister were here for two weeks. Here we are at Portonovo with some dear friends of ours, Marco & Lucilla, just before a delicious seafood dinner.*



**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. Keep praying for his language learning.

We were happy to have Heidi's mom and sister here visiting (our first family visitors).

One of our church members is currently in the US, and while he's there he will be seeing a specialist about his degenerative eye disease. Let's pray for a cure!

**A Word from the President...**

Like much of the world, my wife and I watched as China threw a party to beat all parties at the Olympic Opening Ceremonies. I was amazed by all the wizardry, costumes, people hanging on wires, and the works. And how 'bout that refrigerator box routine? You know... the "movable type blocks" scene which everybody just assumed those 897 boxes were run by hydraulics, forming shapes of the wind, Chinese characters, 'waves', and "Harmony." How'd they do it? Well the explanation I heard was 8 hours a day, solid, for 4 months. No wonder they had teamwork! What this illustrates \*big-time\* is that for a team of 897 to really pull off a large-scale success like this, he has to recognize he's part of the body. Likewise, we'll function best in the body of Christ if and when we see ourselves in perspective of the larger body. Ephesians 4. Romans 12. I Corinthians 12. Your role in helping bring about new church planting movements around the world is an important one! Your favorite Team Expansion missionary couldn't function without your help. Ultimately, none of us can. Thank you for your support... and thanks for your prayers!

Doug Lucas  
President, Team Expansion

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<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$7,078.25</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$5,921.00</b>
Individuals	\$3,526.00
Adventure CC (McMinnville, OR)	\$250.00
Central CC (Rockford, IL)	\$1,040.00
First CC (Gravette, AR)	\$50.00
Iron Gates CC (Joplin, MO)	\$200.00
Oswego CC (Oswego, KS)	\$355.00
Shively CC (Shively, KY)	\$500.00
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,379.54</b>
Benefits - Salary	\$1,741.29
Benefits - Medical Insurance	\$250.00
Benefits - Special Medical Expense	\$24.05
Benefits - Retirement	\$100.00
Benefits - Housing Allowance	\$85.06
Benefits - Education for Children	\$45.65
Education - Books/Periodicals	\$-12.14
Education - Conferences/Classes	\$51.07
Education - Team Building	\$69.36
Postage - In the States	\$42.00
Office - Facility/Utilities	\$152.00
Promo./Rep. - Newsletters	70.00
Promo./Rep. - Representation	\$100.00
Travel - Car	\$206.41
Travel - Fees/Tolls	\$34.35
Misc. - Legal in Residence	\$353.63
Misc. - Banking Fees	\$44.90
Misc. - Other	\$21.91
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$9,619.71</b>

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