

Proclaiming the Gospel...

An update on the ministry of Scott & Sharon MacLean – Fall 2002

It is a beautiful fall afternoon here in Milan as I sit at the computer and begin to type this letter to you. Last night it was thunder-storming, which was a real disappointment ☹ as it forced us to cancel our open air evangelism outreach. We have had a couple opportunities this summer to do sketch board evangelism, proclaiming the Gospel on the streets in Milan. Our plan had been to go out five times, but the weather forced us to cancel all but two. The times we did get out, however, went well.

The evening of September 14th was especially wonderful. It was a joint outreach with our church and Milan Bible Church (an English speaking church). The messages were in English and translated into Italian. There are always English speaking tourists around, and some Italians will stop just to get the English practice. We had a good turnout from both churches, and many people stopped and stayed to hear the Gospel message. After the messages there were good discussions and opportunities to witness. Scott was able to speak with a Hindu couple that was unsatisfied with their religion and wanted to know more about what Christians believed.

We have had quite a busy summer and as we are getting better acclimated to the language and culture, we are picking up more responsibilities as we head into the fall. Here is a bit of what has been happening.

Early in the summer Sharon passed her driver's exam and got her Italian license. This was an answer to prayer and a real weight off our shoulders!

We also helped with two youth retreats. Sharon went with Donna and Diane on a retreat with five teenage girls from church to a cabin on Lake Garda. They had a wonderful time and were attentive to the lessons which centered around purity. It is teaching that is very much needed considering the situation in the high schools here.

Scott went with five teenage guys on a camping trip. The teaching was mostly evangelistic as four of the five were unbelievers. The guys were very attentive and asked some really good questions.

We hope to continue to build upon this interest this fall as Scott will be teaching the monthly youth group meetings. About half of those attending these meetings are non-Christians. Our lessons will focus on what we believe, starting from the authority of the Bible and creation and going through the work of Christ.

A group from the church went to a Christian Conference center on a missions work team in mid July. We spent a week stripping and repainting 50 or so heavy wooden shutters. It was also a good time of fellowship and getting to know others in the church.

In early August we were back in the US for UFM's Family Conference and some vacation time with Scott's family. It was a real time of fun and encouragement, and it was good to be able to spend some time with Scott's mom. She is still feeling the loss of Scott's dad. Your continued prayers for comfort and strength are appreciated.

As we head into the fall, we will be busier in our church involvements. Scott is team teaching a home study with Dan Standridge and will be preaching occasionally. We will also be expanding the English class ministry by adding Saturday morning classes for those who can not come to our evening classes.

Italian Info

What percentage of unmarried Italian men over the age of 35 still live at home with their mother?

A) 40% B) 50% C) 60% D) 70% E) 80%

Answer to last letter's question:

According to the 2000 Census, 76.7% (E) of Italians eat lunch at home, although only 66.9% eat lunch at home in Lombardia (the province of Milan).

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. – Romans 1:16

We are hoping to have a Thanksgiving dinner outreach in early November. A team is coming from a church in Colorado to cook and serve three Thanksgiving dinners on three consecutive nights! It will be a wonderful outreach opportunity as Italians love to eat and are always interested in American thanksgiving. Those from the church can come only if they bring unsaved friends or relatives. After the dinner we will talk about what Thanksgiving is and also have a simple Gospel presentation. The team that is planning to come is having some trouble with support raising and other details. Please pray that these problems would be worked out and that the team would be able to come for this exciting outreach event.

Well, it looks like I have run out of space. I will add a few items that did not fit here on our web page. Thanks you again for your support in prayer and financially. You are an encouragement to us! ☺

His Servants,

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Quickly Noted ...

- 📄 **WWW.MACLEAN.8M.COM** – There are some new pictures on our website, details on the motorcycle fire (not our motorcycle) as well as a new “Life in Italy” article. And as always we will try to update our site at least monthly, so check back once in a while!
- ✉ **E-mail Updates** – From time to time we send e-mails with prayer requests or news between our regular prayer letters. These updates are 1-2 screenfuls in length and generally come no more than once or twice a month. Interested? Send us an e-mail and ask to be added to the list.
- 🌐 **WWW.UFM.ORG** – UFM has completely redesigned their web site. Stop by some time and take a look!

Prayer & Praise

- ✓ Praise that Sharon was able to pass the exam and get her Italian drivers license.
- ✓ Pray for wisdom as we seek ways to nationalize more of the church ministries this fall.
- ✓ Praise for wonderful times of outreach as we proclaimed the Gospel on the streets in Milan!
- ✓ Pray for those who heard the Gospel at our open air evangelism meetings and especially those with whom we talked to after the presentations.
- ✓ Praise for good summer youth retreats and the attention to God’s Word that we saw in the teens.
- ✓ Pray for the monthly youth group meetings (usually the first Saturday of each month). We will be teaching a series on what we believe (with an evangelistic emphasis).
- ✓ Praise for a good experience with the missions work team from The Root Center Church. This was a good time to emphasize the importance of service and missions.
- ✓ .Pray for the English class ministry as it begins again in October. We will try new Saturday classes in November.
- ✓ Praise for a safe, encouraging and fun time during our travels in the US and Canada this summer.
- ✓ Pray that the Lord will provide as the team from Colorado raises support and works out the details for their “Thanksgiving Dinner” ministry trip in November.

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