

Blessed Resurrection Day!

An update on the ministry of Scott & Sharon MacLean – Spring 2004

We wish you a blessed Resurrection Day! It is a joy to be back in the States with friends and family to celebrate the resurrection season this year. Although at the same time, we are disappointed that we can't be part of the annual Resurrection Day retreat that the Root Center Church will be having this weekend.

That's a pretty good way to sum up our feelings about home ministry. Many people have asked us if we are glad to be home – and we are! But at the same time we miss our friends and neighbors from Italy. And while we have enjoyed seeing many of you, and look forward to seeing others of you, we are also looking forward to getting back to Italy (Lord willing, in January 2005).

Perhaps I'll start with a quick update on the news we hear from Italy. The church is doing well, and there are signs of continued growth. The couple that took over the youth work are doing a GREAT job. Alessandro has been leading the lessons and the kids have been responding and interacting well.

Just a couple weeks ago there was the annual "Ladies Brunch". Eighty ladies came to this outreach and about 60 of them were "unchurched". There are some Evangelistic Bible studies which have started as a follow-up to the brunch.

Our co-worker, John Spadafora, had open heart

surgery (in Italy) and is recovering well. Some of his roommates from the recovery center are now coming to an evangelistic Bible Study. Hmm, heart surgery outreach?

And this weekend is our annual Resurrection Day retreat. The retreat (Saturday – Monday) is a chance for the church to fellowship and grow together. Although it is not "evangelistic" per se, we have often had "seekers" that have come along to the retreat.

Now for an update on what we have been doing.

Our first three months have been very busy with travel and visiting churches and individual supporters. Since our last letter we have been up to Nova Scotia, down to Florida (twice), up to Maine and to a few other churches in between. We have enjoyed meeting old friend, making new friends, and sharing what God is doing in Milan. Everywhere we go we have been very warmly received. It is a real joy to meet the support team that makes it possible for us to serve the Lord in Italy.

We are looking forward to more visits with churches and individuals. Our upcoming schedule is on the other side. We won't be traveling as much in the coming months, so we are looking forward to spending time with folks from the eastern PA area.

We are also looking to set-up visits with new churches (that is churches that do not support us). We have a few meeting scheduled and would appreciate your prayers as we look to find other churches where we can share our excitement about what God is doing in Milan.

We are also looking for opportunities to share with individuals. A dinner or dessert evening in a home with a small group of friends would be an ideal place for us to share on a more informal level. This also would provide an opportunity for individuals to learn about partnering with us. If you would be interested in hosting "An Evening with Scott & Sharon", please contact us (see bottom of the second side) and let us know.

Italian Info

What percentage of our mailing list returned the reply cards from our last prayer letter?

- A) 34% B) 43% C) 48%
D) 51% E) 58%

Answer to last letter's question:

The 2006 Winter Olympic Games will take place in Turin (D). That's only a 2 hour drive from Milan!

When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them ... Acts 14:27 (NASB)

Financial Support: 60.9%



And finally a BIG thank you to those who returned the reply cards. It was great to hear from you and we were encouraged by those who pray for us regularly. Thanks again for your support in prayers and financially. We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months.

His Servants,

Scott & Sharon MacLean

Prayer Support: 61.5%



Seeking an average of 100 people praying daily

Upcoming Schedule ...

April 14 – Calvary Monument Church – Paradise, PA

April 25 – Bacton Hill Bible Church – Malvern, PA

April 30 – May 2 – Grace Chapel, Havertown, PA

June 6 – 11 – Re-entry Week at UFM – Bala Cynwyd, PA

June 13 – Berean Bible Church – Greene, NY

June 21 – 25 – VeBS at Grace Chapel – Havertown, PA

June 27 – Calvary Bible Church – East Stroudsburg, PA

- 👁️ New pictures on our web site (from some of our travels).
- 👁️ We would love to get together with you and chat!

Prayer & Praise

- ✓ Praise for good news about the leadership of the youth group.
- ✓ Praise for a great ladies brunch and new evangelistic Bible studies started.
- ✓ Pray for the ladies (and couples) who are attending these evangelistic studies.
- ✓ Praise for safety in travel over thousands of miles!
- ✓ Praise for good meetings with churches and individuals.
- ✓ Pray for our support needs to be provided.
- ✓ Praise for recent increases in financial and prayer support, and promises of more to come.
- ✓ Pray for the continuing process of nationalization at the Root Center Church.
- ✓ Pray for wisdom in finding ways to be involved in our home church (and other churches) and encourage and promote missions in the process.
- ✓ Praise that our car ran well on all the major trips. It did break down, but it did so just a few miles from home!

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And for our e-mail subscribers ...

A few more pictures from our travels that did not make our website ...



We sure did enjoy our newest niece – Lorian Cassandra Rhodenizer



But then, everyone was enjoying the newest member of the family!



We traveled up to Nova Scotia with Scott's Mom – who is always ready to visit with the grandkids!