

Domodossola

An update on the ministry of Scott & Sharon MacLean serving with CrossWorld in Italy – Summer 2005

Greetings from Milan, Italy. We are thrilled to be back in Italy, and for the great news we received just today. But before I get into that, I should take some time to catch you up on what has happened since the last prayer letter. Some of you already know this, so bear with me – others only hear what is happening when they get these letters.

Just after we sent the last letter (that very afternoon) we found out that our return to Italy was going to have to be delayed. A routine visit to the doctor (for a completely unrelated issue) revealed that Sharon had a lump on her thyroid. Although it was not deemed very serious, surgery to remove half the thyroid was recommended. The surgery went very well and the lump was found to be non-cancerous. But the surgery and recovery delayed our return to Italy almost a month until May 17. Thankfully the airline changed our tickets without a change fee (just a small

difference in the ticket price).

Karis was wonderful on the flights to Italy. She slept almost the whole way across the Atlantic. Our luggage all arrived in good shape and mostly on time. Overall it was an “uneventful” trip back. ☺

We got back to Italy and were able to live in a friend’s apartment that was empty for the exact dates that we needed. This bit of “Divine planning” saved us over \$1000 since we did not have to rent a short term furnished apartment. We are now living in another missionary’s apartment (actually it’s where we lived in early 2001).

We then began to research the possibility of working in Domodossola where rental costs are less expensive. There are two Italian couples (actually one is an Italian and an American wife), who live in this town and were praying for someone to come and help them reach Domodossola for Christ.



City of Domodossola –as seen from Filippo’s apartment

We (us and our team leader) met with these couples and talked and prayed over the situation. It seemed that it was a place where God could really use us. To make a long story short, after further discussion and prayer, we heard today from the European director that we were approved to move into this new work.

We have also already found an apartment in Domo (That’s short for Domodossola). It actually was the first one we called on. It is very nice, large and (best of all) within our budget. It costs about 1/4 what a similar apartment would cost in Milan!

Italian Info

“Mammoni” – Italian for a man who is so tied to mom he can’t leave home. What percentage of Italian men between the ages of 30-34 still live at home (with mom)?

- A) 17.5% B) 25% C) 27.6%
D) 36.5% E) 42%

Answer to last letter’s question:

Only 28% of (B) of Italians speak English as a second language, compared to an average across the E.U. of 47%

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. Acts 16:9-10 (NASB)



Our new apartment is on the ground floor

And since we found it directly (without using an agency) we saved almost \$1,000 in agency fees. This apartment, combined with some “last minute” new supporters, means that we should now have enough support to at least “get by” for our second term. We are trusting the Lord to provide for any gaps – just as He did for our first term.

Once the current occupant of the apartment moves out (sometime in July) we will be able to sign the contract and move in. August will be a bit of a slow month (everyone goes on vacation), which will allow us time to settle in. Then in September we can jump in to the ministry.

Since we are running out of space already, I will fill you in on what we expect to be doing in this city in our next letter (we will have a better idea by then anyway). I will say that it will basically be planting a “new” church. On our web site I have described the city of Domodossola and the situation there (what the name means, population, location, number of believers, etc).

I will tell you that our new ministry team will be composed of us, Filippo & Sandra Falcone (Sandra is American) and Filippo’s parents, Davide & Alida. We look forward to working with these dedicated believers to reach the city of Domodossola.



With Filippo, Sandra & Miriam

Thank you for your continued prayers as we transition into this new ministry.

His Servants,

Scott & Sharon MacLean

Scott, Sharon & Karis MacLean

Financial Support: 74.8%*

(Minimum support need met Praise the Lord!)

*This reflects an increase in our “full” support amount for inflation and the weak dollar.

Prayer Support: 87%

Seeking an average of 100 people praying daily

WE NEED PRAYER SUPPORTERS!



Update your address books! – We have listed below the new address we will have, Lord willing, **starting August 1**. Please do not use that address before then.

On our web-site (www.snsMacLean.net) – Information about Domodossola and pictures! Also a NEW life in Italy section, with a very funny story about our residency permits.

We need prayer partners! As the chart shows, we are still not at full prayer support. If you are not a part of our prayer support team, and would like to be, please contact us.

Prayer & Praise

- ✓ Praise God for successful thyroid surgery for Sharon and a clean bill of health!
- ✓ Praise for a safe (and uneventful) return to Italy.
- ✓ Praise for the Lord's provision of our minimum support needs! Now we can stay here for our second term!
- ✓ Pray for God to provide additional support – especially in prayer, but also in finances. Our financial support amounts are not ideal. We are trusting God to provide.
- ✓ Praise for the Lord's leading and the new opportunity in Domodossola.
- ✓ Praise for finding a nice apartment that is within our limited budget!
- ✓ Pray for safety as we move our stuff from Milan to Domodossola (a 2 hour drive – at least with a fully loaded moving van☺).
- ✓ Pray that God will guide us as we form new relationships in our new home. Pray that He would direct us to “thirsty souls” – those He has prepared to receive the Living Water.
- ✓ Pray God would permit us to have a great relationship with our new team.

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