

Scattering Seeds ...

September 2006 update on the ministry of Scott & Sharon MacLean serving in Italy with



I brushed the lentils that had spilled on the shelf into my hand and went to throw them away. On my way to the trash can I passed the flower pot where our basil was growing and on a whim dropped them on the soil there. I didn't bury them, water them, or do anything special – just dropped them on the soil. The other day when I went to water the basil I saw, to my surprise, that all the seeds had sprouted and were busily growing new little plants. They had sat on the shelf for a long time without growing, but once they got in contact with the moist soil, they took off growing.

The Gospel is compared to seed several places in the Bible. And like seed, it has a power to take off growing once it comes in contact with the soil of a heart. Our job here in Italy, and the job of all believers, is to scatter that seed and

work the soil. Then we wait on God who causes the seed to grow. Here are some of the ways we have been scattering seed.

... in the park. September 4-8 we had a children's Bible club in the park in Domo. It went very well! Not only did we have children who attended, there was also a group of teens that showed up, sat with the children and listened attentively. There were also adults that sat around the edges, listening in as well. One day there were over 50 people listening to the club! We also had great weather. After a cold and rainy August, that week was a return of summer. Pray as we follow-up on contacts that were made that week.

... with children and youth. Our youth group kick-off event will be September 30. Several of the teens who were at the Bible club said they would like to come. Sunday school (which actually meets on Saturday) starts up soon and some of the parents in the park indicated an interest in bringing their kids.

... in mailboxes. We continue to distribute Gospel tracts in mailboxes throughout the valley. We also include a Bible study offer and a coupon for our book table. This past week Scott started distribution in the five major towns of Val Vigezzo. In two days he was able to get almost 1200 tracts out, and talked with several people along the way (and got very tired legs).

ITALIAN INFO

The World Cup of Soccer took place this summer in Germany. Italy did quite well. In what place did they finish?

- A) 1st place
- B) 2nd place
- C) 3rd place
- D) 4th place

Answer to last letter's question:

After elections this past spring, Romano Prodi (B) is the new Italian Prime Minister.



"So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth."

I Corinthians 3:7 (NASB)



Folks listening in at the 5 day club

... in the market. We continue to sell books, give away literature and have conversations in the markets of Domo and Villadossola. And we will also be in the market in one of the towns of Val Vigezzo (Malesco) in October. Our request for space in the market of another town was denied. The book table is a good contact point for those who may be interested in the Gospel.

... via the internet. We are in the process of designing an internet site that will share the Gospel. These days many people turn to the internet when looking for information. The anonymity of the internet also allows them to investigate the Gospel without anyone knowing. The problem with this will be finding time to finish designing the site.



Karis having fun!

... to friends. As we take Karis to the park, or chat with our neighbors we are getting to know people and developing friendships. Scott is hoping to start taking classes at the local ambulance company October 8 and eventually be able to volunteer with them. This will be another source of friendships as well as service to the community. We pray that these

friendships will prepare the soil to receive the Gospel.

... from Switzerland. We recently met with a lady from Switzerland who has been distributing Scripture calendars in some nearby towns every fall for 30 years. She told us it took many years before people would even take the calendars. But now that they know and trust her several wait for her arrival each year and some even take calendars for friends and family. Because she lives in Switzerland she has been unable to follow-up on these contacts very well. We will be meeting with her in the coming weeks to see how we can work together to follow-up on these friendships of trust she has developed over the years. We pray that there will be a harvest after all this sowing.

... and then watering and cultivating. Once again we hope to have an evangelistic Bible study in our home this fall. Again we will invite our friends and neighbors. We trust that the Lord will bring to these studies those that He has prepared. We are specifically praying that the Lord would grant us at least three new believers before the end of this year (Luke 11:5-13). Will you pray with us to the Lord who "causes the growth"? Thank you.

His Servants,

Scott & Sharon MacLean

Scott, Sharon & Karis MacLean



Scott giving the lesson at the children's Bible club

QUICKLY NOTED ...

- 🌐 **On our web-site (www.snsMacLean.net)** – Pictures of the children’s Bible club and a copy of the tract (translated into English) that we wrote to distribute here in the valleys.
- 👁️ **A new look to our website** – We have redesigned our website. Stop by and check out the new look.
- 🙏 **Prayer Partners needed** – Although many people pray for us, we are still a little short of our goal of an average of 100 people a day praying for us. If you would like to sign up to be a daily or weekly prayer partner, please let us know (our contact information is below).

Prayer & Praise

- ✓ Pray for a mighty working of God in the Ossola Valley – that He might be glorified.
- ✓ Praise for a great children’s Bible club – great weather and a good turnout of kids, teens and adults.
- ✓ Pray as we follow-up on contacts made during this week of club. Pray that the teens we met might show up for youth group this fall. Pray that some of the kids might come to Sunday (Saturday) school. Pray as we see the adults again when we take Karis to the park.
- ✓ Praise for the salvation of a girl who is part of our youth group.
- ✓ Pray that the Lord might use the books that have been sold and the tracts that have been given away.
- ✓ Pray that the tracts distributed in the mailboxes might find receptive hearts.
- ✓ Pray that the Lord would provide prepared hearts to take part in our fall Bible study.
- ✓ Praise for friendships made and pray that we might get to know others here in Domo.
- ✓ Praise for the faithfulness of the lady from Switzerland who has given out Scripture calendars for 30 years.
- ✓ Pray that there might be a harvest from all this seed which has been sown.
- ✓ Pray that the Lord will grant us at least three new believers before the end of this year.

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