


Mimes in a Mercedes ...

Summer 2007 update on the ministry of Scott & Sharon MacLean serving in Italy with  CrossWorld

Have you ever seen a sight that made you look again? Some folks in Domodossola had that experience lately as a team of mimes drove around town in a fancy black Mercedes looking for a parking place. It was quite a sight! The mimes were a short term team that was here to help with evangelism. They had a Mercedes because the rental company did not have the inexpensive station wagon they had reserved and gave them a free upgrade (a big free upgrade ☺).



The mimes not only drew people's attention as we drove through town, but also as they did skits that illustrated the Gospel message. The one evening they were here there was a city wide all night party going on. There were huge crowds and lots of very loud music. But using the tools of mime and the sketchboard, we were able to communicate the Gospel that evening without even speaking! We had four evenings

ITALIAN INFO

Most Italians take their summer vacations at roughly the same time. Most of the small stores, businesses and restaurants close down as folks head for the sea or the mountains.

In what month does this happen?

A) June B) July C) August

Answer to last letter's question:

There are 1.34 cell phones (C) per person in Italy! That's above the average of 1.03 cell phones per person in all of Europe.

of open air evangelism with many folks stopping by and listening as the Gospel was presented.



The team also helped with an English/Bible club which we held in the park. We had about 45 people (adults, teens and children) watching and listening as we told them about the love of Jesus. Some of these remembered us from last year, and some we got to know for the first time. We had a couple good conversations with some of the parents about what we believed and why we were doing the club.

Please pray as we seek follow up on these contacts. We hope to go to the park again in September, just before our Sunday School starts up again, and do some sketchboard stories, verses and games for the kids. We pray this reminder will draw some of them to be a part of the Sunday School program.



The team also distributed almost 4,500 tracts with book table coupons into mailboxes around

"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 (NASB)

Domodossola. We were thrilled at all they were able to accomplish during their short stay here. The Gospel message went out! Will you pray that it will find fertile and receptive hearts?

Earlier this spring, the Lord dropped in our laps a Bible study. Sharon met a lady at the park who was new in town and was looking for an evangelical church to attend. She now is a regular part of our church here. She also asked Sharon if there was a Bible study she could attend. Sharon and Sandra said they would be glad to begin one. Two other ladies were invited and said they would love to come. They have also invited their friends to this study on "Meeting Jesus". The study has taken a break for the summer with plans to restart this fall. Praise the Lord for this great opportunity!

In just a couple of weeks we will head off to a church planting conference called the Macedonian Project. We praise the Lord that our lay co-workers (Filippo and Sandra Falcone) will be able to attend with us. We look forward not only to the time of learning from the experienced church planters who are bought in to lead the sessions, but also to spending time talking, praying and strategizing with Fil & Sandra. Please pray that the Lord would


provide the needed funds for us (and our co-workers) to attend this seminar.

Some good news on our residency permits. Scott was called in for his appointment at the Immigration Office and should have his permit before we leave for home ministry in October. Sharon's request experienced a slight problem with the paperwork, but is now back on track. Please pray that it too comes through before October.

And speaking of October, it is hard to believe it is almost time for home ministry again. At this point we plan to return to the US on October 9 and be there until April 9, 2008. We will be staying at the missionary home of Twin Valley Bible Chapel in Narvon, PA. We will post our contact information on our website as the dates approach as well as placing it in our next prayer letter (due in October). We will be keeping our apartment here in Italy while we are in the US.

We look forward to seeing many of you during our time of home ministry. Thanks for your prayers!

His Servants,



Scott, Sharon & Karis MacLean

QUICKLY NOTED ...

- ☞ **Vehicle Needed!** – We are looking for a mid-sized, inexpensive yet fairly reliable used car to use during our time of Home Ministry. If you think you can help with this, or know someone who can, please let us know.
- 🌐 **On our web-site (www.snsMacLean.net)** – Pictures of our time with the short term team, Summer Vacation Italian Style (in Life in Italy), and why the story of Moses encourages us (in PL Extras). We will also post our home ministry schedule here as it is confirmed.
- ➔ **October plans ...**
 - October 9 – Return to the US for home ministry
 - October 14 - Twin Valley Bible Chapel, Narvon, PA
 - October 21 – Beulah Baptist Church, Oxford, PA
 - October 24 to 28 – Calvary Bible Church, Lusby, MD

Prayer & Praise

- ✓ Praise for great weather during the time the short terms team was here. We did not have to cancel or change any ministry events because of the weather!
- ✓ Praise for the many who heard (or read) the Gospel though the work of the team!
- ✓ Pray for us as we follow up on the contacts which were made during the children's Bible club in the park.
- ✓ Praise for the Ladies Bible Study started this spring and pray that it will be able to continue in the fall.
- ✓ Pray for our time at the Macedonian Project church planting conference with Filippo and Sandra. Pray especially for our times of talking, praying and strategizing together.
- ✓ Praise for the progress that has been made on our residency permits. Continue to pray that both permits will come through before we leave for home ministry.
- ✓ Pray for all of the preparations we will be making for our time of home ministry.
- ✓ Pray for a mighty working of God in the Ossola Valley. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8-11)
- ✓ Praise for the friendships we have developed and pray that we might have opportunities to reflect the light and love of God through our lives and words.

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