


# Back to Domo ...

Spring 2008 update on the ministry of Scott & Sharon MacLean serving in Italy with  CrossWorld

Sharon has already gotten several of our suitcases packed. She is doing a masterful job of filling them right up to the 50 lb. weight limit for checked baggage. We are busy filling up boxes to put back in storage, and getting last minute details (of which there are many) squared away. Yes it's pack up and move time again. By the time you get this letter, we may already be back in Italy.

Despite the stress of the preparations, we are quite glad to be headed back to our Italian home, Even Karis is getting excited. She is looking forward to seeing Miriam and Ben (Fil & Sandra's two kids).

This past weekend we finished the last of our home ministry travelling. We drove up to Maine to meet with the supporting church which sent a team over to Italy last summer. It was wonderful to see them all again and to share the good things that we have seen God doing. We have driven over 16,000 miles in the past six months visiting churches and individuals who support us.

We have enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones. We have seen the Lord renew our support base (although we are still lacking a bit) and were thrilled to see a real excitement for God's work of missions in many of the churches we visited. Perhaps the best part was when we saw this enthusiasm on the part of

kids and teens. We have picked up some fairly young prayer supporters. Wow!

Just recently we had the joy of seeing Scott's younger brother Dan get married. The whole family came from all over for the wedding and Karis had a great time seeing 10 of her cousins at once. Spending time with family like this is always one of the highlights of home ministry.

But, as I said before, we are anxious to get back to Italy, back to our routines, back to the ministry God has called us to. We continue to hear good things from Domodossola. Earlier this year Fil had a five week study with several of his students. They were all excited to learn about what the Bible had to say and while none of them have made a profession of faith yet, Fil is in a great place to follow up on this interest. Please pray for these students.

As we head back to Italy, we do have some ideas of what we will be doing in the coming months. In addition to reuniting with our friends and neighbors there and brushing up on our Italian (six months away can make one a bit rusty), we have a couple projects in mind.

Before we left for home ministry, Scott was asked to teach a basic English class at the ambulance house. This may prove quite useful to the volunteers. Those visiting our area from other countries who do not speak Italian will often at least speak some English. It will also let Scott get to know even more folks from the ambulance service.

We also have a church team from Maryland who will be coming this July. Since this will be mostly a high school and college team, we are making plans for some kind of a youth outreach event – perhaps something combining sports and a 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ. They will also help with open air evangelism (with mime and drama), tract distribution and perhaps a children's club in the park as well. Please be in prayer for this team as they finish up raising their support and make preparations to come.

We also have a few other ideas, but you will just have to wait to read about them in our e-mail

## ITALIAN INFO

In comparison to the USA, high speed internet service in Italy generally costs:

- A) More than in the USA
- B) Less than in the USA
- C) About the same.

Answer to last letter's question:

*Approximately 13.4% (B) of Italy's electricity is produced by hydro-electric (source: MSN Encarta).*

*"Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord,"*  
Acts 15:36 (NASB)

updates or on our website.

We do still have some needs in terms of our support. For our prayer support, we have made good progress, but we are still just at about 74%. Our goal is to have an average of 100 people a day praying for us. If you would like to join our prayer support team, please contact us and let us know.

Financially we are also short on support. As of writing this letter, we are about \$150/month short of the bare minimum level we need just to get by on the field (and well short of full support). We do have enough funds in our account at the mission to help cover this short fall for a time, so we are heading back to the field and trusting the Lord to supply enough to cover this gap. In each of our first two terms we saw Him provide when it looked like we would not have enough. Please pray for this provision.

Thank you again for your continued prayers for us.

His Servants,



Scott, Sharon & Karis MacLean

### *QUICKLY NOTED ...*

- ✉ **Address Change...** We return to Italy, Lord willing, on April 9. So please note that our direct address will switch back to the Italian address shown below.
- ✉ **Prayer Cards still available ...** For those who get our prayer letters by e-mail and have not yet gotten a copy of our new (Fall 2007) prayer card, we left prayer cards at most of our supporting churches, or we would be happy to mail you a prayer card. Just let us know.
- 🌐 **Visit our website ...** Stop by at [www.snsmaclean.net](http://www.snsmaclean.net) to see pictures, hear our latest news, or just to learn a bit more about Italy. We try to update the site monthly.

### *Prayer & Praise*

- ✓ Praise for safety in the 14,000+ miles we have driven during home ministry.
- ✓ Pray for safe travel as we fly back to Italy on April 9.
- ✓ Praise for the prayer and financial support which the Lord had provided over the past six months.
- ✓ Pray that the Lord would provide for our prayer and financial support needs. Both are well short of where we would like them to be, but we are trusting the Lord to provide.
- ✓ Pray for the many missionaries who are facing financial difficulties due to the extremely weak dollar.
- ✓ Pray for us as we adapt back to life in Italy and brush up on our Italian language skills.
- ✓ Praise for the seven youth who came to a Bible study with Fil. Pray that the Lord would use His Word which they have heard.
- ✓ Pray for the preparations for the summer team from Maryland who will be with us this July. Pray also that the last of their support would come in.
- ✓ Praise the Lord for the privilege we have of proclaiming the Gospel message. Just think – fallible people like us proclaiming such a glorious message!
- ✓ Pray for a great working of God in the Ossola Valleys. May He draw many people to Himself and build His church!

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