

# Changes and Challenges ...

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

Many of you probably guessed. Most of the rest of you have probably heard, either by e-mail, announcement, or by the grapevine. But it is time to make sure everyone knows about the changes that are going on with us ...

The biggest change first – we are expecting a baby! The baby (an answer to many prayers) is due in mid February. We praise the Lord for this answer to prayer. And ask you to keep Sharon and the baby in your prayers over the next 5 months.

That brings me to a second change. Due to the time of the baby's arrival, and the fact that it is considered at least somewhat of a high risk pregnancy, we will be extending our time of home ministry assignment until after the baby is born. We plan on returning to Italy approximately 4-6 weeks after the baby is born (depending on when we are cleared for travel). The puts our return date in late March or early April 2005.

The delay could actually be helpful to our situation. That brings me to the first challenge. We are really in need of financial support. Our prayer support numbers are looking good (although we still have a ways to go in that category too). But we need quite a bit a month to be at full support. While we can go back to the field under-supported (We can live frugally). UFM has set a minimum amount of support we

MUST raise in order to be ALLOWED to return. Just to reach that minimum level we need to raise a good bit. That is a lot! Will you pray with us that this large support need will be met?

Which brings me to the second challenge. Our full fall schedule. We just returned from a 12 day trip to the Midwest. During this time we were able to visit a potential supporting church, represent UFM at Moody Bible Institute, and visit with supporters and family. We are home for a little over a week (including a missions conference at a near-by church) before heading off to Houston, TX and Tampa, FL. There we will be visiting a new church, two supporting churches, supporters and family. We wind up our fall with a long weekend at a missions conference in Maryland at the end of October.

We ask you to pray for these trips. First for strength (especially for Sharon) in all the travel. Then that we would be able to create excitement for what God is doing in Italy and around the world. Finally, pray that God would direct us to the supporters that He has prepared. These fall visits could be critical in determining if we have enough support to return to Milan.

In addition to all the other change that's going on, our mission, UFM International, has decided to change its name. Effective January 1, 2005 UFM will become CrossWorld. All of the contact information for the mission (address, phone numbers, etc.) will remain the same. However, our old e-mail address (SMacLean@ufm.org) will stop working at the end of this year, so make sure you update your address books now. While we will have a @CrossWorld.org address, we prefer you to use the addresses given on the back of this prayer letter.

Over the past few months we have had the opportunity to spend more time with many of you, as well as making "informal" visits to some of our supporting churches. Although our early fall schedule is pretty full (through October), we would love to get together with others of you later this fall.

## ITALIAN INFO

Our home base in the US is near Philadelphia. When we told Italians where we lived, they most often thought of ...

- A) Rocky
- B) The Liberty Bell
- C) Cheese Steaks
- D) Cream Cheese
- E) Their Uncle Tony who opened a pizzeria

Answer to last letter's question:

*On an average day 18 (E) people die on Italian roads and 925 are injured!*

Financial Support: 68.7%



Thanks again for your continued support in prayer and finances. You are an encouragement to us. And remember to check our website!

His Servants,

*Scott & Sharon MacLean*

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Prayer Support: 76.3%



Seeking an average of 100 people praying daily

### *UPCOMING SCHEDULE ...*

- 📅 October 1-3 - Calvary Bible Church, Phoenixville, PA (TBC)
- 📅 October 4-10 - The Church at Creek's End, Houston, TX
- 📅 October 13 - Central Bible Church, St Petersburg, FL (TBC)
- 📅 October 17 - Community Bible Church - Brooksville, FL
- 📅 October 28-31 - Calvary Bible Church - Lusby, MD

### *Prayer & Praise*

- ✓ Praise for the baby God has given us (due mid February).
- ✓ Pray for a safe & healthy pregnancy.
- ✓ Praise for good informal visits with churches and individuals.
- ✓ Praise for a relaxing and awesome vacation in Alaska.
- ✓ Pray for our support needs to be provided, both prayer and financial.
- ✓ Pray for strength (especially for Sharon) in our fall travels.
- ✓ Pray that our visits with churches and individuals would create an excitement for what God is doing in Italy and around the world.
- ✓ Pray for the continuing process of nationalization at the Root Center Church.
- ✓ Pray for another decision that must be made in the coming months in regard to our ministry upon returning to Italy. We will give more details when we are able.

For those of you who get the e-mail version ... here are some pictures ...

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We visited Scott's brother and family just in time for the Pumpkin Festival. It was great to watch the nieces go on the rides!



We also had the opportunity to visit with various friends and supporters.



Some of our pictures from our Alaskan vacation are on our web-site.