



## Like a Well Oiled Machine

Things are buzzing along. It has taken a little while to mentally/emotionally adjust to the different work we are doing right now, but things are starting to click and fall into place. Plans are coming along nicely for the final weeks here in Ancona and preparations continue to be made for the Verona ministry. Once things get more stabilized we'll be a well-oiled machine.

Our Field Coordinator, Wayne Meece and his wife Greta made a ministry visit with us this month. We were able to go over many of the plans and future strategies that we are developing for Verona. During our time with them, we were able to research Verona together, going on an overnight trip. On that trip we were able to accomplish many goals. We were able to further explore Verona in the center and the outlying areas. We were able to visit a language school that turned out to be a great school. Our new team members will be able to learn in a great atmosphere and they have some advanced classes that will even help Angie and I to take our language to the next level. Each week they offer a free tour of different areas of Verona for their students. This will be an invaluable opportunity for us and our team to get to know our new home. The Lord provided a perfectly sunny day for us to capture lots of video and pictures for promotional use. We stopped by to visit our new friend, Lucia, but she wasn't working at the shoe store. Hopefully, we will be able to make one more trip to Verona before leaving for Home Assignment. We still have some research to do and goals to accomplish.

After going to Verona, I had the opportunity to interview Wayne and Greta for our new Go Verona Radio podcast. It was good for us to hear their perspectives and excitement upon visiting Verona. You can find the latest podcast at [www.goveronapodcast.blogspot.com](http://www.goveronapodcast.blogspot.com). Hope you like it. Look for more in the future.

In about two weeks we will get the keys to our storage here in Ancona. Renting this storage will be a good way for us to save a little money, since we can store all of our furnishings and our car and then we don't have to keep renting our apartment in Ancona. We have already started packing and it is going well so far. It is hard to think about moving though, we have lived in this apartment for six years!

This month I have spent 30-40 hours working on new budgets for the Verona team. They are in the final stages of completion and once they are done, we want to get them out to you. Thanks for reading and being part of this ministry.

Be sure to check out our blogs at [www.goveronanews.com](http://www.goveronanews.com) and at [www.thecrossers.com](http://www.thecrossers.com).

In Christ,  
Matt & Angie

## Facts About Verona...

Did You Know That....

...prostitution is legal in Verona?

...the major industries are agriculture, textiles, metals, machinery and chemicals.

...in the county of Verona there are 860,796 people?

...there are only four evangelical Italian speaking churches in Verona, in a city of 270,000 people?

...twenty minutes from Verona is Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy?



## From Intl. Services

A Note from Team Expansion's President:



Doug Lucas

Sometimes it's great to go back to the basics. What are the basics on Team Expansion? In short, we seek to bring glory to God by partnering with local churches to send and sustain teams of interdependent missionaries to plant churches among the least reached peoples of the world. Launched in 1978 with a three-year prayer emphasis, God has grown the organization until today, it includes 300 career missionaries that have together baptized some 9000 people in 40 countries worldwide. In the process, they've organized over 200 new church plants so that these new believers can continue growing in Christ. If you're holding one of those newsletters in your hands, please join us in thanking God for the global band of cross-cultural workers -- and for the prayer partners and supporters of Team Expansion that make their work possible!

From all of us, we jointly say, Thank you!!!

Doug Lucas  
President, Team Expansion

## Websites

Where in the world-wide web are we?

**Our website:**  
[www.thecrossers.com](http://www.thecrossers.com)

**Our blog:**  
[www.thecrossersblog.com](http://www.thecrossersblog.com)

**Go Verona team website:**  
[www.goverona.org](http://www.goverona.org) (coming soon)

**Go Verona news blog:**  
[www.goveronanews.com](http://www.goveronanews.com)

**Go Verona Radio podcast:**  
[www.goveronapodcast.blogspot.com](http://www.goveronapodcast.blogspot.com)

**Our Pictures:**  
[www.fotki.com/mcrosser](http://www.fotki.com/mcrosser)

**Team Expansion:**  
[www.teamexpansion.org](http://www.teamexpansion.org)

## Our Timeline



## Taking Christ To Italy: Go Verona

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## From the Kitchen

Featured Recipe

### Mozzarella Fritte - Fried Mozzarella

Angie's favorite tv show in Italy is La Prova del Cuoco, a cooking show. Today they showed how to make a popular Italian appetizer, fried mozzarella.

**Ingredients:**  
¼ pound fresh mozzarella cheese cubed  
2 beaten eggs  
1 cup flour  
1 cup bread crumbs  
Oil

Heat oil in large skillet. Dip cheese in flour and then egg. Repeat and then dip in breadcrumbs. Cook breaded cheese in hot oil turning once for about 1 minute on each side. When done let drain on paper towels and enjoy!

## Prayer Highlights

### Current Prayer Highlights:

**Answered Prayer -**  
~ Great trip to Verona, fulfilling many objectives.  
~ Found a great language school in Verona for team.

**Verona Team Prayer -**  
~ Team members, John & Ann Blackburn (and their kids) as they prepare and support raise for the Verona work.  
~ Team member, April Houk as she goes through a transition from her current ministry to the Verona team.  
~ Our team's vacant positions (youth/worship)  
~ Pray for exposure at National Missionary Convention  
~ Spiritual walls to be broken down in Italy.

**Prayers for Italians -**  
~ Next Coffee House in Ancona; Sept. 24. pray for relationships.  
~ People we've met in Verona: Lucia, Pasquale, Giovanni, Ellie and Felice.  
~ Friends in Ancona: Yuri, Valeria, Emanuela, Luca, Daniele & Simona to come closer to Christ.

**Prayers for Us -**  
~ Our living permits to be done before we leave.  
~ Our monthly financial commitments to be at 100%.  
~ Transition from the Ancona to Verona teams.  
~ Preparation for our Home Assignment.  
~ Housing while in the states.  
~ Dependable transportation while in the states.

**Ancona Team Prayer -**  
~ Ministry to flourish & spiritual guidance.  
~ Life Groups & New Celebration service.  
~ Friends to come to follow Christ.  
~ Jason & Heather Casey, as Jason leads.  
~ Marcus Van Dorn, as he leaves for Home Assignment.  
~ Brian & Heidi Rotert, as they lead in ministry.  
~ Josh Furnal, while he is on Home Assignment.

Write us to be added to a bi-monthly prayer update. If you would like to receive this via email or postal mail, just let us know. Contact info is on the right.



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Team Pastors

Jimmy Foreman  
Representative Elder

Jayson & Janice French  
Representative Elder

### Our Team

Matt & Angie Crosser  
John & Ann Blackburn  
April Houk

### Our Mission

Our team exists to plant a church in Verona, Italy that glorifies God

### Our Roles

**Matt's main roles...**  
Team Leader  
Graphics & Design  
Video & Web Editing  
Curriculum Design  
Computer Tech  
Short Term Groups  
Building Relationships  
Administration

**Angie's main roles...**  
Homemaker  
Team Member  
Preschool Ministry  
Children's English  
Adult English  
Building Relationships  
Administration  
Hospitality

### Forwarding Address

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# Finances

## Monthly Expense Recap For August 2007

	TOTAL
<b>Benefits</b>	
100 · Salary	507.98
110 · Medical Insurance	297.50
111 · Special Medical Expense	26.12
150 · Housing Allowance	1,030.24
160 · Utilities	451.69
180 · Contributions	20.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>2,333.53</b>
<b>Education</b>	
200 · Books/Periodicals	137.81
230 · Team Building	9.68
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>147.49</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>	
320 · Hospitality	153.23
330 · Other	12.31
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>165.54</b>
<b>Evangelism</b>	
420 · Hospitality	137.52
430 · New Field Research	491.37
435 · Short Term Project	8.22
<b>Total Evangelism</b>	<b>637.11</b>
<b>Postage</b>	
500 · In the Field	8.36
<b>Total Postage</b>	<b>8.36</b>
<b>Office</b>	
600 · Supplies In the Field	126.46
640 · Facility/Utilities	20.00
660 · Mission Phone	49.44
661 · E-Mail	62.91
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>258.81</b>
<b>Promotion/Representation</b>	
730 · Reporting to Supporters	5.48
<b>Total Promotion/Representation</b>	<b>5.48</b>
<b>Travel</b>	
800 · Car/Transportation	69.60
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>69.60</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
920 · Banking Fees	44.23
930 · Mission House	671.19
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>715.42</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,341.34</b>

## Monthly Receipts Recap For August 2007

Donor	Amount
<b>Individuals (11)</b>	<b>\$ 885.00</b>
<b>Churches (7)</b>	
~ Edmond CC	\$ 550.00
~ First CC - Sapulpa	\$ 200.00
~ Highland Park CC	\$ 1,110.00
~ Metro Faith CC	\$ 400.00
~ Osage Hills CC	\$ 300.00
~ Sandusky Ave CC	\$ 100.00
~ Shively CC	\$ 780.00
<b>Aug Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,325.00</b>
<b>Jul Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,399.69</b>
Aug Receipts	+\$ 4,325.00
Aug Sub-Total	\$ 5,724.69
Aug Expenses	-\$ 4,341.34
<b>Aug Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,383.35</b>

Thanks for all you've contributed in finances and prayers!

### A note about the finances:

In the past couple of months we have spent around forty hours working on new budgets for the Verona team. We are in the final stages of completing these budgets and hope to be sharing them with you soon. During the process, I found a clerical error that I made, basically recording certain utilities under housing allowance. In most cases, this wouldn't matter, it could affect taxes, so I researched the issue and found that for some reason, since February I have been recording them incorrectly. They have been corrected in our accounting software and our end of the year reports, in January, will reflect the correct designations. For your info, I am including them below...

<u>February 2007</u>	
150>>>160	\$ 365.29
150>>>160	\$ 281.00
150>>>160	\$ 61.33
150>>>160	\$ 310.86
150>>>160	\$ 41.92
<u>April 2007</u>	
150>>>160	\$ 608.70
<u>May 2007</u>	
150>>>160	\$ 186.30
<u>June 2007</u>	
150>>>160	\$ 390.54
150>>>160	\$ 3.98
<u>July 2007</u>	
150>>>160	\$ 212.21
150>>>930	\$ 150.82
<u>August 2007</u>	
150>>>160	\$ 451.69

Thanks for your partnership in this ministry.



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### Current Financial Need

We currently have monthly commitments of \$4,105 raised out of a total need of \$5,579. All we ask is that you prayerfully consider what God might want you to give, and that is between him and you.

We have a 2007 budget that is based on an dollar/euro exchange rate of 1.35%. If the exchange rate worsens then everything will cost a little more than normal. The exchange rate peaked around 1.39% in July.

In the Fall, we will be reviewing our budget for 2008, so that we can project as accurately as possible the cost of living/ministry.

### Ways You Can Help

There are a few ways that you can partner with our ministry.

- 1) We need monthly supporters. You could commit an amount to send each month towards our ministry.
- 2) We need prayer partners to commit to pray for ourselves, our team and the people of Verona on a regular basis. If you would like to commit to being a prayer partner, let us know.
- 3) We are thankful for special offerings. Whether your gift is from your VBS, camp, Sunday School or yourself, it is always appreciated. We have unexpected things happen from time to time and your special gifts help weather the storms the enemy throws at us.
- 4) We need teams to come over and assist in our work. It may take us a few months to get settled in Verona next year. Then, once we are settled we look forward to having mission team come over and help. Ask for information.



## Meet Our Verona Team



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### April Houk

Meet April Houk, our first team member on the Go Verona team. She's from New Braunfels, Texas. After graduating from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri, She came to work in Port de Paix, Haiti, with Sonlight Ministries. This school year will be her tenth year teaching 2nd Grade and working with the church and Bible college there. Here she is pictured with some of her students.

In March of 2007 after much prayer by April and others, she accepted a position on the Go Verona team.  
Read more about April on her blog, [www.everydaysurprises.blogspot.com](http://www.everydaysurprises.blogspot.com).

### John & Ann Blackburn

Meet John and Ann Blackburn and their kids Jessica, Luke, Avonlea and Bryan. John and Ann have served twice in China as missionaries, once for a year in 1988, then for five years from 2002 to 2007. They made friends with many wonderful people, both foreign and Chinese.



In May of 2007, after much thought and prayer, by John and Ann and many others, they accepted a position on the Go Verona team.

They were thrilled to be a part of the prayer survey trip to determine where the new work would begin. They were amazed at all they learned of the need for those declaring God's great love and grace in Italy. They were charmed by the place and the people (not to mention delighted by the food!).

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