

Go Ancona

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Looking Ahead...

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Our team just got back from one of our major planning meetings. We usually go outside the city so that we can truly focus on God's direction for the upcoming months. I believe it was one of our best planning retreats yet. It is a great opportunity to see where God has taken us over the last six months, and looking for our successes and our misses. With that knowledge, while we are seeking God, we can plan out the upcoming months more effectively. Here are some of our accomplishments through God's power in the past six months:

- Since July, Matt has taken on the responsibility as interim team leader while our team leader, Jason Casey and family, were in the states on home assignment.
- Our team held a planning meeting in June to plan the rest of 2006.
- Our monthly Encounter Coffee Houses have continued to be a great outreach. In August, November and January we some of our biggest attendances ever.
- Our team hosted four interns last summer from Team Expansion's pathways program.
- The women in our church started a weekly Bible Study and held two ladies' events in order to promote unity, fellowship and invite our non Christian friends.
- Our team started hosting an Open English time once a week. This is a time for adults to come and practice their English. So far it has proven to be an effective way to meet new people and continue building old relationships.
- Our team held a video game night at our facility, La Via. This proved to be an interesting outreach as it drew several new people in a way that none of our other outreach attempts have.
- Throughout the Fall, Angie taught several children's English classes at our facility. This is a great way to meet families and meet a desire for their children as well as build trust between us.

and a half years. This was a momentous occasion and since then we have had two groups meeting at two different times on Sundays.

- We also finished 13 weeks of Children's curriculum for Creation, including 3 new videos and 32 weeks of children's curriculum for the book of Judges. This added with the previous 23 weeks of John curriculum gives us about 96 weeks of created curriculum for Children's curriculum. Some of the Judges' lessons still need translating and we will be working on that this year. We have used this curriculum in our own church, other churches in Italy and we are currently working with Good News Productions in Joplin, MO to make this curriculum available in many languages around the globe.
- Since returning to Italy, we have met over forty-five new individuals and reconnected with fifty individuals. That is a total of almost 100 individuals that Angie and I have been in contact with in varying degrees of influence in the past six months.

Next month, we look forward in sharing with you the plans that God has laid on our hearts for 2007! There is some exciting stuff planned and we can't wait to take you on the journey with us.

In Christ, Matt & Angie

2007 Financial Need (Look for 2007's changes next month): One Time Needs for 2007 (Coming next month)

Monthly Commitments \$4,570 out of \$5,207 (88%)
(need \$637/monthly)

Thanks for any help you can provide for these needs!
**see back page for details about finances.



Our Team at our Planning Meeting, and visitors who volunteered to come and teach the team's kids while the adults planned and met. (top ltr) Trey, Sean, Josh, Matt, Brian, Marcus, Jason & Harrison. (middle ltr) Sheyenne, Angie, Heidi, Heather, Lance & Jacob. (front ltr) Chloe & Haven.

In early November, we once more hosted a 'Thanksgiving Outreach' inviting out friends to see what this American holiday is all about. It eclipsed our first Thanksgiving Outreach attendance to become the largest attended outreach event. One of the biggest accomplishments was that our Life Groups multiplied into two groups after four



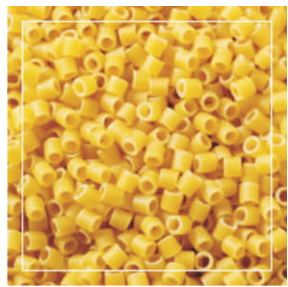
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The Big Picture, by Doug Lucas, President of Team Expansion: While serving as a missionary in Mozambique (prior to affiliating with Team Expansion), Betty endured a night of terror at the hands of thieves who, on the night of January 20th, 2000, broke into their home and killed her husband. Disappointed in the amount of money they could squeeze out of the family, the thugs proceeded to take her 17-year-old son at gunpoint, out the front door of the house. Betty, forced to assume the worst, prayed to God... and knew many others were praying for her and their 13-year-old daughter. Moments later, Daniel returned to the house, shaken but not broken. Though she was forever changed after having lost her husband, her heart breathed a sigh of relief that her son had been restored to her. "Why did they have to kill my dad," Daniel asked. "I don't know," Betty replied, sensing a Godly strength that can come only in the midst of fervent prayer. "But somehow God is going to work everything out for good in spite of the way it feels right now." That enduring strength is still inspiring her today as she speaks and prays for missionaries all over the globe. As Team Expansion's full-time Prayer Coordinator, her desperate goal is to empower prayer for (and by) Team Expansion's workers the world over. (Pray with Betty by browsing to teamexpansion.org, then click on "Pray" in the top-line menu. Along with all the prayer blogs you'll find there, check out the Prayer Resource Center on the lower right-hand side of the page. In the line just "under" the top-line menu, click on the "Prayer Force Blog" where Betty writes daily prayer requests for Team Expansion workers and others.) Even yet today, Betty gets misty-eyed when she talks about that night. "But even that night is a testimony of the power of prayer," she observes. "There's no way I could have had that strength were it not for people around the world praying for me. And now it impacts the seriousness with which I pray for many others on a daily basis. God knew all along how that experience would change me forever." Help us get serious about prayer by joining Betty's prayer force at the site above. You can even subscribe at the "Prayer Force Community" link and receive a daily email from Betty, informing you of prayer needs throughout the globe.

Ditalini
 (Little Thimbles)

Ingredients needed:

- Salt
- 1 ½ cups ditalini (thumbshaped) pasta
- 2 TB EV Olive Oil
- 3 Cloves of Garlic minced
- 5 Plum tomatoes, cored, chopped
- 8 oz Fresh Mozzarella cubed
- 8 large fresh Basil leaves, chopped
- 2 Links Italian Sausage, cut in pieces

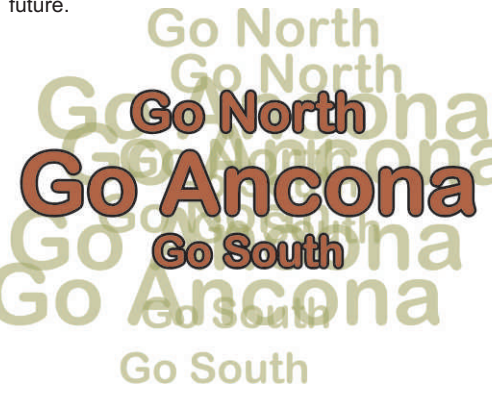


Directions:

Cook pasta in salted water until al dente. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat oil, then add garlic and sausage. Cook sausage until done. Add tomatoes until just heated. Remove from heat, add cooked pasta, basil & mozzarella. Toss to coat, season with salt, then serve.



The overall vision of the 'Taking Christ to Italy' project is to plant three churches in the country of Italy, one in the North, South and in the Center where we are in Ancona. We would ask that you be praying for all of these plants, current and future.



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Our Team

Jason & Heather Casey
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Our Roles

Creative Arts & Promotions
Children's Ministry
Youth Ministry
Evangelism
Hospitality

Our Mission

To plant a church that is passionate about introducing people to Christ, growing them into disciples, equipping them to ministry in an attitude of worship

Our Forwarding Address

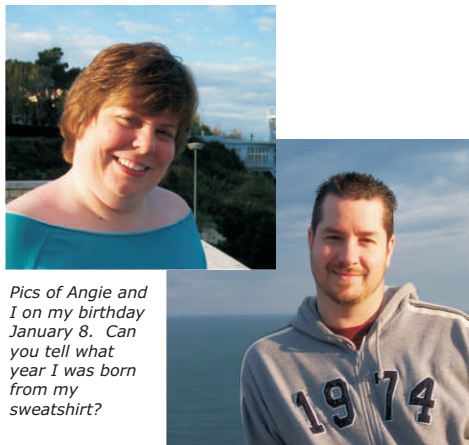
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Pics of Angie and I on my birthday January 8. Can you tell what year I was born from my sweatshirt?

Taking Christ To Italy Plans Out



Financial Data

Monthly Expense Recap For June 2006

Category	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	3,229.66
110 · Medical Insurance	337.23
111 · Special Medical Expense	5,194.45
130 · Social Security	290.82
150 · Housing Allowance	579.00
Total Benefits	4,956.16
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	377.50
230 · Team Building	41.81
Total Education	419.31
Evangelism	
400 · Printed Material	4.02
450 · Compassion Projects	29.99
Total Evangelism	34.01
Postage	
500 · In the Field	238.90
550 · In the States	134.01
Total Postage	372.91
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	53.54
650 · Supplies in the States	4.00
660 · Mission Phone	127.10
661 · E-Mail	1.28
Total Office	185.92
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	3.03
Total Promotion/Representation	3.03
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	333.62
810 · Meals While Traveling	87.53
850 · Shipping	848.54
Total Travel	1,269.69
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	3,197.51
930 · Mission House	118.17
Total Miscellaneous	3,315.68
TOTAL	10,556.71

Monthly Expense Recap For July 2006

Category	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,173.89
110 · Medical Insurance	255.00
111 · Special Medical Expense	24.54
120 · Life Insurance	20.88
130 · Social Security	995.41
150 · Housing Allowance	941.70
160 · Utilities	416.22
180 · Contributions	20.00
Total Benefits	3,847.64
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	14.95
230 · Team Building	181.84
Total Education	196.79
Evangelism	
420 · Hospitality	48.80
470 · Joint Team Projects	99.14
Total Evangelism	147.94
Postage	
550 · In the States	98.07
Total Postage	98.07
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	323.73
650 · Supplies in the States	62.97
660 · Mission Phone	367.91
661 · E-Mail	90.48
Total Office	845.09
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	50.00
710 · For More Recruits	156.74
730 · Reporting to Supporters	32.19
Total Promotion/Representation	238.93
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	187.07
810 · Meals While Traveling	7.89
Total Travel	194.96
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	881.56
Total Miscellaneous	881.56
TOTAL	6,450.98

Monthly Expense Recap For Aug. 2006

Category	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,648.74
110 · Medical Insurance	255.00
150 · Housing Allowance	2,241.67
160 · Utilities	338.13
Total Benefits	4,483.54
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	46.47
210 · Language Acquisition	34.41
230 · Team Building	225.32
240 · Equipping Missionaries	12.90
Total Education	319.10
Evangelism	
420 · Hospitality	5.93
435 · Evangelism/Short Term Proj	3.23
450 · Compassion Projects	3.83
Total Evangelism	12.99
Office	
600 · Supplies in the Field	187.44
660 · Mission Phone	29.26
661 · E-Mail	62.91
Total Office	279.61
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	108.52
Total Travel	108.52
TOTAL	5,203.76

Monthly Expense Recap For Sep. 2006

Category	TOTAL
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	229.02
660 · Mission Phone	64.46
Total Office	293.48
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	86.45
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	586.76
810 · Meals While Traveling	14.92
870 · Misc. Expenses	611.20
Total Travel	712.57
Miscellaneous	
920 · Banking Fees	3.00
Total Miscellaneous	3.00
TOTAL	3,782.08

Monthly Expense Recap For Oct. 2006

Category	TOTAL
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	79.70
710 · For More Recruits	61.30
720 · Newsletters	61.30
730 · Reporting to Supporters	61.30
Total Promotion/Representation	263.60
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	94.10
Total Travel	94.10
Miscellaneous	
920 · Banking Fees	23.00
Total Miscellaneous	23.00
TOTAL	6,000.49

Monthly Expense Recap For Oct. 2006

Category	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	2,084.71
110 · Medical Insurance	255.00
130 · Social Security	995.41
150 · Housing Allowance	1,006.73
Total Benefits	4,341.85
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	45.65
210 · Language Acquisition	8.96
230 · Team Building	37.79
Total Education	92.40
Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	10.14
330 · Other	26.10
Total Christian Education	36.24
Evangelism	
420 · Hospitality	69.17
435 · Evang.Short Term Proj.	84.17
Total Evangelism	153.34
Postage	
550 · In the States	39.00
Total Postage	39.00
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	815.50
660 · Mission Phone	80.14
661 · E-Mail	61.32
Total Office	956.96

Monthly Expense Recap For Nov. 2006

Category	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,648.39
130 · Social Security	145.41
150 · Housing Allowance	1,506.71
Total Benefits	3,300.51
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	149.42
210 · Language Acquisition	5.28
230 · Team Building	129.14
Total Education	283.84
Christian Education	
320 · Hospitality	255.36
Total Christian Education	255.36
Evangelism	
420 · Hospitality	125.65
435 · Evang./Short Term Proj.	326.74
470 · Joint Team Projects	434.44
Total Evangelism	886.83
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	729.24
660 · Mission Phone	162.69
Total Office	891.93
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	62.34
Total Travel	62.34
TOTAL	5,680.81

Finances continued on back.....

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Monthly Expense Recap For Dec. 2006
TOTAL

Benefits	
100 · Salary	2,016.02
Total Benefits	2,016.02
Education	
230 · Team Building	91.43
Total Education	91.43
Evangelism	
400 · Printed Material	29.99
420 · Hospitality	16.28
435 · Evang./Short Term Proj.	1.98
Total Evangelism	48.25
Office	
600 · Supplies in the Field	311.44
660 · Mission Phone	88.46
661 · E-Mail	62.91
Total Office	462.81
Promotion/Representation	
710 · For More Recruits	9.20
730 · Reporting to Supporters	15.00
Total Promotion/Representation	24.20
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	95.64
Total Travel	95.64
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	148.55
Total Miscellaneous	148.55
TOTAL	2,886.90

Monthly Expenses/Receipts Ledger
from June to December 2006

May Ending Balance	\$3,768.36
June Receipts	10,354.51
June Sub-Total	14,122.87
June Expenses	10,556.71
June Ending Balance	3,566.16
July Receipts	3,955.00
July Sub-Total	7,521.16
July Expenses	6,450.98
July Ending Balance	1,070.18
August Receipts	4,885.00
August Sub-Total	5,955.18
August Expenses	5,203.76
August Ending Balance	751.42
September Receipts	5,366.94
September Sub-Total	6,118.36
September Expenses	3,782.08
September Ending Balance	2,336.28
October Receipts	5,395.00
October Sub-Total	7,731.28
October Expenses	6,000.49
October Ending Balance	1,730.79
November Receipts	4,300.00
November Sub-Total	6,030.79
November Expenses	5,680.91
November Ending Balance	349.88
December Receipts	4,715.97
December Sub-Total	5,065.85
December Expenses	2,886.90
December Ending Balance	\$2,178.95

Receipts from June to Dec. 2006

Individuals (26)	\$14,608.39
Churches (10)	\$24,385
Edmond CC	\$4,050.00
First CC - Kenosha	\$600.00
First CC - Sapulpa	\$1,650.00
Highland Park CC	\$6,660.00
Life Park CC	\$1,500.00
Metro Faith CC	\$300.00
Osage Hills CC	\$1,330.00
Real Life Church	\$350.00
Sandusky Avenue CC	\$995.00
Shively CC	\$6,950.00
TOTAL	\$38,993.39

