

Go Ancona

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It's Been a Great Ride

"Few can foresee whither their road will lead them, till they come to its end."
-J.R.R. Tolkien

This month is our last month on the team in Ancona. While we will remain here for a few months, dealing with preparations, researching, planning, etc... we will not be on the team. We will be on the newly formed Verona team and I will take up my main responsibilities as its team leader. This is quite a whirlwind to live through, but overall our transition has been perfectly timed and smooth.

In dealing with this life transition the idea of a book trilogy came to mind. Sometimes you'll have a trilogy that follows one particular character throughout different eras. Then in other trilogies you have separate events that are presented in three separate narratives. I started looking at our transition off of the Ancona team as the latter. Sometime during 'Book One: Go Ancona' our characters exit, at least as main characters. Then we help open the 'Second Book: Go Verona'. Someday there will be a third, in the series, 'Book Three: Go South' and who knows what characters will be written into that story. All the books written under the title: "Taking Christ to Italy".

In the past eight years and two months, since we started this adventure of Taking Christ to Italy: Phase One - Ancona, we have experienced many things. We have felt roller coaster like emotions. Feelings of happiness and sadness, pain and intense joy. People have become like family to us and we have seen the faces of those with whom we have been soul burdened and for whom we have been praying for many years. We have persevered in trying times and thankful in plentiful times. Most of all God has shaped us in ways that we never anticipated to become more like Him.

As we follow God and depart the team here in Ancona, we are encouraged because of those we leave behind. The others on the Ancona team, Jason, Heather, Marcus, Brian, Heidi and Josh are all godly people and want to live for Him. I have no doubts that they will continue to seek Him as they plan for the future and look to new plateaus of ministry ahead.

We will continue to pray for them and we would ask you do so as well.

Remember us, as we close out a ministry with which we have been associated for over eight years. Next month, you'll see a new look for our newsletter, representing this new stage of Taking Christ to Italy: Go Verona.

Until next month,
Matt & Angie

Our Timeline:
Until July 31st - in Ancona on the Ancona team
From August 1st to November 1st - in Ancona on the Verona team
From November 1st to May/June 2008 - in USA on Verona team
May/June 2008 - return to Italy with ready Verona team members



Our Life Group that has been meeting in our home, with visiting interns, as well as our niece, Taylor, and her boyfriend, Chance, who were able to visit this month.

"An Anchor In Ancona"

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Not long ago while traveling across the state of Indiana, I received a call from the M.C. of a radio talk show staged by Focus on the Family. Their question? In a day and age when many mission organizations were scrambling to find recruits and donations, how is it that Team Expansion is still experiencing growth? To be honest, I wasn't really sure how to respond. After the recent closure of two organizations that I considered extremely strategic, I'm sobered by the fact that, in

direct contrast, God continues to bless our work in every measurable way: Conversions, baptisms, churches planted, new missionaries being sent out, and yes, even income, are all making steady positive progress. The talk-show host was very encouraging. He identified several key areas that seemed significant, including close & direct relationships with donors, open disclosure of financial accountability, and even our required regular monthly reporting practices. He found it intriguing that our organization takes no monthly assessment from gifts given... that truly 100% of all funding goes directly to the purpose for which it was given, without any percentage taken out for "overhead." At the same time, he and the radio show admired the \$100-per-month flat fee that our Leadership Task Force requests from each missionary in order that our "team share fund" can continue to move forward as well, since he felt it will build a strong core of community that would insure a continued existence for Team Expansion as an organization, even though other organizations struggle to stay afloat. But I had to give the lion's share of any credit directly to God because of the prayers of saints worldwide. I truly believe that it's prayer that is propelling Team Expansion forward. And even though we daily experience challenges at every turn, God daily continues to surprise us by His grace, His mercy, and His provision of blessings. Thank you for being a part of this great global adventure. Thank you for your support of Team Expansion in prayers and financial gifts.

Doug Lucas,
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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

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Crostini e Salame Piccante

(Bread sticks and Pepperoni)

Ingredients needed:

- Package of crunchy bread sticks
- Package of large diameter sliced pepperoni

Directions:

This is a quick and easy summer snack or appetizer. Take a bread stick and wrap one or two slices of pepperoni around the end of the bread stick. Once you have wrapped the ends of each bread stick, place them on a plate and your done! You could substitute salami for pepperoni if you want something less spicy.

- from an Italian family



Coming Next Month...

On August 1st, I become the full-time team leader of the Go Verona team. At that point we spend our time focused on tasks directly related to the Verona team. In our next newsletter, you'll see a visual change as well. In order to represent the changes, we are overhauling the look of our newsletter. The new logo is featured below, albeit not necessarily with that picture. And throughout the style will be different. We will be taking a short trip to Verona on August 1st & 2nd in order to do some research, get some promotional pictures and show the interns, who have been here in Ancona all summer, where God is leading us next in this great adventure. I am currently working on our new team's website, which will be at goverona.org, but until it is ready for prime time you can read news on our team's news blog at www.goveronanews.com. Let us know if you have any questions, we are excited for the new direction and thankful that you are on board with us.





Financial Data

Monthly Expense Recap For June 2007

	TOTAL
Benefits	
100 · Salary	1,109.99
110 · Medical Insurance	297.50
111 · Special Medical Expense	50.00
150 · Housing Allowance	2,092.20
180 · Contributions	20.00
Total Benefits	3,569.69
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	104.87
230 · Team Building	415.56
Total Education	520.43
Christian Education	
300 · Printed Material	29.28
Total Christian Education	29.28
Evangelism	
400 · Printed Material	29.99
420 · Hospitality	129.04
430 · New Field Research	52.80
Total Evangelism	211.83
Postage	
500 · In the Field	11.66
550 · In the States	16.32
Total Postage	27.98
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	251.01
640 · Facility/Utilities	138.74
650 · Supplies in the States	152.27
660 · Mission Phone	83.03
661 · E-Mail	18.34
Total Office	643.39
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	253.73
806 · Vehicle Maintenance	587.82
810 · Meals While Traveling	7.24
820 · Fees/Tolls	32.94
Total Travel	881.73
Miscellaneous	
910 · Legal In Residence	226.02
920 · Banking Fees	168.90
930 · Mission House	104.13
990 · Other	500.00
Total Miscellaneous	999.05
TOTAL	6,883.38

Monthly Receipts Recap For June 2007

Donor	Amount
Individuals (11)	\$770.00
Churches (10)	\$4,015.00
Edmond CC	550.00
First CC - Kenosha	300.00
First CC - Sapulpa	400.00
Highland Park CC	1,110.00
Life Park CC	250.00
Metro Faith CC	200.00
Osage Hills CC	270.00
Real Life CC	50.00
Sandusky Avenue CC & FNM	135.00
Shively CC	750.00
Flowthrough & reimbursements	\$253.26
June Grand Total	\$5,038.26
May Balance	\$ 4,442.43
Jun Receipts	<u>+\$ 5,038.26</u>
Jun Sub-Total	\$ 9,480.69
Jun Expenses	<u>-\$ 6,883.38</u>
Jun Balance	\$ 2,597.31

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

