

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." (Philippians 1:3)

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Dear Friends,

10 days ago, we got back home from a 5+ month furlough. We hit the ground running! Our furlough was a very busy time. We drove about 15,000 miles, visiting almost all of our supporters, as well as friends and relatives. We drove through many States, from Utah to Arizona, Nebraska, Florida, Pennsylvania and California, and obviously all the States in between (plus a few others!). It was a real blessing to be with the families and churches that have been faithfully involved in the ministry here in Italy these last 4 decades! The ministry and the fellowship with these folks were great!



It was amazing to see how God provided for us all along the way. We had purchased a pickup and travel trailer to use, and different churches and families helped provide for our traveling needs. Then, at the end of our furlough, we sold both. A company owned by fellow believers bought the pickup at a very good price (for us!), as they wanted to be a blessing to us.

God gave us many chances to witness while traveling, including workers at camping facilities, an Italian priest we know, Italian friends from Italy who came to visit us, etc. Speaking of these friends, Kieth had 2 very good and lengthy talks with the husband, Marco, about his need of salvation. Please pray for him.



Our first Sunday back home (here in Italy, that is!), the church had organized a welcoming back luncheon. It's a great feeling knowing that you're loved by those to whom you minister! God has been so good to us, giving us these precious people!



In less than a week after our return home, Linda had a ladies tea time, where several unsaved were present, along with some ladies from church. She was able to give them the Gospel again. I say again, because all of them had heard the plan of salvation many other times. Please pray for these ladies, as well.



This coming Sunday, the 22nd, the choir that Fernando started in our absence, will be singing some Christmas specials, and Fernando will be preaching. It will be a special day, remembering the birth of Christ.

We thank the Lord for all that He did for us on our furlough. We thank the Lord for the faithfulness of our church folks here in our

absence. We thank the Lord for Fernando and Sara as they ministered to our church in our absence.

Will you please keep us in your prayers as we minister here, having Fernando and Sara ministering alongside of us as they continue to seek Gods will as to where they will minister (that just might be here in Terni).

Trust you will have a blessed and merry Christmas.

For the Glory of God,
Kieth and Linda Bloyd

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