



Rejoice! Jesus Our Savior is Born Today

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 2005

Dear Friends,

This is the time of year when we traditionally count our blessings and reflect on God's goodness. It is also a good time to think through our plans for the new year. Jesus has given everyone reason to rejoice and be thankful! As Christmas approaches I am thankful for support that has been provided! Your prayers and financial gifts humble me. **I now**

have 100% of my ongoing monthly needs pledged! This leads me to believe that I will be moving to Italy to begin my ministry early next year. However, there are two more details that must be resolved before I can leave. First, all my outgoing support needs to be received by Greater Europe Mission. Then I will be able to submit my documents to request an Italian religious worker visa.

As I wait for God's provision to finalize my move to Italy, I want to share with you some wishes and plans for the future.

- To move to Viterbo, Italy in early 2006.
- Begin a language school program in Rome or Viterbo.
- Work with Michael and Sherri Carlson (GEM missionaries) and Italians within the existing church ministries.
- Renew the relationships established with youth in summer 2005.
- Develop events for Christian youth from Monterosi Church to interact with youth living in the Montefiascone area with the goal of establishing a Christian youth program at Montefiascone.
- Start a small "conversation club" with Italian youth for language exchange so that they can practice their English and I can practice Italian.
- Organize materials and make arrangements for English Camp Outreach, summer 2006.

As I write this list of plans and goals I am again reminded of how strongly I sense God's leading in my life. The spiritual needs in Italy are a burden on my heart and I am eager to begin my work in Italy. **All that is holding me back is the unmet financial need for my outgoing expenses.**

Recently GEM re-evaluated and increased my outgoing budget to more accurately reflect the current value of the Euro for purchase of a vehicle, shipping and household set-up in Italy. Good stewardship and planning is wise and I appreciate my organization's responsible attitude, but this means that additional funds must be raised.

I am very appreciative of all of the support and pledge support that I have received. I am praying that someone has additional resources to offer or will help me connect with other believers who would like to help launch my ministry in Italy.

I ask you to prayerfully consider how God might use you in this effort. Thank you.

Thank you again for all of your continuing prayers and support! Have a wonderful time celebrating Jesus' birthday with friends and family!

Peace and Love be with you all,

Amy Williams

Praise God with me for:

- Opportunity to visit Northern California churches and friends
- All my monthly support pledged
- Growing outgoing support received
- Documents that have been prepared toward my visa

Please join me in prayer for:

- Carlsons' work as they share the truth of God with Italians
- The last \$10,000 needed for outgoing needs
- Timely approval for an Italian religious worker visa

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I bring you good tidings of great joy. Luke 2:10