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God works many miracles!

I never would have thought that God would use the worst experience of my life to possibly reach an Italian family for Christ. I have told very few people about this day because it was so difficult. Now, I believe God wants me to tell the story to all of you.

Last summer, I drove Michael Carlson's car to church from their home in Ronciglione to Montefiascone, about a one hour drive, accompanied by Michael and his two youngest daughters. About 15 minutes into the drive we were heading over the local mountain through winding, blind corners. I know I was driving slowly by Italian standards, as the car following us was very close and trying to find a visual opportunity in which to pass. And then it happened, one of those horrible moments that I have mentally replayed in slow motion many, many times. I drove up around a steep corner and saw a bicyclist coming down the hill. He was heading straight toward us, fast, and on the wrong side of the road!!! I was able to swerve Michael's small car over in the lane, but I could not go far because we were on the side of a mountain with only a guard rail on our right.

I still can recall the man's desperate face; it was obvious that he was going to hit the car. He hit the car, taking the hood ornament off. Then his back hit the passenger side windshield and he went over the top of the car, landing just under the guard rail. Michael immediately jumped out of the car to hear the man say, "I am going to die."

Thankfully, God is always at work! When I looked at the passenger seat, it was full of slivers of glass, yet Michael did not have one scratch! The young girls in the back seat stayed calm and were just disappointed that we were not going to make it to church. The driver in the car behind me, who wanted to pass, happened to be a judge who stayed and gave a full statement to the police. This was a blessing because of the endless paper work procedure that would usually follow this type of accident in Italy. The bicyclist was taken to the hospital. He needed surgery on his leg but now is fully recovered and moves around fine! Weeks later, Silvio, the bicyclist, contacted Michael and Sherri to make arrangements to pay for the damage to their car. This is unheard of in Italy!

The reason I write this story to you now is because Silvio is from Montefiascone and he has a son who has shown interest in attending our English Camp this year! Did God allow that terrible accident to happen in order to get the attention of this family? I do not know, but I do know that I wish I had not been driving the car.

2006 English Camp is just around the corner and all of us who are involved need your prayers! Please pray with me that God will use this time to reach many Italians for Christ, including Silvio and his son. Our God is a God of miracles!

"He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted."

Job 9:10



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More recent miracles...

- I received my “permesso de soggiorno” faster than anyone expected. Sherri Carlson and I stopped by the office so that she could show me the process and help me with the language. We were both shocked that the document was ready.
- I have a car! There was one Toyota on the lot that fit my needs and budget. I bought a Yaris and then it took two months (because of requests for more documents) to be able to drive it off the lot.
- GEM short term missionary Ruby Acosta will be arriving June 28 to work with me for 3 months. It will be wonderful to have her help as I direct the English Camps. The Carlson family is in the US for their long overdue Home Ministry Assignment.
- This week I hope to sign a rental contract for my apartment and then be able to move in by the end of July. Housing has been a difficult issue. Words can't express how much I look forward to unpacking and moving into my own home in Italy!



Newlyweds Sabrina and Andrea hosted me for a few nights. We had many laughs!



A night of playing cards



Spending time with new friends



Enjoying a gelato at the end of the church potluck

Time with other language students practicing our basic Italian



Praise God for...

- ◆ God providing my “permesso de soggiorno” faster than anyone expected
- ◆ Progress in language classes
- ◆ My own car
- ◆ Time of building new relationships and friendships
- ◆ I might have an apartment soon

Please be praying with me for ...

- ◇ English Camp 2006, for the Italian students who attend and for wisdom as I direct the camps
- ◇ Ruby as she arrives and works in Italy
- ◇ Continuing adjustment to Italian culture and Italian language
- ◇ To have growing friendships with members of the church and in the community

**Thank you again for all of your continuing prayers and support!
May God bless English Camp 2006!**

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