

Taste and see that the Lord is good blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Psalm 34:8

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November 10, 2006

Dear Friends and Family,

In America, November is a time to reflect on God's blessings and thank Him for His provisions. Italy does not celebrate Thanksgiving as Americans do, but I am celebrating the way that God has provided for me this year. Your prayers, encouragement and support have helped me in this transition to Italy. It is with true gratitude that I thank God and you for this blessing!

My apartment has begun to feel like home as I start to settle in. More than 50 people came and celebrated with me at my housewarming party. It was fun having friends from church meet my other friends.

Many little problems at my apartment have needed attention. The most unexpected problem was that my house number was changed from 28 to 39. This really complicated my paper work! Also, it took months to get Internet connections set-up and working regularly. I am thankful to say that it now works! Problems with my water heater, shower and gas left me without heating or hot water for some time. This was fixed just in time, less than a week before the weather changed and my parents arrived for their first visit to Italy. This was a working vacation for them; together we built furniture (from IKEA), hung pictures and did a few home improvement projects. Wood for my fireplace was delivered a month late, but right on time for my dad to stack. Everything has come together in perfect timing; I guess that should not be a surprise.

My friend Daniela (from English Camps) has now started her first year at University in Sienna. She spends Monday through Friday in Sienna and returns to Montefiascone for the weekends. This is typical for most Italian college students. When I told Daniela that my parents were coming to visit she asked if she could show all of us around Sienna. Our meeting took place on a rainy afternoon. At first this seemed to be a problem, but God used this situation to give us all more time to talk at Daniela's apartment. I believe our conversation was able to go further because we were not able to do much sightseeing in the city.

God surprised me at the end of September with an invitation to spend time in a Montefiascone high school. I was asked if I could lead an English conversation class. It is remarkable to see how God is using my past experiences as a schoolteacher to open doors here in Italy. A few details still need to be worked out, but if all goes well I will start teaching sometime in November. Please pray that God will continue to open these doors and that I will recognize the right opportunities. I am excited about this opportunity to spend more time with youth in Montefiascone, learn about Italian culture through their eyes and possibly invite them to future outreach events.

I continue to attend language school and I am actually enjoying it! Thank you again for your prayers for my language learning. I am improving and I have moved up and into a new book. Please continue to pray that I will gain a strong understanding of the Italian language. I know that your prayers are helping with this process.

As I learn more about Italy and the culture here, I am mindful of the many advantages that were mine as I grew up in America, and knowing Christ as my savior. I pray that you are also counting your blessings and enjoying the taste of God's goodness this holiday season.

In His love, with Thanksgiving,

Amy Williams

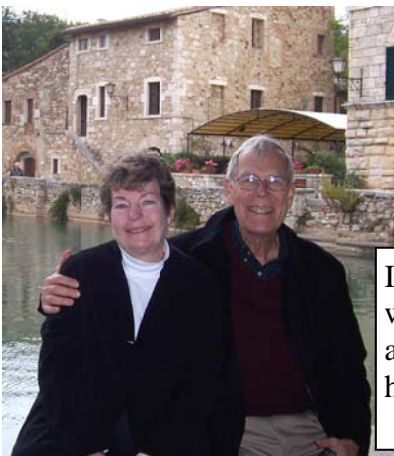
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Having fun at the
Housewarming
Party!



My Dad was a big help by
stacking the wood in my shed
or what he called "My
Dungeon"

My Mom's
"favorite" part of
Italy was the driving
and know which
way to go.



I am thankful my parents
were able to come visit
and help with so many
home repairs