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*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.*  
*James 1:17-18 NJV*

September 10, 2005

Dear Friends,

I want to start this letter by saying "Thank you" for your faithful prayers and support. The past two months in Italy was an excellent opportunity for ministry and also a time to more clearly define my future ministry. This would not have been possible without your partnership. I can't say it enough—it is a blessing to have your support.

This summer I had the opportunity to attend and work with two churches in the Viterbo province, a region in Italy that is north of Rome. The mother church is located in the city of Monterosi and the daughter church is in Montefiascone. Less than a week before I arrived, the Montefiascone congregation acquired a meeting room! This was an answer to their prayers and allowed for more events in connection with the English Camps. On Wednesday evenings we held Pizza and Praise Nights at the meeting room and to celebrate the end of each camp there was an ice cream party. On the second week more than 50 people attended the ice cream party including students, their parents and siblings. It was a huge encouragement for the Montefiascone church to see so many individuals in their new meeting room.

Much of the time I stayed in Montefiascone, the city where English camps were held. I moved around and was hosted by church members and non-Christian friends that live in that city. There are 18 church members and their children. Some individuals travel for more than an hour to attend this church because there is no evangelical Christian church closer to their home.

One member who travels long distance is Alena, a woman from Romania. An interesting side note about Italy is that there are a growing number of immigrants from Romania. So, I may be continuing to minister to Romanians when I move to Italy! Isn't it amazing and wonderful to see how God coordinates His purposes in our lives?

Montefiascone is a city of about 13,000 people, yet there are no youth (age 13 to 30) currently attending the church. In fact, there are no youth in the city identified as Christian believers. My task this summer was to begin establishing friendships with the youth who attended English camp with the goal of eventually leading them to a salvation relationship with Christ. Daniela is an 18 year old girl who attended English camp for a fourth summer. After camp she and I started meeting to read and discuss the Bible. Daniela considers herself a Catholic yet she has rarely gone to church and has difficulty believing that Italian youth could live for Jesus. She is interested in spiritual issues and God is working in her heart. Please pray with me that Daniela will continue to read the Bible that I was able to give to her and that she will accept the truth of Christ as her Savior.



My summer in Italy confirmed my calling to long term service to God through GEM's church planting efforts in the Viterbo province. Italian young people are wonderful but need to know the truth of Scripture.

I sincerely thank you again for your prayers and for partnering with me!

**Ciao,**

*Amy Williams*

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## English Camps 2005!

The English Camps were a great success! I arrived with six other Americans to work along side the Montefiascone church. Many of the Italian church members took vacation time from their work to be involved with the camp and use the opportunity to build relationships with the students and their families.

God blessed the two weeks of English camp and here are some of the results.

- Over 70 students participated
- Youth attended Pizza and Praise Parties
- Students with families and friends attended ice cream celebrations
- 3 Youth attended Sunday morning church service
- Nearly all students requested a personal visit or literature to explain the evangelical faith (I was able join church members in doing these follow-up visits)
- Relationships were established that I will be able pursue once I move to Italy

I look forward to future summers when it will be my responsibility to help organize English camps and coordinate the participation of American ministry teams.



Praise God with me for :

- Time to build relationships with the Italian church, missionaries, and Italian youth
- Successful English Camps
- Growing support pledged and received

Please join me in prayer for:

- Daniela to see the truth about Christ as Savior
- Carlsons' continuing work in the Viterbo province
- Final prayer and financial supporters needed



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