

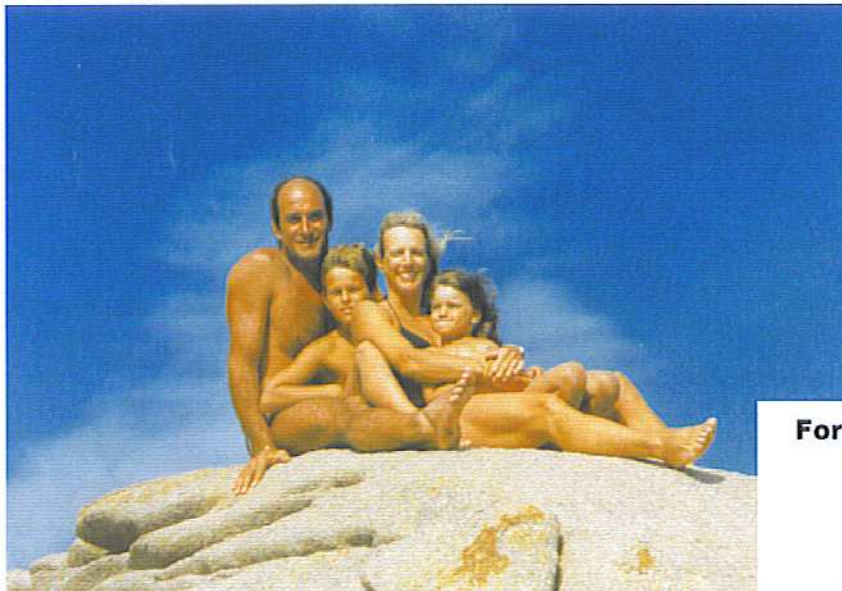
**“Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”**

Jer 9:24

**LATEST CHANGES**

We heard reports that some of you were a little confused on the latest developments that took place in our lives. First of all we want to clarify that the *Executive Ministries* is indeed part of *Campus Crusade for Christ*, thus we are still operating under the same organization and have the same account number (0518516). Secondly the move to Florida is a temporary one (approximately six months), and as soon as we complete the specific training we will return to Italy.

As shared in the personal letters and e-mails sent out in November-December our **battlefield** is Italy our **target group** are the influencers whose lives are spiritually deprived and starved. Our goal is to: “instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. ” 1 Tim 6:17-19; and again “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might and let not the rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things.” Jer. 9:23-24. Becoming a missionary or an ambassador to these people groups may seem futile or unconventional to some; however we feel that it is a necessity anywhere in the world and especially in Italy where these leaders have a tremendous influence on the populous at large.



**For 2002 make an effort not  
“to do” but “to be”...  
firmly planted  
on The Rock!**

put up daily  
with our en-  
tire persona  
not just our  
good side....

**NOT JUST WORDS**

I was cleaning up some papers and came across a few notes that caught my attention because of the quotes they were containing. Possibly these are things you might have already heard; should that be the case, please be patient for the sake of those that are reading them for the first time.

IT IS EASIER FOR A FATHER TO HAVE CHILDREN THAN FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE A FATHER.

NO MAN IS RICH ENOUGH TO BUY BACK HIS PAST

SHOW YOU CARE AND OTHERS WILL CARE FOR YOU.

WORRY GIVES A SMALL THING A BIG SHADOW

PITY LOOKS DOWN COMPASSION GETS DOWN

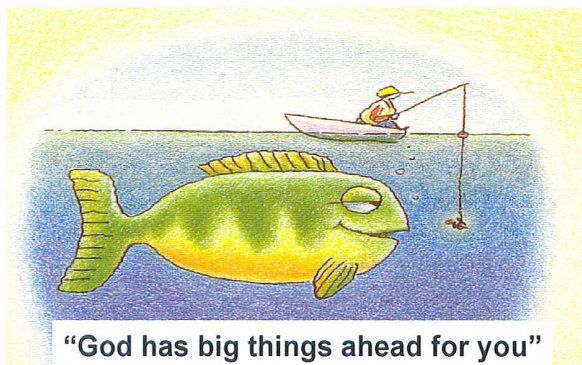
IT IS ONLY WITH GOD THAT ONE CAN SAY I AM WRONG AND BE RIGHT AND I AM RIGHT AND BE WRONG

For us husbands and fathers the first and the last represent an ongoing challenge; especially when the kids are young and needy of our TIME along with our love. Unfortunately Italy is emulating the USA to the point that the once sacred bonds between parents and children are now easily threatened. Let’s watch our priorities! Be quick to ask for forgiveness especially to those close to us that have to



## The "heart" angle:

Well, moving from Como to Florence was not an easy task since we just returned from training in Colorado and had a week to vacate. I shared with some of you the struggle of deciding what to do when I heard clearly the Lord saying to remain in Como until the appropriate time to move while leadership wanted us in Florence. This is a situation many of us even outside of full time ministry face with a certain amount of trepidation. What do you do when you sense the Lord stating a specific message and then a spouse, another believer or a Christian authority tells you something else? Is the Lord sending different messages? After many prayers Jane and I felt led to obey the leadership in submission as in 1 Peter 5:5-6. I believe we have yet to see all the fruits of this act, but we can say excitedly that the first results of being patient and persevering are something beyond what we could ever have planned (referring to the next 6 months of training in Florida). We could have opted to stay in Como and come across as non teachable or in-subordinate, but the move (though costly and stressful) demonstrated our willingness to submit. I confess the process was not easy, but the Lord knew exactly my tolerance level and intervened at the proper time. For example one day I felt completely depleted and picked up a book a dear friend gave me 3 yrs ago "Experiencing God". As I opened it I saw the dedication my friend wrote in the inside cover Ph. 1:6 "He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it"; there was also a card with it (see below) placed in a page that had the following quote: "Any time God leads you to do something that has God-size dimensions, you will face crises of belief". These 3 components were exactly what I needed at the time: the Lord is letting us be part of a wonderful plan that He will see to completion, but my faith will be stretched in the process. Little occurrences such as this can be so powerful in giving us reassurance and nurture the inner strength that motivates us to press on.



"God has big things ahead for you"

So while we were praying and fasting the Lord prepared some of the leaders' hearts and miraculously revealed a path that is infinitely better than what we could have planned. We are now feeling extremely blessed to be guests of a saint, trained by seasoned staff in the specific ministry, and surrounded by a beautiful environment. Thus, the willingness to let go (that means 100% not 80 or 90%) and let God become an issue of fundamental trust. He does not need our input to bring His plan to completion, however He needs our total, unwavering obedience primarily to bless us in the process. Where do you stand? This year let us make an effort to move away from being nominal Christians by letting the Potter squeeze, cut chisel without our grumbling.



**A happy passenger on her way to Florida!**

So far the stay here in Florida has been a terrific one: Mrs. De Moss is a wonderful saint with a strong and sharp personality yet a very soft, gentle demeanor. The rest of the executive staff is dedicated, well seasoned and eclectic making the local ministry very fruitful. The outreach dinners, teas and bible studies are inspiring and effective in turning people's hearts to our Lord. We are looking forward to absorbing as much as possible in order to reproduce it once back in Italy.

With much love:

*Peppo, Jane, Marco and Isabella*

**P.S.** Many of you asked where to send contributions, thus we have enclosed support envelopes to make it easier for you. Credit cards donations are also accepted by calling CCC at 800-254-5462

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