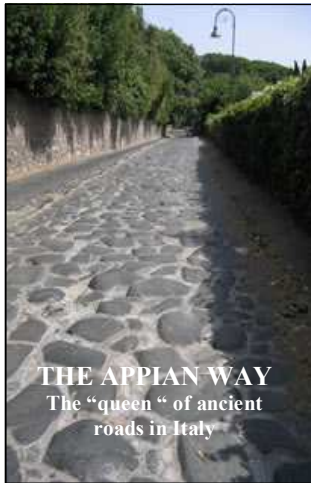




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Missionaries to Italy

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Reaching Italy One Person At A Time...



"Natale con i tuoi, Pasqua con chi vuoi" - "Christmas with your relatives, Easter with whomever you want," (An Italian proverb). With the return of Spring weather about 1 out of 5 Italians will hit the road to travel during Easter. Many will participate in traditional Easter celebrations which vary widely in Italy according to region and family history. Sadly, many in Italy will be celebrating a resurrection that means nothing to them in their every day lives.

It has been said that "all roads lead to Rome" but the Bible clearly teaches that only one Road leads to God - Jesus Christ. We are leaving for Italy in the next few months for our first term and hope to show many the one way to God through Christ alone. Please pray that God would open many doors of opportunity to share the Good News about the resurrection of Christ with them.

Please Pray for the Liles...

- For Kent, Ethan, and Natalie as they prepare to move to a different house, school, language, culture, and group of friends.
- That we would obtain the *absolutely necessary* letter of invitation from an already established group in Italy in time to leave by June 12, 2007.



UPDATE: We are working with four different sources on obtaining our letter of invitation into Italy. The BBFI does not have any missionaries in Italy. The last missionary there with the BBFI was about 15 years ago. Reopening Italy to the BBFI is definitely a challenge but a challenge that God has given us the faith and strength to grow through. We are nearing the end of our deputation booking with just 15 more churches to visit with 80% of our support coming in and another 10% promised. It looks like it will come down to "hurry up and wait" for our letter of invitation to obtain our visa. If you have ever reached the end of a two year project only to find out it may take a little longer to accomplish the goal you know how we feel right now. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We can't wait to start ministry in Italy!

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