

## *Hello, from Italy!*

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*As is typical for the city of Rome during the last two weeks of August, public offices and many merchants are closed. Therefore it has been impossible to contact the city officials who first gave us the proposal for the property in Ostia for our church. Everything is on hold. We are seeking other options. We have contacted schools, cultural centers, combed the area for rentals or property to buy. I am confident at the right time there will be an obvious blessing from the Lord. When I search and walk the streets, I find rental prices to be high, properties are overpriced and owners seem unwilling to drop their price even though buildings are unused.*

*We need wisdom to know which steps of faith and courage the Lord would want us to take.*

*Due to the poor economic situation here in Ostia, three of our Peruvian families are preparing to move back to Peru by the end of the year. Their contribution to our church family life is immeasurable. Part of the mission is to send each one on their way with a heart to love Jesus and a passion to share it with others. We will certainly miss them.*

*Alice and I want to thank you for praying for us and our family this summer. What an unforgettable wedding celebration! Michael and Leanne's friends and some of our families made international flights to be with us. We are thankful for God's goodness in providing strength, protection and joy for all the preparations and festivities.*

*Alice and I are constantly reminded that the mission here in Rome is the Lord's. I must be consistent in trusting Him for the future of my family and each individual of the little church. Yesterday I led the worship. The theme was on Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Join me in trusting Him today.*

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