

LOOKING FORWARD

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Last night our community of believers in Ostia took a major step of faith to proceed ahead in leaving the current basement facility. You ask, "Did the city government come through with land or a building?" No they did not. Instead on Tuesday the city leaders called our men to the city hall for a meeting. They explained that a private individual owned the large piece of land they had offered us. With minimal embarrassment, they explained that our plans and dreams could not go forward. In another breath, they said, "but perhaps there will be something else." We are not counting on that!



The amazing thing is that the same day the city gave their answer, the bocce sports complex which is just down the street, said they were willing to negotiate with us and would rent space in their facilities. They need income, we need space. It looks like a win win situation. They are asking only 400.00 euro per month for partial use of the facility on certain days and hours. The next step is to get in writing our proposal and have their agreement. If all proceeds ahead, the use of this sports complex will serve as a temporary solution to help solve our high rent expenses and help us begin saving up for a permanent facility. The search for a new facility will continue while we make use of this sports complex.

For years we have struggled paying the rent, suffered from the cold and humidity, lacked space and used an almost dysfunctional bathroom. We are so thankful that our church community could unanimously decide to take this step of faith.

Please pray:

1. That the owners of our present facility will release us from the contract by the end of December 2014
2. That the owner of the bocce sports center would agree to the terms proposed by the church.
3. That we can remain unified. The temporary home for the church body can make people feel uneasy. People get attached to the building want a feeling of home.
4. That the community will be blessed financially and the debt for the last two months rent will be covered.
5. That our love for the community of Ostia will grow and be evident as we spend time with those who come to the Bocce Center. (We may just need to practice our aim before we transfer there! We think the first women's bocce team could have a smashing success.)

The pictures below will help you pray and dream with us about future opportunities.

By faith we press forward.



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