

Footprints

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NEWS FROM THE ISACS

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.....some of our friends from La Scala Church

Our constant in an ever changing world...

On the 29 January 2000 we left Scotland on a one way ticket for Naples, Italy, at a time when very few people had mobile phones, digital cameras weren't around and missionaries still gave their reports using slides, (I still vividly remember the time when a lady accidentally bumped into mine, scattering them all over the floor!!). All these years later, we wonder how we ever managed to live without **m o b i l e s**! Does anyone still use a film camera? and PowerPoint is the normal means for public presentations. As we look at the then and now photos, we realize how much older we look as the big 40 knocks at our door and



how society has changed so much and so quickly over these past years that it leaves us almost breathless and maybe a bit unsure of where the world will be in another 10 years. We've watched history unfold as America swore in it's first black, African American president who is promising change coated with a real sense of renewed hope for a better future. But the reality is that things will only get worse as we look at the times we live in and hope is a word that has become almost meaningless, where promises that were given, are broken and people feel yet again betrayed by those who promised so much and yet delivered so little. BUT our constant in this ever changing world is the Lord Jesus Christ who is the 'same, yesterday, today and

forever' and that 'whoever puts their trust in HIM will never be disappointed'. Our trust has always been in an unchanging

Jesus Christ, is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

God who knows the beginning and the end, who IS the beginning and the end and so the unfailing truth of this, fills us with His hope, not for a better life here on earth but the promise of eternal life with Him where pain, tears and death will no longer exist.



Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.



Visit our blog at:

www.theisacs.blogspot.com and keep up with all that's happening in our lives.



Future Plans...

When we arrived in Italy all those years ago we stayed initially with Robert & Muriel Hamilton. On our first Monday morning we got up, showered and came down to the kitchen for breakfast. Then we looked at Muriel and said: 'So, what do we do now'? With much fear and trepidation we wondered what the future months would hold for us. Now over nine years later we look back and are amazed at how God has led and guided, kept and protected us. We have learned much about ourselves as we've allowed God to mould us and make us into the people He wants us to be. This has not always been an easy process and has been accompanied with many tears of frustration as He led us down paths that stubbornly, we tried to refuse to take. But God is good and we can truthfully say that 'all things do work together for good'.

Our vision was to come to Italy for ten years and then re-evaluate the situation. Seeing as our initial commitment to the Church here in La Scala was for two years which finished in December 08, we felt that rather than wait until the end of this year to decide what to do, it would be better for us and the Church here to make that decision now. And so as we

have sought God's guidance, again, for our future we have decided to relocate back to the UK. This was made for a variety of reasons which we shared with our Elders in December and are pleased to know that they are fully supportive of our decision. As yet we are not sure of where the Lord is taking us and it's very much a case of one step at a time. Do we come back and get involved in full time Christian service or do we try and find Secular employment and help out, where we can, in a local Church? The Lord knows the desires of our hearts and so we wait on HIM to show us where and what the next chapter in our lives will be.

In closing, we want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have prayed for us over these years and for the constant support and encouragement given. May the Lord bless and keep us all as we seek to serve Him wherever He has placed us.

Thank you for praying with us

Leo and Angie



These photos were taken exactly nine years apart. Have the years been kind to us?

We'll let you decide!!

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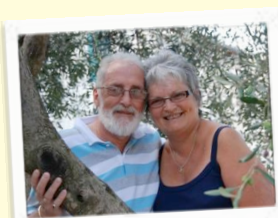
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Parent Update...

Angie's parents have come through a difficult year. As many of you know, mum was diagnosed with cancer of the bladder in October 07 and subsequently had an operation to have the bladder removed in May 08. As you can see by the photo, she has made a remarkable recovery and at times you forget all that she has been through. She needs to have regular check ups but everything is looking good. Dad developed some heart problems in August last year and also had a build up of fluid in his lungs. Thankfully these problems were resolved although there are still a few things that need to be sorted out.

Leo's parents are doing well. There was the fear that Leo's mum was developing Alzheimer's but thankfully this is not the case. Seemingly the problems she had were all due to the stress of losing their home in the floods three years ago. Leo's dad is doing well and thankfully has not broken any more bones lately!!! God willing we hope to bring Leo's parents to the UK at the end of this year for a wee break. They still talk about the visit they made in 1998.

We would appreciate your continued prayers for both sets of parents as they deal with all the changes in their lives, that God would continue to help, bless and protect them.



Above, Angie's parents on a trip to Tuscany in October 2009. Below, This photo of Leo's parents was taken in July 2008 in Romania