



Christmas 1998

From across the many miles, finally together for Christmas!

Christmas is finally upon us and this year will be special for our family. After a long year of separation, we are looking forward to having Marc come home for the holiday season. We missed his presence and unique sense of humor. Keeping in touch with frequent phone calls and e-mails is OK, but not the same as having him here! We are very proud of him in making the transition back to the States, keeping up with his studies and holding a job. When faced with challenges he has shown great maturity and stability. God has blessed him with another family, Pastor Frank and Linda Cargill and a home church who have taken him under their wing and for this we are extremely grateful to the Lord.

Daniel is blossoming more and more, showing even stronger leadership and character. He was elected National Honor Society president, is carrying four Advanced Placement (college) courses and excels in art and computer graphics. Recently, he was asked to paint a mural for the Community Center at the US Military Wiesbaden Air Field. He is also one of the leaders for the AWANA Cubbies (Bible memorization class for 3-4 yr. olds), and the kids are really in love with "Mr. Daniel".

Al and Emanuela are trying to fulfill as many requests as their time and schedule permits for seminars, conferences, worker training, special rallies, Bible studies etc., both for Teen Challenge and amongst the over 120 Italian Pentecostal churches and in Northern Europe. We see a great hunger for learning, training for ministry and outreach.

Our greatest desire in the coming months is to be able to keep fresh in our relationship with the Lord while keeping the ministry commitments and preparing to return home for furlough next year. We are packing to relocate the ETC office and store our furniture and personal things.

*We thank you for your faithfulness and prayers that charge us, and enable us to keep us on going. Our wish and prayer for you in 1999 is that it will be a time of fresh vision and hope in serving Jesus in His harvest. May the **JOY OF BETHLEHEM** be renewed in our heart and may He grant you a blessed holiday season.*

Your missionary friends,

Al, Emanuela, Daniel and Marc Perna