



News from Clark Slone in Tuscan, Italy



Thanks so much for your encouragement and help!

I arrived to a lot of love, hugs and joy to the beautiful Tuscan region of Italy.

It was good to see everyone doing so well. The team had experienced 3 months of moving the camp. By far the longest toughest and most expensive move we have ever made. The stories never stopped and I felt a little bad that I had not suffered it out with them.

I tried to explain that I carried their burden and pressure in prayer when I was at Coco Beach, Daytona, Colorado Springs and other places of suffering and pain that I visited in the USA. But I don't think they were very convinced. But everyone was glad I was back to reality.

I pray this finds you warm. We have been inundated by cold weather and snow. Where is Al Gore when you need him? It is the coldest weather here in Florence for 45 years. No one even remembers snow as it has fallen here. Leave it to us to break new records. Everything is frozen solid. I have been carrying water in bottles for the last couple of days.

I started feeling so dirty and stinky I heated up water on my little stove and with a cup did an Indian scoop bath. I was starting to offend myself, now I feel better for sure other's close to me do.

Doing my laundry was also a challenge. I started dreaming of brethren doing my laundry in just an hour or less (and it being so fluffy) on my trip. After five days I finally broke down and brought my laundry inside (definitely no fluff). My jeans were so hard they almost followed me inside.

We have been able to do some good evangelism. We have permission to put up a table in the central train station. It may not sound like much but it is a real miracle for this part of Europe.

Tomorrow our drama team is doing a major production in the big tent and we are having a baptism. Also we are making many inroads with the few communities that are here and there is a real spirit of cooperation in the evangelism amongst some. That's always encouraging.

The mayor is supposed to come to our meetings and even the catholic bishop of the village we are in met me and promised to pay a visit. We sent a couple of brothers (Aleseandro, our gospel dwarf powerhouse) to see him again today and to get him out for our theatrical production.

Please keep us in prayer. Much love Clark.