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The focus of my personal bible study is on the faithfulness of God. One of the questions **encouraged** me to list some of the ways my God has been faithful to me this year. The long list is filled with personally tailored adventures in which He has lavished abundantly His faithfulness on me and the rest of our family. Let me tell you the most incredible gift the Lord gave us. We were all together here in Rome for two months this summer!!



Steve and Larissa stepped out in faith when they made their plans to come. Larissa gave notice to the English school that she needed time in Italy. They gave her no guarantee of work as a TESL teacher in September. Steve, still needing to finish up his thesis for his masters, needed to learn Italian to pass a required exam. Could there be greater place than Rome to learn it? He did exceedingly well! When they arrived back to Vancouver the Lord faithfully provided both Steve and Larissa with enough work to cover the expenses. We saw first hand how the Lord gives courage, energy and strength for them when the ugly head of Lupus raises itself! What an example of faith Steve and Larissa are to our family! How precious to be recipients of their tender love!

When looking back, I remembered thinking, "Leanne will come home for a short stay here and then fly off on the next adventure." She is still here in Rome with us. Her life is one of exemplary faith. Her contract at the Canadian embassy as emergency staff began in March. It is renewed for fifteen days at a time. I think of Matthew 6 where Jesus talks about living each day completely satisfied and confident that He will provide for the next. I see her putting that into practice as she waits on God for the next step. I see the blessing she is to Dan and me as she serves, gives, and cares for us.

How often I see the expressions of the Lord's faithfulness as Dan and I continue here in Italy. This years marks twenty-five years of service here and thirty years of marriage. Our favorite hymn sums up what is in our hearts... Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me!! All I have needed you have provided!

You are on our list of seeing how God has been faithful. He has provided through you. We are very grateful.

With love,
Alice and Dan