



Biographical Sketch

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Elizabeth Ransom was born August 7, 1983, in Perugia, Italy. Her parents, Fred and Rachel Whitman, had moved to Italy in 1973 as full-time missionaries. Elizabeth grew up in a home where knowing and serving God was the highest priority. As a missionary kid (MK), she had many different experiences in Italy and in the U.S. The most exciting thing for her was being involved in ministry alongside her parents and brothers, helping in the areas of music, youth activities, translation work, and later mentoring younger girls through Bible study. Growing up as an MK shaped who Elizabeth was and what she knew to be important, based on her parents' example.

The Whitman family went on furlough when Elizabeth was seven years old; during that year she remembers hearing the gospel many times but did not want to make a commitment before God and others. One Sunday night after hearing the same gospel message, this time preached by her grandfather, she could no longer resist God's call to repentance and salvation. That night, with help and guidance from her mother, she prayed to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. Following that decision she began to grow closer to the Lord, first in prayer and later in personal Bible reading. When she was 10 years old, Elizabeth was baptized and became a member of Centro Evangelico Battista (Perugia, Italy). Even from early on, she recognized the need for devoted servants of God to serve Him in Italy, yet over and over again she saw missionaries come and go. Elizabeth knew God had been preparing her from the time of salvation to serve Him in Italy, to share the true gospel with people who have been deceived by the religion they have trusted in for centuries.

Elizabeth went to Italian public schools, where she majored in languages (Italian, English, German, French and Latin). She also earned her diploma in flute at the music conservatory of Perugia after completing the required seven-year course of study. While having many friends, she was the only believer in all of her classes. During her high school years she began to have a strong burden for those friends that did not know Christ or the true gospel. Elizabeth was challenged by the fact that each day in school she had the opportunity to show Christ and be a testimony of what it meant to be a true Christian. She chose to go to Baptist Bible College (Pennsylvania) to get the training needed to serve God full-time in Italy.

Elizabeth was married to Daniel Ransom on December 27, 2003, in Perugia.

Elizabeth graduated from Baptist Bible College in 2005 and is currently working for an agency that provides one-on-one therapeutic support to kids with developmental problems such as autism and ADHD. In the local church she has had the opportunity to work with the middle-school ministry, women's Bible study, children's ministry, and the music ministry playing the flute.