

## Lorenza & Peter in Virginia

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It is now six months since Lorenza and I moved to Virginia. In some ways the time has passed quickly. In other ways, we seem to have been here for years.

Our summer was busy organising the building work and paperwork to set up our dance studio. It was all ready just in time for our Grand Opening in late August. A good number of students registered for our classes. Since then Lorenza has been busy teaching the ballet classes, and others have taught modern dance and Zumba. Meanwhile the business side has kept me, Peter, well occupied. I am also in charge of marketing, which is important as we still need more students for this to be a viable business. We are now starting a much needed Christmas week off.



The picture at the bottom is the mural which our friends Christina and Tito painted in our studio.

We know many of you were concerned about us during Hurricane Sandy. It was a major disaster for some on the coast. But for us, well inland and on the edge of the affected area, the storm was no worse than a typical English autumn gale. Apart from that we have mostly been enjoying bright and mild days, with some frosty nights, but not much wintry gloom and no snow yet.

We are still in our apartment in a Victorian house. Lorenza has made it beautiful with furnishings bought here as well as some things we had shipped from England. We can walk into the small town, but as I write I can enjoy the mountain view out of the window. We have made good friends in the town and through our church. We will spend Christmas evening with some Africans who live here.

UPDATE on Christmas Eve: it has started snowing, just on time! The mountain view has disappeared, but the garden is quickly turning white. We hope you are all enjoying a wonderful Christmas!

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