

**77<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORONATION OF**  
**H.I.M HAILE SELASSIE 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**AT PERUGIA ITALY**

High in the glorious autumnal mountains beyond the town of Perugia the Italian Brothers and Sistas held their annual celebration to commemorate our beloved Fathers Coronation. In an idyllic spot surrounded by outstanding natural beauty we stayed in a renovated farm estate dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

We were met by a community so warm and giving, that despite the minor language barrier we enjoyed a unity and spiritual togetherness.

Our hosts made every effort to ensure our stay was comfortable and enjoyable and the peace and tranquillity offered in this unique spot was perfect for quiet meditation and reading. Equally there were always bredrin and sistren to reason with whilst the gentle hum of the binghi drums tapped in the background.

The ceremony itself was a joyous occasion with each and every bredrin and sistren participating in the reading of psalms and passages. The original transcript of His Majesty's historical day was followed with intervals of drumming and chanting. To see the bredrin and sistren dressed in their white Ethiopian shawls and red, gold and green apparel was a truly beautiful sight. The sweet aroma of frankincense and the warm glow from the fireplace added to the whole ambiance of the gathering. We concluded with prayers and thanksgiving before enjoying a wonderful meal lovingly made by the sistren.

We were extremely blessed as "honoured" guests with the reception that we received and indeed personally, it was an honour to have been invited and welcomed into the Italian community.

Much thanks and praise in the Name of the Most High, Haile Selassie 1<sup>st</sup>

Sista Sharon