

2026 FTTA-XB Gospel Trip Report and Prayer Burdens 1 May 5, 2026

ITALY

On April 30th, the trainees arrived in Rome and had a time with the local saints, singing and getting to know one another. Just as the Lord operated through the one hundred and twenty in Acts, there is a burden that our service would be through prayer, the Spirit, and the Word for the one accord. The following day we had our first orientation session all together before separating into sub-teams for more specific fellowship, prayer, and travel to the respective target cities (Rome, Turin, Milan, Vicenza, Padua, Sicily, and Naples).

The goal of the saints' going out during these shepherding trips is three-fold: primarily, we are endeavoring to be one with our indwelling Lord to find the sons of peace by personal contact; secondly, we are joining the local saints in their labor on existing contacts; and thirdly, we are sowing in a general way by distributing gospel tracts and other material.



Orientation meeting with all the saints participating in Shepherding Trip B

Rome

May 1 to May 3

Rome, historically called the city of seven hills (Rev. 17:9), has a population of just under 3 million. The saints resumed the table meeting in 2012, and around 40 saints are currently meeting consistently. This past Lord's Day, there were around 65 saints including those visiting.

We have mainly spent our time tabling in the community and visiting the saints. Our times with the saints in the small group meetings have been a real testimony of God's sovereign hand and each one's consecration and cooperation with the Lord. We have also met with several existing contacts who have been attracted by the living Christ. The burden for many of these contacts,

some of whom have come out of Catholicism, is that they would be baptized and begin to see more concerning the church.

On Monday we joined the labor at La Sapienza University, Rome's major university, which has a student population of 120,000. According to the local saints, there has been an unprecedented level of openness from the students since the beginning of the shepherding trips. Today in two hours, the saints in Rome passed out 200 tracts and had 18 meaningful conversations.

Prayer burdens:

1. For the labor on campus, that the Lord would lead the sons of peace to the table and that our gospel times would result in meaningful relationships.
2. On Wednesday, May 6, there will be a dinner with new students at the home of some saints. Please pray that the right students would be released to attend and get connected with the saints.

Turin

May 1 to May 3

On Lord's Day, we went to the meeting in Turin in the morning. We gathered in a hotel event room, since the regular meeting place is far from where many of the saints live. There is a burden to find a more central meeting place, and the saints are actively looking and praying for this. The saints in Turin have been praying for a lampstand here for many years and are overjoyed to see what the Lord is doing in these days. Our team went to visit local saints in the evening. Some saints also went to visit nearby families in Aosta. On Monday, we set up a table to distribute tracts and Bibles near a metro station. People walking by were open to be approached and we had many good conversations.

Prayer burdens:

1. For a lampstand to be established in Turin.
2. For a meeting place with a central location to the saints for ease of gathering.



Milan

May 1 to May 3

We arrived in Milan late Friday afternoon and had dinner with some local saints. On Saturday, we had coordination in the morning followed by some gospel time in a park. We had a short tour of the city with the saints and then we had a small group meeting with some students and working ones. On Lord's day, we joined the Lord's table meeting, where 41 saints were present, with ones speaking Italian, English, Chinese, Portuguese, and Spanish. We then headed to Lecco to eat lunch with two families who live there, and afterwards we regrouped to walk around the town with the saints. On Monday, we had coordination in the morning followed by some gospel time at Politecnico di Milano, one of the leading technical universities in Italy. At night we split into two groups, with one group going to visit a sister and her family for dinner and the other joining a group of sisters who read a Life-study in Italian.

So far on this trip, we have noticed that our times with the saints have been especially beneficial for the young people and young working saints. There have been a number of opportunities to be all together to do various activities and these ones have been really enjoying these times, often lingering for a while after gatherings and wanting to spend more time together.

Prayer burdens:

1. For the YP and young working saints to continue to be encouraged and strengthened.
2. For the visitation of saints in their homes and for much blending.
3. For the weather to be favorable this week for the gospel and for sons of peace to be met.



Padua

May 1 to May 3

The seven of us arrived in Padua on Friday and went to the home of a serving family. They are in the process of purchasing a home a five minute walk from the University of Padua, which has a student population of 75,000. The majority of our time so far has been spent visiting saints, young people, or college students in the area near this city. There is a lampstand in Vicenza, a 20 minute drive from Padua, which is where the majority of the saints live. Because there is so

much fruit, gained both from the recent gospel trips and warm doors (neighbors, classmates, family, etc.), there is a real need for long-term shepherds.

Prayer burden:

1. For the Lord to lead some saints in the Lord's recovery to migrate to Padua.



Major burdens to pray for:

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2. On Wednesday, May 6, there will be a dinner with new students at the home of some saints. Please pray that the right students would be released to attend and get connected with the saints.
3. For a lampstand to be established in Turin.
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5. For the YP and young working saints to continue to be encouraged and strengthened.
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8. For the Lord to lead some saints in the Lord's recovery to migrate to Padua.