

2026 FTFA-XB Gospel Trip Report and Prayer Burdens 2 May 8, 2026

Rome

May 4 to May 8

This week we have been tabling at La Sapienza, the main university in Rome. The main burden of our time on campus is that students would not only pray to receive the Lord, but that we would have continued contact with them and that they would be added to the church in Rome. So far we have 11 new contacts, 5 of whom have already had a first appointment with the saints.

On Wednesday, we had a home meeting which was composed of 6 students and several community saints. Overall, it was a very sweet atmosphere where it was easy to get to know one another and enjoy the Lord together. We read a short portion on the morning star rising in our hearts and had some spontaneous sharing of enjoyment afterwards. At the end of the time, the students lingered for over an hour.

Monday was the start of the translation work of the Italian recovery version. The Italian language is the last Western European language to be translated, so this is a project crucial to the Lord's testimony in Europe.

This weekend (May 9-10) we will have an international blending conference for all the saints in Italy and neighboring countries. There will be approximately 250 attendants, and the subject is "The All-Inclusive Christ in Matthew."



Prayer burdens:

1. For continued care of the contacts that have been gained during these gospel trips.
2. For the Lord to burden some saints to come in a more long-term way to strengthen the shepherding of these new contacts.
3. For the international conference in Italy that will be held in Rome and that the Lord's present speaking would be released for His testimony in Italy.
4. For a strong beginning to the Italian translation work and that the Lord would cover all the practical arrangements, fellowship, and coordination related to this project.

Turin

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In our time in Turin this week, 23 people received the Lord and 609 tracts were distributed. We had very good follow-up appointments with contacts from previous gospel trips and many first-time contacts with Christians from the area who were interested in meeting with us. We tabled near a metro stop and passed out gospel tracts near a bus stop at Politecnico di Torino. The area had much traffic of students flooding to and from classes. We spoke to many of them and were able to share something of the Lord with them. A highlight from our trip was visiting saints in Cuneo and Biella. There was much fellowship over dinner and wonderful release of our spirit in our singing together with the saints. We were able to share the gospel with people we were with on the train as we travelled to visit the saints. There was a glorious atmosphere of enjoying the Lord and testifying Him to others.



Prayer burdens:

1. For the ongoing shepherding of the saints in Turin and the saints who live in surrounding cities such as Biella, Cuneo, Genova, Alba, and Aosta.
2. For a centrally-located meeting place for the saints to meet together in Turin.

Milan

May 4 to May 8

For the past few days, we have been having coordination in the morning followed by some gospel time at Politecnico di Milano. At night, we have been splitting into multiple groups to have dinner with various saints in their homes. These times have been full of sweet fellowship, reading and fellowshiping over a chapter of the Bible, responding to questions from a recently recovered saint, reading Life-study messages, and singing.

It has been very encouraging to see the saints being vitalized through these gatherings each night in the homes of the saints. In particular, one young sister who has grown up among the saints has been joining a gathering every night since we met her on our first full day in Milan. Similarly, a saint who has been recently recovered has been jumping into the church life through these gatherings. We hope all the saints will continue to be encouraged and strengthened through such gatherings.



Prayer burdens:

1. That the saints would be vitalized by being grouped together.
2. For more saints to migrate.

Vicenza / Padua

May 4 to May 8

This week was miraculously normal. Each day was structured about the same: coordination, enjoyment, and prayer in the morning, followed by a lunch appointment with students or gospel contacts in the home of the serving family in Padua in the afternoon, and either a dinner appointment with students or a meeting with the saints in Vicenza in the evening. By the end of the week, we were all filled with joy and satisfaction; 3 had received the Lord, we got to share Christ with about 33 contacts, but most of all, we just felt that God was moving in and among

His people in these two cities in the most normal way. So many of the saints and even students were such patterns to us in their living as New Testament priests of the gospel. Praise the Lord for His operation in Northern Italy!

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2. For more saints (especially brothers and those that speak both Italian and English) to move to Vicenza for the Lord's testimony there.
3. For the sufficient and abounding supply of grace to the family serving in Padua and the saints laboring in Vicenza.



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