

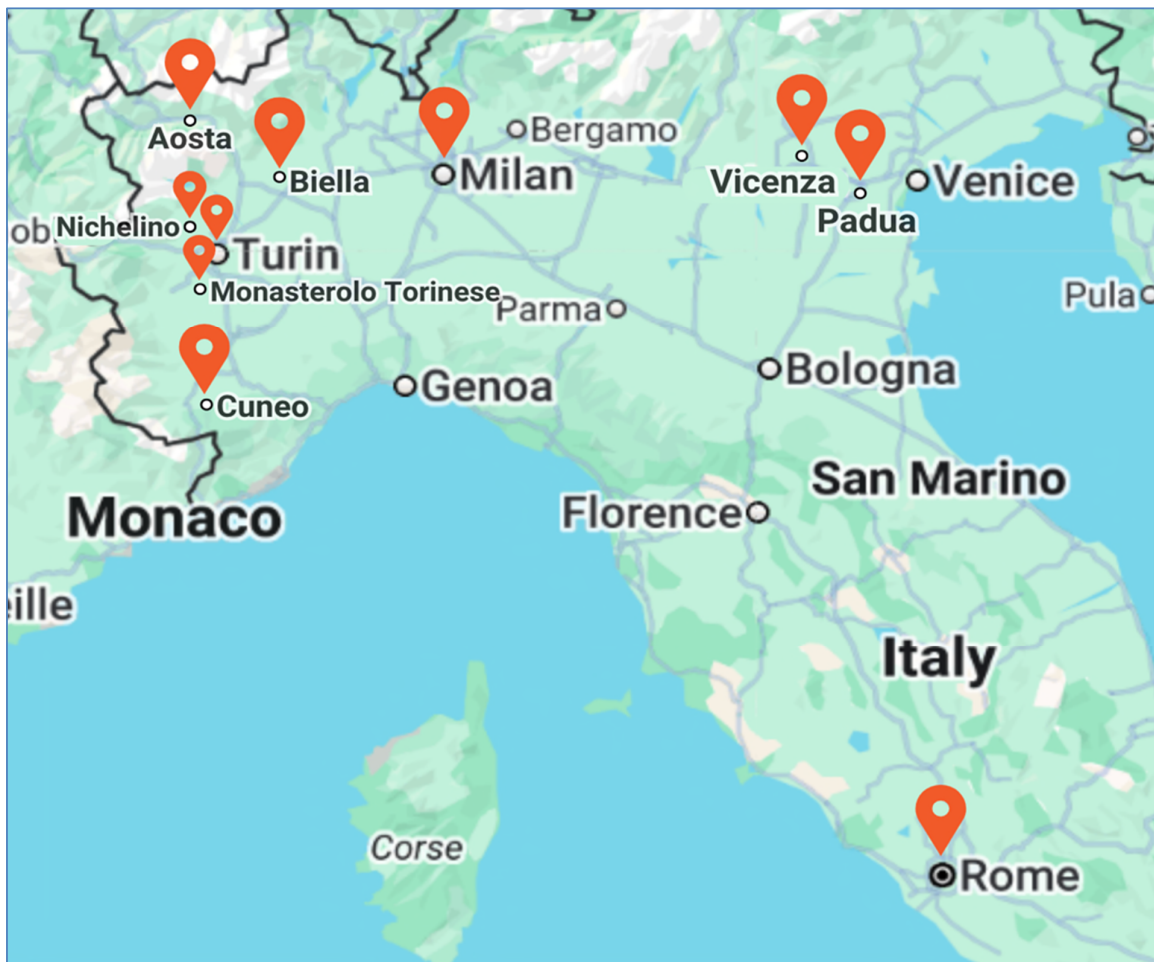
Italy Report

July and August 2026

Mark 4:26 & 27 The Lord says, "So is the kingdom of God: as if a man should cast seed on the earth...and the seed sprouts and lengthens.

Here are some of the evidences of "sprouts," of new "life growing" in Italy:

- Thirty-eight (young people and families) from Italy enjoyed the time at the European Young People's Conference this summer.
- We will hold our first Italian university conference this fall!
- There are now full-time serving ones in Rome, Milan, Vicenza/Padua and Turin. We have a joint coordination once a week.
- In mid-August there was a weekend Chinese-speaking perfecting training held in Prato. Others joined in the time with translation. Couples from Taiwan are burdened to come to Prato as part of a shepherding rotation this fall.
- Saints from the Iberian Peninsula are sending a team to Turin monthly.
- The semiannual training will be held in August/September in Rome, Milan, and Vicenza.
- Several saints have migrated as students, families, working ones, or serving ones to key cities this year. This has been a real strengthening.



Prayer Burdens:

1. That more saints will come for 1-3 months to Italy as shepherds, feeding His lambs.
2. That the Lord of the harvest would continue to send migrating ones!
3. That the Lord will send full-time serving saints as bridges so that we will see the “blending” in the Body.
4. That the Lord can gain the 2nd & 3rd generations who are Italian speaking.
5. That all the dear saints living around Turin will be strengthened to “spend and be utterly spent” to have the church life.
6. Lord, raise up the church in Turin!

Highlights from the July and August Shepherding trip to Turin

Saints from Spain, Portugal, France, and the United States joined a couple who has just migrated to Turin for this shepherding time.

The sisters met with a 17-year-old young Italian girl who is very open to the Lord and was contacted during a gospel trip. When she was ten years old, her mother encouraged her to seek God, and then when she turned fourteen, she began seeking the Lord on her own and developed a personal relationship with the Lord. The sisters invited her out for ice cream, and during their conversation she said that she desired to seek the Lord but continually found herself falling into sin. She then asked, “How can a Christian stop sinning?” This question provided an excellent opportunity to share Romans 7 and 8, where the contrast between the law of sin and of death and the law of the Spirit of life is revealed. She had brought her Bible with her, so the sisters asked if she would like to read the Scriptures together right there in the ice cream shop. She enthusiastically agreed, took her Bible out of her backpack, and they began reading together. She was deeply impressed to discover that the law of the Spirit of life overcomes the law of sin. Later she asked about marriage, which gave the sisters the opportunity to share that human marriage is a picture of God's eternal desire—to be joined to man in order to express Himself through man. It was a very sweet and profitable time of shepherding.

We had a time with a new sister and her daughter who were originally from Perú. The mother received the Lord and was baptized during a gospel trip in January 2026. Afterward, she received shepherding phone calls, but contact was eventually lost. She testified that since that time the Lord has brought about a genuine change in her life. We had a burden to help her see that the Lord Jesus lives in her and that she can contact Him through her human spirit. We shared with her 1 Corinthians 6:17: “But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.” We encouraged her to set aside a daily time to read God's Word so that she could grow in life. We agreed to have regular phone calls to enjoy the Word together. She has a burden for her daughter, who is open to the Lord and would like to meet with young people her own age.

Three team members visited another Peruvian couple and their two children, who had been contacted during earlier gospel trips. The family welcomed us very warmly and asked about several of the saints who had previously visited them. This greatly encouraged us, since it showed that they remembered and appreciated the care they had received. Seeing the husband's openness, we read the account of the Samaritan woman and shared concerning genuine worship, which is in spirit and in truthfulness. The husband immediately realized that the Lord had offered the woman a different kind of water. He then asked, “*Can everyone drink of that water?*” We then read John 7:37–39, where the Lord says, “*If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.*” We enjoyed seeing that the Lord makes no distinction. Everyone who thirsts may come to Him and receive the water of life.

The team attended a picnic organized by a sister who had been contacted during the shepherding trip in March 2026. She is fluent in Italian, is originally from Perú, and has been living in Italy for many years. She invited her sister and brother-in-law from Madrid. It was a very positive time together. We could sense the sister's tenderness toward the Lord and the love with which she received the saints. At one point she asked whether we could sing a hymn, so we sang *"Just Taste and See That the Lord Is Good."* She thoroughly enjoyed the hymn. We trust the Lord that as she continues to be nourished with the riches of Christ and the revelation concerning the church, the Lord will gradually broaden her vision concerning Christ and His Body.

We had dinner with a local young adult sister and her mother. Her family was in the Lord's recovery in China. They moved to Italy when she was very young. As a young person and then as a young adult, she experienced the Lord and spiritual companionship by attending the EYPC in Poland and winter school of truth in the Netherlands year after year. She and her husband and her mother are key saints for the Lord's testimony in Turin.

Team members visited a family in the town of Nichelino, a suburb southwest of Turin. These saints immigrated to Italy a number of years ago from Romania. We shared in Italian that when God looked upon the man He had created, He was able to rest and be satisfied. Man became like a refreshing drink that quenches God's thirst and satisfies Him. Afterward, we enjoyed singing and releasing our spirit in Italian. It was a very sweet time together.

We visited a family in Monasterolo Torinese, a village about 25 Km from Turin. They welcomed us with great joy and prepared lunch for us. During our time together, we enjoyed the matter of growing in the divine life. We fellowshiped about the experience of following the inner sense of life according to the tree of life.

Three team brothers visited a Peruvian brother who received the Lord during the shepherding trip in March 2026. The main burden for this visit was to connect him with a local saint. He shared that during the past few months he had drifted away from the Lord. He explained that he had gone through several difficult situations and, seeking comfort, began spending time with friends. He also told us that he had recently been involved in a car accident. In the midst of that experience, he sensed that the Lord spoke to him in a very personal way, showing him that he needed to reconsider the direction of his life and change his ways. We encouraged him to develop the habit of reading the Bible, and in order to help him establish this practice, we agreed to have short phone calls during the week to read the Scriptures together.

We visited a crucial Chinese-speaking family in a suburb west of Turin. The parents were in the church life in China as young adults but have been in Italy for thirty years. They have been longing and praying for the Lord to establish His testimony in Turin. Their children are Italian and Chinese speaking. Later in the week, we visited this family again. We had dinner together, which included their daughters and their husbands and grandchildren. A young newly saved brother and his girlfriend also came as well as another couple who previously was in the church life in China. This couple lives in a nearby town due to family circumstances and had come to spend the night in Turin so that they could attend the Lord's Day meeting. They shared that it is a real suffering for them not to be able to meet regularly with the saints, because they live in a small town where there is no public transportation during the weekends. They are so burdened for the Lord's testimony in Turin. May the Lord honor the persevering prayers for the establishment of a lampstand in Turin and for the shepherding that is needed.

We were able to meet with new ones from previous shepherding/gospel times. Some of them are meeting regularly for fellowship and ministry reading with a full-time serving couple who just migrated to Turin. We continue to look to the Lord on how to care for them to bring them into the church life.

We had lunch with two new brothers who had been contacted during previous gospel trips. One is originally from Perú; he is newly saved and who has been living in Italy for a number of years. The other brother, who is a Christian, recently arrived from Brazil. They both live in the Turin area, and we had the burden to encourage them to fellowship together. During our walk, we discovered that the brother from Perú lives very close to the family in Monasterolo Torinese, which could make future fellowship much easier. Before we parted, he invited us to visit him in his home and meet his parents. Later in the week the team invited the brother from Brazil to have lunch and to attend a home meeting. During our fellowship we felt led to read *The Glorious Church* with him.

Two team brothers had a phone call with the brother whom they met on Saturday to help him develop the habit of feeding on the Word. We read the first chapter of 1 Thessalonians. Although the chapter is short, he was able to taste how enjoyable it is to read the Scriptures. We agreed to continue this weekly time of Bible reading.

Visiting Biella

The team traveled to Biella to visit saints. One family is originally from the Philippines, and the other is a young Brazilian family. They prepared so much food with fresh vegetables from their own gardens. After dinner we read the *Holy Word for Morning Revival* in Italian and then had a rich overflow concerning the two principles operating in the universe: God's authority and Satan's rebellion. We especially enjoyed seeing that from God's throne flows the river of water of life, reaching man to impart the divine life into him.

Visiting Cuneo

In Cuneo we visited a family who came into the church life in the Philippines during the 1990s. They welcomed us warmly into their home. We then visited a family who are their relatives and who have been gained for the Lord and have received care over the past few years. The young daughter of the family expressed deep gratitude for the shepherding. She shared that because of this care, both she and her family had drawn much closer to the Lord and many things had changed in their lives. She was able to attend the EYPC the previous year, and she expressed her desire to attend again next year.

Visiting Aosta

In Aosta there are four families. All of them have a background in the Lord's recovery in China. Several saints shared how much they long to fully enjoy the church life again. Circumstances have prevented them from meeting regularly together or even to travel for blending. We encouraged them to continue paying the price to remain in the church life, reminding them of the great spiritual inheritance we have in the Lord's recovery and what the Lord has deposited in them. We could sense a deep longing in their spirit to go on and not neglect their inheritance. May the Lord send workers who speak both Chinese and Italian so that the saints could be properly cared for and the next generation could be cultivated and grow. We also realized that these visits help believers taste once again the sweetness of the church life. They are like "glowing embers" that simply need to be "fanned into flame" again.

Later, we visited the saints in Aosta again. There are currently no home meetings, but they have repeatedly expressed the desire to meet together but need help on how to meet. During our visit, together with visiting saints from Rome and Milan, they welcomed us all with a barbecue for us in

the mountains. This time the second generation was present, mostly teenagers. May the Lord lead the way to care for these dear ones.

Lessona

We visited a family in a little town called Lessona, around 20 minutes' drive from Biella. The wife, her son, and her mother will attend the family camp in Spain in September. Saints from Biella who meet regularly through Zoom to pursue the ministry together joined our time.

Gospel preaching time at Porta Nuova Station

On most days we went out to preach the gospel at Porta Nuova Station (a busy main station in Turin). We met open ones who exchanged contact with us and wanted to have appointments with us. Three of those whom we had appointments with came to the meeting on Lord's Day!

This is a testimony of one of the saints who met someone during that time: "I handed him a tract, and he looked it over while nodding; then I explained that we are Christians and weren't offering him food from a restaurant (the tract had a picture of a restaurant on the cover) but rather a different kind of nourishment—a human being consists of three parts and needs three different kinds of food. He smiled at me and said that he too was a Christian but didn't attend meetings because he "only follows Jesus" and reads the Bible on his own. He said he wants to become more and more like Jesus; so, I told him that God's desire in making man in His own image and likeness was that He wants us to become like Him in life, nature, constitution, and function but not in Godhead. We gave him a Bible and read a footnote with him. It was good time.

We met Spanish speakers, some Italians, and some English speakers. We distributed tracts in Italian and Spanish.

During the week we also enjoyed having fellowship in the homes of saints who live in the Turin area; we got to know them more and to know their experiences with the Lord and how the Lord brought them there. We feel that the Lord is moving in these local saints and is burdening them for the raising up of a testimony in Turin.