

Torch Relay and Olympic Games Gospel Trips in Italy

TR 3 in Bologna and Turin

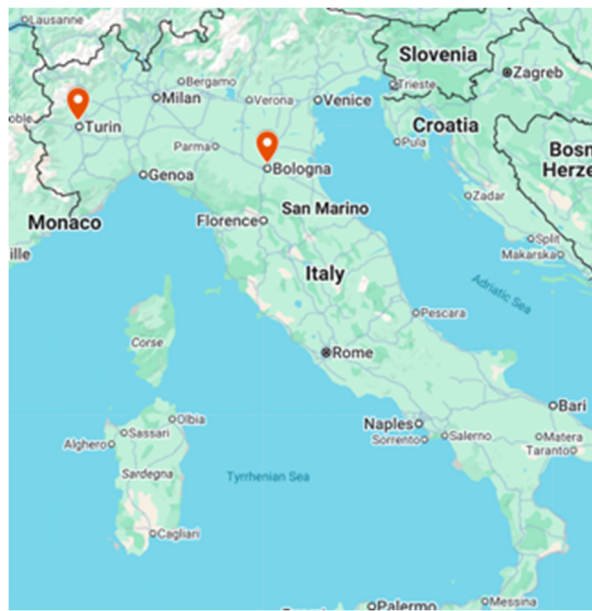
Prayer Burdens for the Lord's Work in Italy

Bologna

1. In Bologna we met many new ones. Pray that the Lord would use these new ones to raise up a testimony and that there will be a way to shepherd all these new ones regularly, one-on-one, so that none of them will be lost.
2. Please pray for the nearby cities of Ferrara and Rimini. May the Lord strengthen the family in Ferrara and build connections between this family and the new ones we've met there. Ferrara may be a preferable city for us to consider for future visitations. Also pray that the Lord will gain the seeking group of believers in Rimini.
3. Last, some of the saints were able to visit a Chinese-speaking family in Bologna multiple times throughout the trip. Pray for this family's connection to the saints to be maintained and that the Lord will burden some saints to migrate to Bologna to strengthen the saints in Bologna, Rimini, and Ferrara. May the Lord send some here to continue the labor for His move in Italy.

Turin

1. Pray that the saints in Turin will be strengthened to live Christ daily and experience the church life from house to house.
2. Pray for the more than 30 new ones who were met during this first gospel trip to have regular feeding appointments and be connected to those who come on subsequent gospel trips and the local saints.
3. Pray for the Lord to raise up a lampstand in Turin.



Highlights from the Gospel Team in Bologna

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Bologna is the seventh largest city in Italy. It is a strategic location for several reasons. Bologna is between the two cities of Ferrara and Rimini, where we have some contacts and where a few saints are living. There is also a family in Bologna with a desire to open their home for the Lord. Bologna also hosts Bologna University, the oldest university in the western world, and is a strategic place for the gaining of many young people. The Winter Olympics Torch Relay afforded us an opportunity to visit and labor with much sowing!

Days 1 & 2 The saints on the Bologna and Turin gospel trips arrived in Milan and gathered in the meeting hall. We had a welcome meeting, in which the brothers opened up the burden of the gospel trips and the saints introduced themselves. It was wonderful to gather to pray together with saints from so many localities throughout the world. Today for our orientation we split into our sub teams and prayed strong prayers. During our time we prayed that each participant would meet at least one person to contact long-term to bear as remaining fruit. We also prayed that we would remain in the flow and maintain the one accord for the blessing.

In the evening after traveling to Bologna, we had a meeting for more prayer and coordination. This time was very sweet. A family from Padua got an Airbnb and opened their place to hold our daily coordination times.

Day 3 On the Lord's Day we blended with Italian saints from nearby localities and shared our enjoyment in a local saints' restaurant in Bologna. After the meeting we had a love feast and heard the testimony from the couple who owned the restaurant. They are eager for more to be gained in Bologna and opened their restaurant for us to meet in and to invite those whom we meet for appointments. Pray that the Lord will gain this whole family and will use their opening to the Lord for His house.

Some saints will have the opportunity to go to other nearby cities, Rimini and Ferrara. Today part of our group went to Rimini to meet with believers who left the denominations and have asked the saints in Italy to visit them for shepherding.

Day 4 We split into two groups to go out on the gospel. One group went to the Piazza Maggiore, a busy square in Italy, and one group went to the University of Bologna.

At the Piazza there was a man who came to our table to see if we were genuine Christians. We had fellowship together and we were encouraged. He read a portion of the *Basic Elements of the Christian Life* and boldly claimed that he is safe, secure, and enjoying his salvation. May the Lord gain this one for the Body!

Saints had coffee with a very open man. The gospel was preached to him, and he is open to meet again and to come to the gospel dinner on Wednesday. Praise the Lord for this interaction and his openness!

Saints went to Rimini to table and afterward met with seeking local Italian believers for lunch. These believers are searching for deeper genuineness and want to meet on the proper ground of the church. Thank the Lord that the saints are now connected with these local Italian believers.

Day 5 We went to two locations, the Piazza Maggiore and a nearby busy street. Due to the snowy weather conditions, we spent the time singing! Many were drawn through our singing. An older gentleman also sang with us in Italian and took a picture of the song. A young man later asked us to stay and sing another song. We shared the gospel with him, and he took a copy of *Basic Elements of the Christian Life*.

In the evening we went to a Piazza to pass out gospel tracts. Many were grateful to receive the tracts, and we had a few solid conversations. One woman prayed to receive the Lord after the saints spoke to her about the tract.

Day 6 The saints continued to labor in the gospel by tabling and contacting people at the Piazza Maggiore and the University of Bologna. At the university the saints found a busier location and were able to contact many more students. Most of the young Italians we met had a background in Catholicism and were willing to listen, with several being open to further contact and fellowship.

In the evening we had a gospel dinner with one of the saint's new ones. During the fellowship we overflowed concerning our enjoyment of Christ, the reality of the church, and Christ as reality rather than doctrine. We sang hymns and read verses together, and the new one was very open and agreed to meet with the saints again the following day. Praise the Lord for this seeking one!

The two saints who own the restaurant also joined us for the singing time and enjoyed singing with the Chinese-speaking saints on our trip. They were very touched and even invited us to return on Saturday for more fellowship. Praise the Lord for this family! May He continue to have His way with them and the workers at this restaurant for His testimony.

Days 7 and 8 Saints traveled to the nearby city of Ferrara, about forty-five minutes from Bologna, to table at the Piazza Savonarola. Ferrara has a rich Christian history, and many of the locals were noticeably more open to Christianity. The saints had a strong feeling that this is a city worth returning to for further follow-up and shepherding, as we met several open ones.

The next day saints had an appointment with two new ones at Ferrara, while the other saints stayed at the table. Both of the new ones held opinions about religion, but as the fellowship continued, they opened themselves to have further contact with the local saints in Ferrara and Vicenza. Five Bibles were passed out in Ferrara that day! God willing, the saints will go back to Ferrara in the future and continue the labor there!

The saints who remained in Bologna labored in areas near the University of Bologna and contacted many students. Many were able to converse in English and listened attentively to the gospel. Although many of these students are agnostic and unfamiliar with the truth, they are open and curious. While some were not ready to receive the Lord immediately, many seeds were planted, and the saints sensed the importance of consistent follow-up and relationship-building. Amid social and political unrest, especially among younger people, there remains a genuine openness to seek for and hear the truth.

In Bologna, the saints had appointments with their new ones. Some sisters met with a hungry and seeking college student studying in Bologna. They got to know her more and gave her a Bible. They plan to have further appointments with her! Praise the Lord for His move among the younger people and college students in Bologna!

Through the Bologna distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 1209 tracts and 117 *Basic Elements* booklets, and we had conversations with 46 and exchanged personal contact information with 44. 14 prayed to receive the Lord, and we had appointments with 8 new ones.

Highlights from the Gospel Team in Turin

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Turin is located in the northwest of Italy and is one hour from Milan by fast train and 1 hour and 40 minutes by car. It is the fourth largest city in Italy and has two large universities with over 120,000 students. There are more than 25 saints living in Turin, and least 15 meet regularly on Lord's Day. There are also three small clusters of saints in cities about an hour outside of Turin who come to Turin periodically for blending. We hope that a lampstand will be raised up there soon with the support of the visiting gospel teams and the follow-up shepherding trips.

Day 1 The Turin team had a time of corporate fellowship and prayer with the local saints in Milan and the Bologna team. Our fellowship focused on praying for those whom the Lord is preparing in Turin, the sons of peace. We prayed for our group that we would be in one accord through prayer, the Spirit, and the word.

Afterward we ate lunch together near the train station and then headed for Turin (a 2-hour ride). Satan's attack on the Lord's move was evident, as an hour away from our destination, the train had to make an emergency stop, and everyone had to get off the train. Despite this delay, one woman prayed to receive the Lord on the ride, and another young man exchanged contact information with one of the saints. While we were thinking we would have to wait several hours for the trains to resume, some saints from Turin offered to come and drive the saints group by group to their living arrangements. Praise the Lord for the Body!

Day 2 We had a Lord's table meeting with local saints from Turin and the surrounding cities. There were around 60 saints, including the gospel team and local saints! We had lunch with all the saints in a nearby restaurant; this was a wonderful time of blending! Some saints were able to host local saints at their Airbnb for a time of more blending. Later in the day many gospel tracks were passed out throughout the city. We plan to have more distribution times tomorrow and the rest of the week.

Day 3 We started the day with coordination, and we read *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*. Then, with much prayer we divided into two groups and went out for the gospel. One group tabled at Palazzo Nuovo at the University of Turin, and the other group tabled at the bus station. Thirty people received the Lord, ten copies of *Basic Elements* were distributed, and more than 400 tracts were shared. In addition, four Bibles were given out, and we had two appointments later that day.

Day 4 After coordination and fellowship, we went out on the gospel in our two groups to two major train stations. In total, we had 53 conversations, gathered information from 16 personal contacts, 22 people received the Lord, 15 *Basic Elements* books were distributed, and 434 tracks were given out. In the evening some saints blended over dinner in the homes of local saints in Turin, while the rest held a prayer meeting. Tomorrow we plan to have a gospel dinner, where new ones we have invited can meet the local saints.

Days 5-7 During our morning coordination and fellowship, we shared many encouraging testimonies and appointments. We then went out on the gospel in our two groups, near the University of Torino and Porta Susa (a train station).

In the evening, we had a very encouraging gospel dinner! Three new ones came to our dinner.

Yesterday, we met a man on the metro, and he came to our gospel dinner and prayed to receive the Lord! Today we had lunch with him, and he asked more about why we are visiting, and we spoke to him more about John 6:35, about Jesus being food to supply us. We also explained the Recovery Version and gave him a Bible and also the *Basic Elements*. He said that he might be free tomorrow for a call or to meet in person. O Lord, we pray for another time to be released and for his openness!

A young man whom we met at the table mentioned that he has been reading the Bible lately and is very encouraged that we came to Italy to share the gospel. We have an appointment scheduled tomorrow to read the Bible with Him.

Many saints had appointments with new ones, and we tabled near the university. At night we had much blending with the local saints, with some eating out together and some eating in the local saints homes.

From Thursday to Saturday 8 saints went to visit Genoa, the sixth largest city in Itali, where a small number of saints are living. They were able to meet with these saints to encourage them and also spend time on the gospel and distributing the ministry.

On Saturday we spent some time during our coordination to plan how we would follow up with the more than 30 persons whom we met throughout the week. We were also able to have our last gospel time, during which a college student approached the table and was very open and desperate to have fellowship with us. He received an English Recovery Version and an Italian Bible. He is also interested in attending the Lord's Day meeting tomorrow.

Two groups of saints were able to drive over an hour to the cities of Cuneo and Biella to meet with the small group of saints there in their homes. It was a wonderful time of blending and fellowship.

Two other groups of saints remained behind in Turin to follow up with some of the new ones whom met this week. The first group of saints met with a mother and her two daughters in their home. After this time the mother and a daughter were brought to a saint's home to be baptized in the bathtub!

The other group of saints were able to invite some of the university students for a gathering in one of the saints' home. Although we had several meetings with these students during the week, this was the first time for them to be in a home of the saints. One of the students was baptized! We were so encouraged by these baptisms today! What a glory to the Lord and a shame to the enemy!

On Lord's Day morning we will have our last meeting with the saints in Turin before returning to Milan for the overflow meeting with the team in Bologna. We expect to have a way to raise up the church life in Turin with these saints and the new ones we are caring for.

Through the Turin distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 1407 tracts, 52 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 27 Bibles, and we had conversations with 188 and exchanged personal contact information with 73. 82 prayed to receive the Lord. We had appointments with 3 new ones, 3 came to gatherings, and 3 were baptized.

The team in Bologna



The team in Turin

