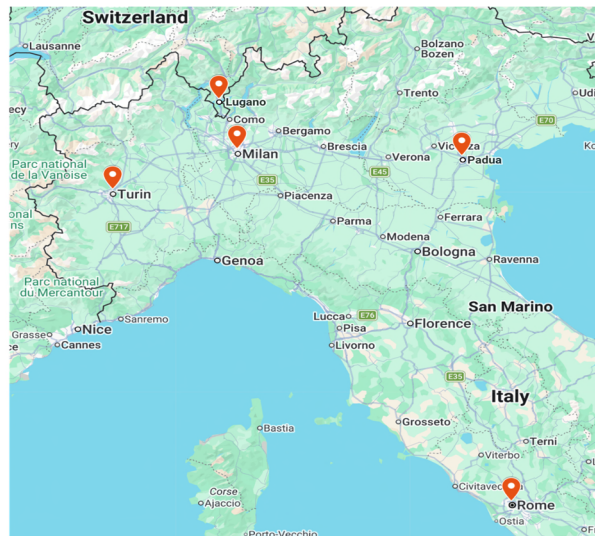


# **Torch Relay and Olympic Games Gospel Trips in Italy TR 5 in Milan (& Lugano, Switzerland), Padua, Rome, and Turin January 30—February 9, 2026**

We praise the Lord for all He is doing in the gospel trips in Italy. We are reminded of what Brother Lee shared with us concerning the Lord's need in Europe before the end of this age. The divine move of God is seen through human history. If the Lord is to have a way, there must be some who are willing give themselves to leave the convenience of living in their own countries and speaking their own language so that the Lord can raise up the small churches He needs before His soon return. As we read these reports, may our hearts open to pray and go as He leads us on.



## **Prayer Burdens for the Lord's Work in Italy**

### **Milan ( & Lugano, Switzerland)**

#### **Pray:**

1. That the Lord will bring us the seeking ones among the students at the universities.
2. That the "warm doors" (i.e., saints' friends, colleagues, etc.) will be open for contact and meeting the saints.
3. That the Lord will shepherd the local saints through our time with them throughout the week.

### **Padua**

#### **Pray:**

1. That the Lord will give us a way to stay in touch with the new ones we met in the previous gospel trips.
2. That the Lord will bless the Bible study group and open the Word to them through the riches of the ministry.
3. That we can stay in touch with those who express a desire to do so.
4. For the Lord to gain what He wants from the seeds that were sown at the Wednesday night Bible study, and that He will be wisdom to the saints in how to cooperate with the Lord in this.
5. That the Lord will gain a small group of university students.

## **Prayer Burdens for the Lord's Work in Italy, Continued**

### **Rome**

#### **Pray:**

1. For the Lord's word to prevail on the campus in Rome, Sapienza Università di Roma.
2. That the new ones will be connected with the local saints and be brought into the church life.
3. That through these gospel trips a small group of university students will be gained.

### **Turin**

#### **Pray:**

1. That all the contacts from the TR trips will be connected to the saints for the shepherding care.
2. That saints will migrate to Turin for the church life, especially older established couples.
3. That the Lord will raise up His testimony in this city

## **Highlights from the Gospel Team in Milan (& Lugano, Switzerland)**

### **Milan**

#### **Day 1:**

We had the orientation with all the Italy subteams (including Rome, Turin and Padua) in the Milan meeting hall. It was so wonderful to see all the saints, both local and from around, the world gathered together for the Lord's move! We had some strong prayers for our time on this trip.

In the afternoon we went to two shopping malls to begin our gospel preaching. Since it was a Saturday, many local saints joined us. The tract we mainly passed out was called "Hai Mangiato Bene?" ("Have you eaten well?"), presenting the Lord as food for the hunger deep within. A good number of Italians were open to having a conversation with us. One of them could not speak English well but still endeavored to talk to us through Google translate. We gave him a *Basic Element of the Christian Life*, and he asked for another one for his cousin. Another Catholic man who had been reading the Bible for many years listened intently to our sharing about the Lord Jesus as the bread of life for us to eat, and he responded saying "that is very interesting and has me thinking." We ended up giving him our number so he could reach out to us when he is ready.

So far we noticed that many Italians have some knowledge of or background in Christianity and are quick to dismiss us when we mention the Lord. We must learn to present the Lord in more experiential and living ways!

#### **Day 2:**

We had the Lord's table meeting (in 3 languages) at the meeting hall in Milan. At a certain point we sang Hymn #1107 and had a deep sense that "There is one Body in this universe", and we are expressing it here in Milan! May the Lord continue to gain many more localities in Europe for the expression of His one Body! During the prophesying meeting we covered the divine history within the human history, and the saints shared much about how the Lord needs an upper-room consecration from us in order for Him to move in an unhindered way on the earth.

We had a very rich love feast after the table meeting with so much food prepared by the saints. There was a lot of blending and fellowship between the local saints and the ones visiting for the gospel trip. A gospel new one was baptized after the love feast in a local saint's home!

We headed to the Olympics torch relay in Lecco. In two's and three's we went out to contact all those waiting for the torch relay. A number of open ones were willing to hear about the Lord and followed us to pray.

Toward the end a local student approached the table with a curious question about the sinful nature of man. From this we led her to understand the human fallen condition and helped her to receive the Lord by calling on Him! We then had an appointment with her in a restaurant nearby to have more fellowship while waiting for the torch relay. For dinner, a family in Lecco had us over for a wonderful feast.

### **Day 3:**

Today during our coordination time, we read chapter 1 of *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*. We were freshly touched that everything in human history happens not by chance but under the Lord's sovereign hand for the working of His economy. Now in these last days He is arranging all situations so that the truth can be spread throughout Europe for His coming back.

After coordination we went to two campuses: Politecnico di Milano-Bovisa, a top engineering school in Italy, and Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, to preach the gospel. There we set up tables with tracts and began to sing, enjoying the Lord together. As we all sang, we were able to release our spirit, bringing in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, which attracted a number of students to the table. Some of us went into the school buildings to reach them in a more personal way. One student was willing to have lunch with us. Although her English was limited, she was very willing to hear us speak about the Bible. We shared with her Matthew 11:28, how the Lord is true rest to her, and she was touched saying the Lord spoke this word to her recently too. We exchanged contact information and hope to read *Basic Elements of the Christian Life* (BECL) with her later this week. We also met two local Italian students who were really open to us, and we exchanged contact information. They offered to show us around the city later this week. We pray this would happen so that through this opportunity something of the Lord can be revealed to them! In the evening some saints attended an Italian Life-study reading session after they had dinner together.

### **Day 4:**

During our coordination time today, we read chapter 2 of *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, "If we have a burden to go to Europe, we must spend day and night to study the truths. Then we will know what the Lord's recovery is, and we will have a real burden to go to Europe to teach people." It is the Lord's mercy to give us all these truths, and we need to be burdened to study and spread these truths to the hungry ones. After reading this chapter, we spent a substantial amount of time fellowshiping about the situations of our gospel contacts and praying for them.

After coordination we again separated into two teams to go to the same universities as yesterday to preach the gospel. We had very positive and in-depth conversations with many students, and many were willing to exchange their contact information with us for further follow-up. Some of us also had appointments with the ones we met these past couple of days. We thank the Lord for all these open ones and pray that the Lord will continue to arrange these appointments. We had some strong prayer in the evening prayer meeting of the church.

### **Day 5:**

In coordination today we were touched to see just how critical Europe is to the Lord's move and His coming back. The brothers charged us repeatedly that we need to dive into the Scriptures and the ministry to personally touch this burden for Europe ourselves. Afterward we continued our fellowship and prayer for the ones we have been contacting.

Because of the rainy weather today, we could not table outside; instead, we broke into twos and threes to personally contact students at the two universities and City Life (a shopping mall). University students at large are polite and willing to have conversations with us. We've been learning to reach these students not as "evangelists preaching the gospel" but just as "visitors in the area looking to make friends and share what we believe". The Lord seems to really be blessing this way; although we don't come away with mass numbers of flyers passed out, we are able to consistently gain substantial conversations and genuine human connections. We are beginning to have second and third appointments.

In the evening some of us attended home meetings, while others had a welcome dinner with the gospel new ones. Four new ones attended the dinner, and all of them were open for further times with us. On the metro ride back, while we were fellowshiping with one another, we noticed a young woman listening to us. We ended up talking to her for the rest of the ride. Although she was not saved, she was really

listening to us as we shared with her about Christ as the One who authors faith into us when we look away unto Him. At the end she gave us her contact information, and we hope to have an appointment with her this coming Saturday. Our gospel time has not been limited to the dedicated 2.5 hours at the universities. We are truly experiencing that when we are enjoying the Lord and filled with the Spirit, everyone is a gospel contact and every time is gospel time.

### **Day 6:**

After coordination this morning, we split off again to visit both universities, while some of us continued with appointments. We had our 4<sup>th</sup> time with a Bicocca student today. He attended the welcome dinner last night and is looking forward to our next gathering. May this one be a remaining fruit for the church. After the gospel preaching time, some of us went to have lunch at a restaurant owned by the parents of a gospel friend whom we met several days ago. We were able to talk to both of her parents and get to know her more. May the Lord gain this household for His purpose.

After lunch we went on a tour around Duomo (a landmark of Milan). In a plaza filled with tourists, we sang two hymns in different languages (English, Italian, and Spanish). We really enjoyed the Lord and released our spirit by singing, and many were attracted to stop and listen.

In the evening we had a sweet blending time with the local saints. One of the new ones received the Lord in our fellowship after dinner.

## **Lugano**

### **Day 1:**

On February 5<sup>th</sup> part of the Milan team traveled to Lugano, Switzerland, to join with some Swiss saints to share the gospel in this Italian-speaking city. May the Lord raise up many divine appointments these few days!

We were divided into two groups: one group contacted people around tables, and the other group went about in twos and threes to talk with people. One group went near the campus. Although many people were open to talk with us, it was not easy to exchange contact information. Tomorrow the saints have one confirmed appointment and two potential appointments.

One new one we met grew up in Geneva but lives in Lugano now. He is considering Christianity. He will meet the brothers tomorrow and requested an English Bible.

### **Day 2:**

Our fellowship this morning centered around 1 Peter 1:2 — praying for people in Lugano to be brought into the obedience to Jesus Christ and delivered from the spirit of disobedience. We were able to set up an additional table on the same street.

During lunch at the university two brothers met a student originally from China but who had grown up in Milan. As he considered the purpose of his life, a visible burden was lifted when the brothers shared he did not need to find his own — God already created him with a purpose. His face changed when he called on the Lord. May the Lord release his baptism!

Two brothers had an appointment with the man we had met yesterday who was considering Christianity. The brothers shared about salvation from John 3 and what it meant to be born again. He prayed and received the Lord! He is open to have Zoom times to read and pray at least once every two weeks with the brothers. Pray that he can be connected with local Swiss brothers.

### **Through the Milan and Lugano distributions and gatherings:**

We passed out a total of 669 Tracts, 33 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 5 Bibles. We had conversations with 220 and exchanged personal contact information with 137. 55 prayed to receive the Lord. We had appointments with 12 new ones, and 1 came to a meeting.

## Highlights from the Gospel Team in Padua

### Days 1 & 2:

Our subteam traveled to Padua, where we met the one family who lives in Padua for the spread of the Lord's testimony. We enjoyed the Lord together and heard a little about how the Lord brought them to Italy and to Padua. The Lord is really using the children of this family as gospel seeds on the university campus to reach many students at the University of Padua. The trip is expected to focus on following up with some of these new ones to establish them more. The next day we joined the Lord's table meeting in Vicenza and had a love feast with the saints there.

### Day 3:

Today we set up a table in the city center near the university to distribute materials and preach the gospel. While singing at the table, we noticed many of the locals turning to listen to our singing, and some even approached the table. We sensed that the singing was a great help to the atmosphere and was attractive to the local people. A man even came to the table and sang with us, saying that he loves Jesus.

Overall, we found that a good number of people were open to having conversations, and a few gave their contact information. An Ethiopian student who is a believer wants to have further contact with us. A mom and daughter who have been practicing Catholicism for the past few years would like to join some of our meetings. The daughter received a Spanish New Testament with footnotes. They've set up an appointment with some saints on the team for tomorrow morning. We also met a high school student from France. She reads the Bible at home once a week and in school, but when asked if she knows Jesus, she said she wasn't sure. We told her about her spirit and how she can easily know Jesus by praying. She received a tract and a French New Testament with footnotes.

The brothers also had an appointment with a new one from the previous gospel trip who is a student at the University of Padua. He grew up Catholic but has been seeking something deeper. He has been reading the *BECL* on his own after receiving it last week. In the appointment we covered how to contact the Lord moment by moment by calling on Him to enjoy a daily salvation.

### Day 4:

Today we tabled at a big walkway near the university and found that we ran into many more students than we did yesterday. Since it was so close to the school, they were in a rush to pass by and get to class; nevertheless, we were able to have more meaningful conversations.

We met a group of three female students, one of whom lives in Vicenza and received a Bible from saints in the previous gospel trip. The three friends read the Bible together and seem to be looking for a community to read the Bible. May the Lord gain this cluster of students!

A graduate student (who moved to Padua a year ago) tries to read the Bible once a week but isn't very consistent. She was so happy to meet the saints but is too busy with finals to meet soon. May the Lord keep this one and bring her into contact with the saints!

### Day 5:

Today it was raining the whole day, so we decided not to table outdoors. Instead, we went to the city center, paired up, and practiced speaking to local people without tabling. At first the rain seemed to be a hindrance, but then we felt that the Lord sovereignly used this to redirect us to have some longer conversations with local people in the city.

We ran into one we met on Monday and felt this was a divine arrangement from the Lord. We got his contact information and were able to invite him to the gospel dinner this Friday.

We met a student who had received a Bible during the previous gospel trip. When the saints approached her, she recognized the Recovery Version because her sister had a Recovery Version. She said that she has been reading the Recovery Version and has been enjoying all the footnotes! She couldn't meet with us this week because she is busy with finals. Pray that she will continue to be in contact with the saints after her finals!

One of the students had a conversation with a sister after the Bible study. He said that her sharing felt like a great blessing. Their conversation led to the topic of the church, and he was impressed that we meet as a local church that takes no name for itself as in the times of the early apostles.

We met a local Italian who grew up Catholic but is seeking for something deeper. He hasn't received the Lord yet but exchanged contact information with one of the brothers who attended the Bible study.

A student said that he is searching for something deeper and realizes he needs to know the Bible more. He received a Recovery Version with footnotes on the last gospel trip and will be meeting with two brothers again tomorrow.

### **Through the Padua distributions and gatherings:**

We passed out a total of 253 Tracts, 18 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 14 Bibles, and we had conversations with 55 and exchanged personal contact information with 32. 6 prayed to receive the Lord, and we had appointments with 9 new ones.

## **Highlights from the Gospel Team in Rome**

### **Day 1:**

We had the initial fellowship meeting in the meeting hall at Milan. The brothers shared that we need to continue to live in the divine history within human history for the spreading and building up of the church. In order to accomplish this, the brother mentioned that the upper room consecration is needed.

### **Day 2:**

We were in coordination in Milan with the saints in Italy and the teams in Padua, Milan, and Rome. We started singing hymn 909; "In the steam in the stream, let us work in the steam! We'll work as in the heavenly team". The brothers covered the crucial items and details concerning gospel trips, for example, how to approach Italians and start a casual conversation. The brothers stressed that we are aiming for personal contact with Italians.

We then split off into our own respective subteams and prayed for our time in Rome. The gospel team for Rome are mainly the saints from FTTA, Sacramento, and Taipei, Taiwan. The saints in Rome are burdened to gain remaining fruit for the increase of the church, especially from the local ones in the university.

### **Day 3:**

We met at the meeting hall in Rome. The majority of the saints in Rome came here by migration. During the prophesying time we were encouraged to see the saints enjoying the Lord and closely following the ministry.

Many of us had long conversations with the saints in Rome while touring around the city. It was a time of blending. We also preached the gospel to the owner of a Gelato shop. We shared our enjoyment with him.

At nighttime, some saints opened their homes for some of us to have dinner, while the rest of us went to dine and have fellowship in a restaurant with the saints.

### **Day 4:**

We started our day fellowshipping in the meeting hall of Rome. We were encouraged to see that so many young families had migrated to Rome for His testimony. It was good to see such a dynamic church life in Rome. The gospel preaching right now is focusing on the university, as the saints desire to gain a core group of students. During noon time we tabled close to the Sapienza University of Rome, one of the top 3 schools in Italy with 120,000 students. The students are currently having final exams, so it is hard to stop the students when they are on their way to finals and to have conversations with them. But the saints exercised their spirit, endeavoring for every chance to talk to the students. When there is an opportunity, we opened the tract ("Hai mangiato bene" — Have You Eaten Well) and introduced the tract to them in a concise way. Many then stopped to listen to us, even exchanging contact information with us. Even

though it is an Italian university, there are a lot of international students who are able to speak English, and some classes are taught in English. Some students came to the table out of curiosity and became really open after hearing the gospel. Several students with religious backgrounds were open to have appointments with the saints. A lot of saints were able to preach the gospel to the students when having lunch at the cafeteria.

#### **Day 5:**

We tabled near the Sapienza University of Roma again. The saints sang hymns in Italian and English. Despite the weather being a bit gloomy, the people we talked to were more open than those we met yesterday. We were able to exchange more personal contact information with the new ones. Some brothers even had a chance to have an appointment with a new one right after meeting him on the street.

This morning some sisters went to an appointment with a student with a Christian background whom we met yesterday. At lunch time this student met with the sisters again along with a friend of hers. She told us that now she calls upon the Lord every day! The sisters are currently reading some ministry materials with her.

Due to rain we split into two teams and went to two cafeterias at the university. We sat down with students in pairs and had conversations while eating lunch. We were told that mealtime is the social time for Italians, and they tend to be more open while having meals. Saints were able to have longer conversations with the students, and some of the students exchanged contact information with us at the end of our conversations. We also went to a bus stop to have short conversations with students. Some sisters had lunch with a sister who is now studying here. During the lunch time they asked about the students' background, had a sweet singing time, and also shared some experiences of developing a relationship with the Lord. At dinner FTTA sisters went to have dinner at a saint's home and had good fellowship with a student. The student is open to the sisters and asked to accompany them tomorrow while touring around the city.

#### **Day 6:**

Today more than half of the saints went to have appointments with the students. The rest of us tabled near the university again. One who actively listened to the gospel stopped and talked to the brother. He took the tract and said he will come back again tomorrow. A brother met a young one on the street and preached the gospel to him. The young one called upon the name of the Lord and prayed to receive the Lord. Two brothers went to have lunch with a student, who turned out to be really curious about the difference between the spirit and soul. The two brothers introduced him to the tract ("Hai mangiato bene" — Have You Eaten Well) and *The Mystery of Human Life*. He was really positive about this appointment and wants further conversation with the brothers. Three sisters went to meet some Chinese-speaking saints and had a home meeting with a Chinese international student who had baptized two weeks ago. The student is open and pray-read with the saints. She agreed to meet us again this Saturday and get to know another college sister. We hope they can become companions and enjoy the church life together.

#### **Through the Rome distributions and gatherings:**

We passed out a total of 158 Tracts, 6 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 2 Bibles, and we exchanged personal contact information with 73. 8 prayed to receive the Lord, and we had appointments with 14 new ones.

## Highlights from the Gospel Team in Turin

### Day 1:

We had orientation, in which the burden was to make a personal contact with the new ones, with a goal of further shepherding, and also to shepherd the local saints with an exercised spirit. We then divided into gospel groups to fellowship and pray together.

During the group time the saints from TR 4 shared their experiences in Turin, testifying that many people were open and that they had 20-30 positive contacts.

### Day 2:

We had the Lord's Day meeting at the hotel, full of praises to the Lord followed by a prophesying meeting. (The lampstand has not yet been established in Turin.) About ten local saints gathered, and it was very encouraging to see how the saints from the nearby area are willing to pay the price to meet together on the Lord's Day. One sister takes a train for an hour and a half every week to attend the Lord's Day meeting.

We also had an appointment with a local Italian woman who was contacted by the saints in TR 4. We mainly spent time getting to know each other and made another appointment for Tuesday lunch.

One sister on our gospel team who studied in Milan met her former classmate. She is currently working in Turin, and she was very happy to meet someone she could speak English with. She seems to be going through a difficult time, so the sister shared a brief testimony of how the Lord carried her through difficulties in her workplace. This sharing left an impression on her classmate.

In the evening the saints from Turin invited all of us for dinner, and we enjoyed a very good time of fellowship together.

### Day 3:

We visited a coffee shop where a local sister works. Afterward, we had a time of coordination, prayer, and singing to release our spirit. We also pray-read Ezekiel 1:15–16, which corresponds what we have been reading in *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*. In Ezekiel 1 the matter of the wheel within the wheel shows that when God's people move, God moves, and when God's people do not move, He has no way to move.

We met a student who was initially not interested in talking with us. However, when we asked about his interests, his attitude changed and he became open to speaking with us. He shared that he has recently begun seeking spiritual matters. We shared Ecclesiastes 3:11, showing that God has put eternity in man's heart, and that what he is seeking is the reality, which is Christ. He said that he would be available to meet again.

We had a pleasant conversation with an Italian who is studying tourism, and we exchanged contact information. We do not know much about her, but we made an appointment to meet her for lunch on Wednesday. In addition, a local sister, who lives in Alba and is about an hour and a half away by train, joined us for the gospel and stayed to spend time with some sisters on the gospel team.

### Day 4:

During the morning coordination, we read the chapter concerning the need for the spreading of the divine truths. We saw how much we need to study the truths, especially for going to Europe, so that we can be the Lord's mouthpiece to speak the divine truths for His recovery and restoration.

We went to the university, and there was much more student traffic today. We spent time with a student whom we met yesterday; we shared the gospel with him and gave him a Bible. After the appointment he expressed his appreciation for being listened to and for receiving the Bible. He lives in Bristol in the UK.

We also met a couple originally from Lodz, Poland, which is the city one of the sisters in our gospel team is from. They are seeking, and they shared their contact information with us.

We read a gospel tract with a student at the University of Turin. She does not believe in God but was open to sharing about her anxiety concerning an upcoming exam. We shared with her Philippians 4:6, "In nothing be anxious." She appreciated the verse and shared her contact information with us.

In the afternoon we went to a coffee shop where a local sister works. She prepared lunch for all of us. After lunch we had a spontaneous meeting by singing and praising the Lord together.

**Day 5:**

We met a clinical psychologist at the train station, and she was touched by the matter of the spirit as she read the gospel tract. She moved to Turin about a month ago and had been seeking a group with whom she could enjoy the Lord together with. She also shared that due to her past experiences, she did not appreciate the ritualistic nature of Sunday meetings.. We exchanged contact information, and although her work schedule is quite full, we hope to meet with her again.

We also met a student at the University of Turin. She was open to speaking with us and exchanged contact information. Although she is not yet a believer, she appreciated the content of the gospel tract.

We had an appointment with a student we met on Monday. Although she has not yet received the Lord, she shared that she would like to read the Bible. We presented her the booklet *BECL*. She is very open and would like to meet with us again.

**Through the Turin distributions and gatherings:**

We passed out a total of 159 Tracts, 47 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 8 Bibles, and we had conversations with 66 and exchanged personal contact information with 21. 2 prayed to receive the Lord, and we had appointments with 4 new ones.