

## Burdens related to Europe (week of 14 December 2025)

### 1) December Semiannual Training in Anaheim (22-27 December)

The December semiannual training will take place in Anaheim on 22-27 December. Please pray for the release of the Lord's present speaking to His recovery and for the saints' response to the operation of the seven Spirits to intensify God's organic salvation and produce the overcomers to meet the Lord's need today.

### 2) Gospel trips related to the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy (4 December 2025—23 February 2026)

**A report with prayer burdens from TR1 is attached to this email.** Gospel trips during the time of the Torch Relay and the Olympic Games will continue through 23 February 2026. Registration is currently closed for the gospel trips, but those who want to participate in follow-up shepherding trips can register using the form at **[amanatrust.org.uk/page/2026italy](http://amanatrust.org.uk/page/2026italy)**. Those who register will be contacted after details have been arranged concerning the shepherding trips. Please pray:

- That the Lord will prepare the hearts of many seeking people to receive Christ in His word and be added to the Lord's testimony in Italy and other parts of Europe.
- That new local churches will be raised up and existing churches will be strengthened in the key cities in Italy.
- That the Lord will blend the saints together and will advance His move in His recovery.

Saints who are burdened to give through LME can follow the instructions at **[lordsmove.org/offerings.html](http://lordsmove.org/offerings.html)**. Designate offerings for "Italy Olympics."

### 3) Translation of the New Testament Recovery Version into Czech and Slovak

A report on the ongoing labor to translate the New Testament Recovery Version into the Czech and Slovak languages can be found at **[churchesceeb.org/czech-slovak-nt](http://churchesceeb.org/czech-slovak-nt)**. Information is included on how to donate for this project. An opportunity to subscribe to receive update reports also is offered. Please pray for the translation team in their uninterrupted work of translating the NT text and footnotes.

### 4) UK building project, the training center for all of Europe, the Full-time Training in London

Video and written updates on the full-time training center in London were presented at the June semiannual training in Anaheim. These updates can be found at **[amanatrust.org.uk/page/reports](http://amanatrust.org.uk/page/reports)**. Please pray that the Lord will provide the necessary funds and serving ones to carry out the construction.

### 5) Short-term shepherding trips and migrations to French-speaking Europe

An invitation letter to participate in the on-going short-term shepherding trips is **available here**. Instructions on how to apply and where to ask questions are included in the letter.

Please pray:

- That the Lord will raise up lampstands in Rouen, Lille, Versailles, Mertzig (Luxembourg), Geneva (Switzerland), Marseilles, Caen, Nante, and Montpellier.
- That the Lord will increase the team of full-time serving ones in Paris to take care of the Lord's needs throughout French-speaking Europe. **Please pray for the release of long stay visas for these saints.**
- That many students, families, and mature saints will migrate to France within the next several years for the Lord's interest.

To give through LME for the support of the full-time team in Paris, follow instructions at **[lme.org/offerings.html](http://lme.org/offerings.html)**. Designate offerings for "Gospel Move in France."

### 6) Meeting Hall in Stuttgart, Germany

An update report on the progress of the renovation of the meeting hall in Stuttgart, Germany, is available at **[lordsmove.org/reports.html](http://lordsmove.org/reports.html)**. A request for prayer and instructions on donating to this project are given in the update report.

### 7) Meeting hall in Riga, Latvia

The brothers in Riga finished two sides of the façade on the new meeting hall in Riga, Latvia. The hall now has a new roof and new windows. Those who are burdened to give for this need can donate by following instructions at **[lordsmove.org/offerings.html](http://lordsmove.org/offerings.html)**. Designate offerings for "Riga Meeting Hall."

**8) Meeting hall in Dublin, Ireland**

A letter regarding the need to acquire a meeting hall for the church in Dublin, Ireland, can be found at **[lme.org/reports.html](http://lme.org/reports.html)**. Please pray concerning this burden and follow instructions in the letter to offer as the Lord leads and supplies.

**9) The Lord's move in Iceland**

Please pray for the Lord to raise up and gain the seeking ones who can become His testimony in Iceland. Those who would like to participate financially can send their offerings to LME by following instructions at **[lme.org/offerings.html](http://lme.org/offerings.html)**. Offerings should be designated for "Lord's Move in Iceland."

**10) Migration to nine European cities**

A report on the nine target cities—Paris, Geneva, Brussels, Belfast, Dublin, Vienna, Prague, Rome, and Athens—can be found at **[lme.org/reports.html](http://lme.org/reports.html)**. Please pray for saints to migrate under the Head and in the Body to strengthen the Lord's testimony in these cities.

**11) The conflict in Ukraine**

Please pray that the Lord will protect the tripartite being of all the saints and will bring an end to this conflict so that His move in Russia, Ukraine, and Europe will advance.

**12) Distribution of Bibles in Europe**

Please pray for the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration. To give for the distribution of Bibles in Europe, please follow instructions at **[lme.org/offerings.html](http://lme.org/offerings.html)**. Designate offerings for "Distribution of Bibles in Europe." Offerings for the printing of Bibles should be given directly to Living Stream Ministry (LSM) and designated "Printing Bibles for Europe." For instructions on giving to LSM, visit **[lsm.org/donations](http://lsm.org/donations)**.

# **Torch Relay and Olympic Games Gospel Trips in Italy**

## **TR 1 — 5-13 December**

For a number of years there have been three small churches in Italy. But the Lord's recovery needs to be firmly rooted and growing in these localities, and the Lord's interest needs to spread to new cities. The Lord is using the time of the Torch Relay and the Winter Olympics in Italy to accomplish this. For this purpose, over 300 saints from different parts of the earth, along with local saints, have registered to take part in the coming gospel trips.

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

#### **Rome:**

Pray for those with whom personal contact was established, that they will have continuing contact with the visiting saints who met them, and that they will be brought into the homes of the local saints and become remaining fruit.

#### **Florence area:**

Prayer burdens for Prato and Fucecchio:

- That the Lord will cause others to migrate here.
- For regular visitations by local saints from other localities.
- That the Lord will bless the saints with more mutual shepherding.

#### **Naples and Sicily:**

- Pray for the gospel teams who will be in Sicily from December 12-21 and Naples from December 15-23.
- Pray for the Lord to find the sons of peace as the teams go out this week on the gospel.

# Highlights from the Gospel Team in Rome

## **Friday, 5 December**

On December 5, after prayer and fellowship, those on the Torch Relay gospel trip (TR1) went out to meet people in Rome. This team has 27 members from 6 countries. Their goals are to have conversations with people and to make connections with them so that we can have a time with them again. We went in three groups out to two universities and one community area.

### **Here are some highlights:**

Our sense is that there are many unsatisfied people in their current relationship with the Lord. We encountered many very open young people:

- Two brothers, during lunch, spoke to two very open foreign exchange students from Norway.
- One sister spoke with a very open young Catholic woman.
- Three called on the Lord.
- Two sisters went to a local university, Sapienza Universidad de Roma, and met a young woman studying physics. She wanted to get to know the sisters more.
- Two brothers spoke to a very open young non-Christian student from Kazakhstan.

We concluded our first full day with dinner in the homes of the saints in Rome. “O, che gloriosa vita di chiesa abbiám! In unita bancgettando, l’eterna vita godiam.” Hymn 1221 - Glorious church life. Please pray for the follow-up of all the contacts made and for the Lord to continue to reach open vessels. Pray that the local and visiting saints will be sustained while we are sent out and we meet house to house.

## **Saturday, 6 December**

The Torch Relay started in Rome today, but the real burning is within the saints. Their hearts burned within them as they spoke to others in the Villa Torlonia park. We then followed the Torch around the city and encountered more sons of peace.

### **Here are some highlights:**

- We met an exchange student from a large Christian family in France. She was so eager to meet the following evening for dinner that she arrived extra early. She wants to meet again on the 11th.
- A recent graduate who works in a clinic near the meeting hall opened up about his struggling with his spirituality while he has been meeting with a group of young Catholics. He is open to meeting again on the 12th.
- A young working lady from Napoli who was traveling to Rome for the day spent the rest of her afternoon/evening with the sisters, having a meal together. She grew up Catholic but had come to the realization that she can confess and talk directly to God. She invited the sisters to visit her next weekend in her hometown.
- We met two believers from London who are interested in going to the meeting in London.
- One from London who works for the British Parliament was open to hear about the economy of God. We gave him the address of the church in London.

- We met a young man while he was eating with a group of young men. He was the oldest of the group (19 years old) and the most open. He wanted to keep talking to us and invited us to a soccer game.
- We met a young atheist who was open to being contacted.
- A man from El Salvador was brought to the real Salvador—the Lord Jesus. We got his contact information.
- On Wednesday evening we will meet a man who was once a translator for the ministry in Italian.
- We got contact information from a brother/ believer with his two friends. We pray to have continued contact.

## **Monday, 8 December**

Most of the team spent time in a popular piazza near Villa Borghese. Some went out two by two, while other saints sang Italian hymns at the distribution table.

### **Here are some highlights:**

There is a river flowing in Rome! We met a local Italian. She's from Ladina, one hour outside of Rome. She was very simple and open. At first she spoke to us that she was Catholic and prayed only when she was in hard times. We realized that she didn't really know God and hadn't accepted Him as her Savior. She eventually was led to read Romans 10:9-13 and called on the name of the Lord! She received the Basic Elements booklet and said that she was so happy to have met us.

Another report is concerning a student whom we met for lunch. She is from Peru and is studying and would like to live in Rome. She is taking a theology class and believes in the Jewish belief of the Bible. Our time led to her learning that we need to read the whole Bible to understand God's word and not just a part of it. She also learned in our time that God is Father, Son, and Spirit. She thought that He was only God the Father. So, we went through the process that God went through to become the life-giving Spirit. She was open and was amazed. She received a Bible after meeting the saints and invited them for coffee.

Saints, please continue to pray for our going out to meet the sons of peace and the continued follow-up with the ones we've already met.

Please join us in praying for the following:

- That the Spanish student at La Sapienza will remain in contact.
- That the Muslim who is reading "The manifestation of Jesus," is seeking the truth, and is struggling with the Muslim religion will have God manifested to him.
- That the Italian Christian elementary school teacher whom we met will be open to meet for coffee.
- That a person who loves God but is disappointed in the Catholic Church will be open to meet together on Thursday.
- For a person whom we connected with on a previous day, who meets with religious groups, and wants to meet on Friday.
- For another one whom we connected with previously and who is hungry for the truth; we will meet with her on Thursday.

## **Tuesday, 9 December**

Based on Romans 10:14-15: "How shall people hear without one who spreads? How beautiful are the feet of those who spread the interpreted and understood divine truths?" If we have a burden to go to Europe, we must spend day and night to study the truths that we have published.

*(The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 1 p. 288)*

During our time the team has been encouraged to dive into the truth and speak it to the people in Rome. There is a real hunger for reality among the many we have met, and we believe the Lord has been cultivating this hunger with the people here. More people came up to us today asking for our tracts.

### **Here are some highlights:**

Today we experienced more people approaching us. One got off his motorcycle to get a booklet. Another gentleman came up to us and read the tract and asked us to explain the three parts of man. He asked who we are and asked what we thought of the Catholic Church. He walked away and came back and said, "For my entire life I have been looking for faith and haven't found it." He took the booklet. An atheist student who prayed with us is now a son of peace! Pray that this student will come to dinner with us and that the Lord will be so real to this one!

We talked about the difference between soul and spirit with a second-year Italian student. He was open to follow our prayers. Pray that we can have dinner with him.

A man approached the table to find the living faith, to meet the Author and Perfector of his faith. Pray that he will pray the prayer on the tract.

### **Others whom we met with prayer burdens:**

- A believer from Idaho looking for a church and his two Italian friends. Pray for follow-up with him and his two friends.
- We had a group chat with a new one, and we pray that he can come to the meeting tomorrow.
- A person from Peru who took 3 sisters to coffee. Pray that she gets in contact with the local saints.
- A medical school student.
- An Italian studying Korean. He plans to go to school in Korea. Pray that the Lord will be real to this one!

## **Wednesday, 10 December**

Part of the team went to a cafeteria on La Sapienza University campus, where we sat alongside students and had lunch with them. This was a great way to chat with students on a personal basis. The other part of the team went to Piazza Bologna to distribute tracts and Basic Elements #1.

### **Here are some highlights:**

We made contact with an elderly lady who was open to be contacted again by one of the local sisters in Tagalog (a Philippino language) to have coffee together over their lunch break.

A gospel dinner was planned for that night where local saints and gospel teams were blended, but none of the new ones were able to attend. However, the Lord blessed that night with another new one who was invited for dinner closer to her dorm. She was so grateful for that time with the sisters that she invited them to her place for tea and a dessert. This time led to her wanting to meet some local sisters on Lord's Day (December 14th).

We had an appointment with an economics student, but she got sick and was unable to meet. (She called on the name of the Lord and was saved!) Even though she got sick, the contact between her and one of the sisters is continuing. She will be working in Rome after graduating this year. Pray that she will make a connection with the local saints.

A master's student at La Sapienza who is Muslim was very encouraged that we were so open to talk about the Christian faith. She mentioned how rare it is for Italians to speak so openly about their beliefs and their

walk with God. At the end of the conversation she gave us her contact information and was open to speaking with us again.

A young couple met one of the brothers in line at the cafeteria. They had a very good conversation, and they even offered to pay for the brother's meal. They ate together and talked for about 2 hours. They were open for further contact.

Saints, please continue to stand with us in prayer as we are going out to meet more thirsty sinners in need of a Savior and our follow-up with them.

## **Thursday, 11 December**

Some of the team went to a Metro stop near the hospital and university to sing hymns and distribute tracts, while the others went to one of the cafeterias on La Sapienza university.

### **Here are some highlights:**

The campus team had lunch at one of the cafeterias on La Sapienza campus.

We ate lunch with a student who has been turned away from the idea of "church" due to what she's witnessed growing up Catholic. We had some sweet fellowship about how to eat the Lord through praying over His word. We gave her a Bible, and she wants to read it with us weekly and to continue even after we depart from Italy.

We talked with a Muslim medical student, who was told by others that she needed to read the Torah, the Bible and the Quran. She was happy to hear that we would be glad to read the Bible with her.

A young man was open to further contact and was excited to meet young brothers. He would like to spend more time learning about God with them.

We had a second appointment with one we had met previously; it was a time full of rich fellowship. She is a dear, seeking believer who fasted and prayed to find a group of believers here in Rome. She has been attending a Christian congregation for a year now and is hungry for spiritual nourishment.

We met two Chinese-speaking young twins (males) who are on an exchange program in Rome, whose grandparents are Christian and whose parents are Buddhists. The twins are familiar with the Bible and want to learn more about God.

Saints, please pray for the tilling of the ground in the hearts of the local Italians, and that God's heart's desire will be received by them.

## **Friday, 12 December**

More of the team went to the same Metro stop as yesterday. It seemed that the saints' presence there had left an impression on people as more were open to have conversations today.

During dinner tonight a sister shared that she learned from some brothers to simply ask, "Do you speak English?" (directly in English, rather than in Italian). In this way she was able to speak with a man who eventually exchanged contact information with a brother and was open to attending the Saturday dinner.

We met a young male, a bioengineering student from DR Congo, who was dissatisfied with religion and "church." He was open to further contact and was invited to the Saturday gospel dinner.

We met an Engineer/Architect student in her first semester, a Catholic. She believes in a "higher power." She was impressed by the fact that we can have the life of Christ in us rather than a God who is far away. We exchanged contact information with her, and she is open to meet with us over a cup of coffee.

The young Italian student learning Korean, whom we met on Tuesday, had a second appointment with us today. She prayed with us to receive the Lord during our three-hour fellowship.

Some brothers met with students they had met earlier in the week at a café. Since classes were cancelled, they decided to show us Rome. They invited the brothers to their apartment and offered whatever food they had.

We met for lunch with a local brother who is open to further contact.

We exchanged contact information with two female students, and they said they would come to the Saturday gospel dinner. They received the *Basic Elements* booklet. The gospel dinner invitation has not been confirmed yet.

Please pray for the new contacts who attended the gospel dinner on Saturday, December 13.

## **Saturday, 13 December**

Today was our last official day on the gospel in Rome. Since La Sapienza campus is closed on Saturdays, we decided to have a table set up in Piazza di Popolo. Many people stopped to have conversations with us, and some gave us their contact information. Four of these new ones prayed to receive the Lord!

We ended the day with a gospel dinner at a restaurant for the new contacts to make personal relationships with the local saints. It was an enjoyable time of blending and getting to know the two gospel new ones who attended; we felt that the Lord really poured out His blessing in this time.

A young Christian male, a bioengineering student from DR Congo, dissatisfied with religion and “church,” came to the Saturday gospel dinner and enjoyed his time with the saints.

A cousin of a local saint in high school attended.

## **Lord’s Day, 14 December**

Today we joined the Lord’s Day meeting with the church in Rome. There were so many saints (60+). Praise the Lord! There were saints from Italy, Malaysia, Korea, the US, Canada, Singapore, Brazil, Taiwan, and China. What a time of blending!

Tonight we will have our overflow meeting to conclude the gospel trip. During this time the Florence/Prato team, the Rome team, and the Naples team will gather together. We will share about our experiences and lessons learned over these past ten days.

Saints, please pray for the local saints to be strengthened into their inner man and supplied with their daily portion of grace. Also pray for the follow-up of the contacts who have been established and for the Lord's wisdom in how to care for these ones. May the Lord continue to shepherd them and gain them as building materials for the church in Rome.

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

We passed out a total of 784 Tracts, 58 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 5 Bibles. 28 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged personal contact information with 75. We had appointments with 13 new contacts.

Those who participated in TR1 feel that this endeavor has fully been a burden of the Body. Although many of us have been challenged because of our lack in the Italian language, we have been encouraged by the openness of many young Italians and the support we have received from one another.



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

It was a wonderful time in Prato and Fucecchio in the Florence area—a time of encouragement, of blending, and of cherishing and shepherding the saints. The saints were eager to see us visit and preach the gospel! We were encouraged to have so many YP join us in the gospel, even if only to translate for us from English to Italian.

### **Saturday, 6 December**

#### **Prato Area**

We had the burden to preach the gospel as well to care for and blend with the local saints, which was to cherish the first, second, and third generations of saints. The saints in Prato are Chinese-speaking saints, and most of them are extremely busy because of their work. One sister took 10 days off from work to join us, and it was her first time going out to preach the gospel. Another sister, who has not been meeting consistently for decades, was connected to us and participated in the entire gospel trip. She provided the transportation service for the home visits.

#### **Here are some highlights:**

- We met a local Italian who was seeking the Lord, was open, and happily talked to us at the table.
- We also spoke to one who had already received the Lord.
- We helped a French-speaking believer access the literature in French.

When we went out for gospel, one sister on the visiting team said that her top enjoyment was shepherding a local YP by going on the gospel with her for the YP's first time. A local brother was scared to preach the gospel initially but had a very good and encouraging experience. Later, we met a local new one who was very open, and we exchanged contact numbers. We made a coffee appointment right after meeting her.

The language barrier is a challenge for us. Many Italians are willing to have a conversation with us personally, but we could carry it only so far without someone who speaks Italian. Many local Italians are “turned off by religion.” We feel there needs to be more sharing about how the Lord is a wonderful person who is our enjoyment.

#### **Fucecchio Area**

Tonight in Fucecchio we had a YP meeting. There were 9 young people with us from the ages of 10-15, and one 19-year-old. We enjoyed singing together and getting to know them. We encouraged the young people to join us on the gospel tomorrow, even if just as translators. Most of the young people speak Italian. We are thankful for an opportunity for the saints in this locality to taste the gospel in a fresh way and to encourage their YP in their function.

Prayer: Please pray that the Lord would be in the speaking tonight to the YP and some would have a heart to join us tomorrow on the gospel. Please also pray that the Lord would encourage those who join us by giving them positive gospel experiences, speaking to local Italians, even if just in a translation capacity. We hope that the young people will be encouraged tonight that they are precious to the Lord and to the saints.

## **Lord's Day, 7 December**

### **Prato**

We had a prophesying meeting with the saints in Prato. A new one also joined us. The topic of the morning revival was "The New Husband." Many saints shared their testimony and enjoyment. A sister who has just been recovered to the church life shared in tears how the Lord and the saints shepherded her even when she was backsliding.

After the meeting we had a love feast with the saints. Three gospel friends attended, and two sisters were baptized after the love feast. One is a colleague of a sister in a cloth factory, who has been shepherded by the saints for a long time. The other one is an 11-year-old girl, the saints' daughter. All the saints coordinated in oneness. May the Lord keep building the church and the saints in Prato and strengthen them.

### **Fucecchio**

The saints have been very encouraged by our visitation, and many were able to join us on the gospel today. Six local saints and six local YP joined us. The YP were very bold to hand out tracts and talk with people. Of those who joined us, 5 YP and one local saint preached the gospel for the first time. One sister who preached the gospel for the first time was greatly helped in her boldness to speak to people by just a little training and encouragement from one of the visiting sisters. The saints were very happy and enlivened after preaching the gospel, and so were we!

## **Monday, 8 December**

### **Prato**

In the morning after our coordination time we split into three groups to visit the saints and their children. One group visited a brother's family, the second group visited the family of a sister whose husband isn't a believer yet. Her husband was open, and they had a pleasant conversation. They also spent some time with the two kids, who just moved from China to Italy 6 months ago. The third group took the saint's three kids (one of them got baptized on Sunday) to a castle in Prato. On the way back to the meeting hall, the kids also participated in giving gospel tracts. In the afternoon we went out to preach the gospel, and some of the people were very open.

- We met a college student who is a seeker of God living in the Florence area.
- We spoke to a very open local Italian and scheduled a follow-up meeting.
- A man from China came to the table, and his parents are Christians. He came to the meeting hall the next day and read the Bible with some brothers.

In the evening two saints visited the sister who had just been baptized on Sunday and a gospel friend in a factory. They read from, The Household Salvation, from the "Lesson of Life." A sister, whose family isn't saved, wept while reading with the sisters. We prayed together for the household salvation of the gospel friend, the sister who got baptized on Sunday, and this sister's family.

### **Fucecchio**

We went out to preach the gospel with 10 local saints, 5 of them being YP. One of the local saints preached the gospel for the first time.

One group went to Emboli to meet with a family who had not been meeting since the pandemic. They warmly received us. We encouraged them to visit one another in the Fucecchio area. We all need each other's portion.

Another group went to visit a sister who meets maybe once a year with the saints and her family. Her mother is 88 and is bedridden, so we prayed for her mother with her and her husband.

Later, the saints went out with us again on the gospel, and we had another good experience. One person said that she wants to come to the Lord's Day meeting. The YP said it was harder to find open people today than yesterday, but we encouraged them by saying that this is also a good experience of the Lord and that they just needed to continue to endeavor. One young person even asked if she could come with us to Prato. A local brother said, "Maybe we can continue to practice the gospel every week." A local sister was emboldened by her time on the gospel to speak to her acquaintances and co-workers about the Lord to find warm doors for the Lord.

## **Tuesday, 9 December**

### **Prato**

In the morning we had coordination time with the local saints in Prato. We prayed that the church in Prato will be established, and the saints will partake of the bread and the wine in Prato soon. One sister from Prato wept while praying for this. In the afternoon we went out to preach the gospel, and some local sisters joined us; it was their first time sharing the gospel with people.

- We spoke to one who was very open, and he watched the gospel video with us.
- We met a high school student who is open to the gospel. She is still in contact with a sister.

In the evening we split into three groups. The first group stayed in the meeting hall to preach the gospel to one of the brother's neighbors. The neighbor said that he witnessed the change in that brother after he got saved, so the neighbor was very impressed and became curious about God. After talking to the brothers, the neighbor received the Lord and got baptized. The second group went to a factory to shepherd the new ones. They read another lesson, "Clearance of the Old Living," from the *Life Lessons*. The third group took the YP and children out for dinner and boba with their parents in Prato.

## **Wednesday, 10 December**

### **Prato**

One group went to visit a couple of saints and their families in four different factories. The saints here are very busy with their jobs, working around 12-16 hours every day, seven days a week. Many of them have hard financial situations; thus, they want to work as much as possible. They really need the supply of the Body, and may the Lord be their faith to sanctify the Lord's Day for the Lord. One of the local sisters accompanying the saints on the visitation was revived by the singing in the car; she wept while singing the hymn "Father, I know that all my life."

During the gospel time we met a number who were soft and at least open to receive a tract.

- We were able to share *The Mystery of Human Life* with a woman. She was very warm and said she wasn't religious. We shared that we were not religious either, but we really love the Lord Jesus because He is the most wonderful person. He is "come chibo esquisito!" She gave us her contact information and was open to meet again to have coffee.
- We spoke with an open older lady. She was interested in our tract. She called on the Lord three times. We exchanged numbers, and she received the *Basic Elements* booklet.
- We spent time with a Catholic man who received the Lord in 1996. He's a Charismatic Christian and has enjoyed reading Watchman Nee in the past.
- A man came over to us because he thought we needed help with translation. But he himself was very open, and he received the Lord.

- We were speaking with a person who agreed with us when we said we love and enjoy a person (the Lord) and that the church is not a place but composed of believers in the Lord.
- Another person came up to us and was very open and received the Lord!

### **Prayer burdens for Prato and Fucecchio:**

- A brothers coordination meeting in a regular way
- Translators to facilitate fellowship
- The saints here are very open, but they need the fellowship from the Body.
- May the Lord cause others to migrate here.
- Visitations by local saints from other localities.

## **Thursday, 11 December**

### **Prato**

Two sisters went to a follow-up home meeting at a new one's house. This new one is a believer. She was encouraged by the ministry and invited the sisters over to fellowship more. She also invited her younger sister to join the fellowship. They read the Bible together and had a good conversation. They are willing to be contacted again.

Two groups of us went to visit two families in the afternoon. The first group visited a sister's family, including her husband, her daughter, and her son-in-law. They were encouraged and revived by the saints' visit. While singing a hymn, both her husband and her daughter were touched and wept.

The second group visited another local brother, his wife, and his two teenage boys. After talking about their interests, we shared with the boys about how the Lord is our best friend whom we can talk to all the time about anything. We also shared about calling on the Lord's name. The brother loves the Lord and would like to go on in the Lord. We fellowshiped about how he's an important member of the Body and how his portion of Christ is indispensable. He prayed a sweet prayer. After the visit the boys joined the love feast with the saints, which was encouraging.

Later that evening the dear saints provided a love feast at a local restaurant for all the saints. There were about 45 local saints, including eight children and YP along with our 14 team members. There was much sharing and fellowship among all the attendees. It was a wonderful time.

## **Friday, 12 December**

A group of us went to a saint's house for lunch. The sister prepared many dishes for us to cherish us. During lunch we also fellowshiped about the six Marys in the Bible to encourage one another to go on in the Lord just like these Marys.

In the afternoon we were at the train station preaching the gospel but did not know there was a nationwide rail strike; yet, although so few people walked by, five people received the Lord, more than on any other day.

We met with a woman who is open, whose family is against her believing in the Lord. But she watches videos about God. She would like to study the Bible in English and is open for an appointment with us.

We met a sister who has known the Lord since high school. She is from the Hunan, and she could be a key contact, since she knows Chinese and Italian. She teaches Chinese in a high school. She called on the Lord's name. We got her WeChat number, and she is open to meet again. She is not baptized yet.

A woman listened to us share from *The Mystery of Human Life*. She said she believes in science, and we asked her if she's willing to do a little science experiment. We told her that if you call someone's name, you get the person. We encouraged her, after she went home, to experiment and ask Jesus if He is real. She said she would do that. As we left, she confirmed again that she would try the experiment.

- A woman read and prayed with us and she became very happy. We got her contact information, and she was open to meet the next day.
- We met two who were open to reading the book and were interested in the QR code.
- We had a good conversation with a man who believes in Christ. He called on the Lord but may have been saved already. He sang with us, and we shared verses with him.
- A woman read through *The Mystery of Human Life* with us. She spoke it strongly, prayed, exchanged information with us, and said she would try to meet with us the next day.

A group of saints went out to visit two families. They had dinner at the second family's house, who has three kids. They sang many children's songs and had a children's meeting.

## **Saturday, 13 December**

### **Prato**

Two sisters went to visit the new one they had met earlier in the week, with her sister, for the second follow-up home meeting. She is open to keeping in touch with us via WhatsApp. She mentions that she would like to have some time to pray together.

We spoke with a middle-aged man who has been in "church" all his life and knows 6 languages. He has a home in Prato, Florence, and Mexico. We shared with him from the *Basic Elements* booklet, and he prayed the prayer in the booklet. We also spoke to him about Romans 10:9, and we called on the Lord together three more times. He was smiling and very much appreciated that Christ had entered into him. There was no resistance at all. We traded phone numbers with the intention to continue to contact one another.

We told two Italians that every man needs a purpose and a companion. We have these spontaneous desires because we were made in God's image, and these are His desires. Another saint spoke more from the *The Mystery of Human Life* to them, and they received *Basic Elements of the Christian Life*, volume 1.

We met two people from Bangladesh: One called on the Lord, read the prayer, gave us her contact info, and really seemed like a son of peace. The other one has lived in Italy for 10 years and wanted to know where the meeting was. Already a believer, he took the booklet.

- An Airbnb landlord of the saints agreed to come to the meeting on 14 December. She was not open to having dinner but might come to the meeting.

### **Fucecchio**

Today six of us went to Fucecchio to blend and preach the gospel with the saints. We were encouraged to have some young people go out with us. They helped us translate and even talked to their friends about the Lord.

- A friend of the YP called on the Lord's name and prayed.
- A lady who is also a believer asked us to provide the link to the free ministry booklets, and she told us she would definitely read them.

- A man was very impressed by the diagram of the three parts of man and the process that the Lord went through. His dad was a priest, but he was disappointed with religion and questioned whether the Bible is true. After talking to the saints, he called on the Lord's name and appreciated the conversation.

We also attended their YP meeting in the evening. Two YPs decided to get baptized, and the brothers gave them a brief message about the significance of baptism. In their prayer they proclaimed that they belong to God!

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

We passed out a total of 742 Tracts and 175 *Basic Elements* booklets. 25 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged personal contact information with 34. We had appointments with 12, and 9 came to gatherings.

### **Rome Photos:**



