

Italian-speaking Areas

The church in Milan was established with the first Lord's table in 2009. There are currently 40-50 saints meeting on the Lord's Day. Due to the coronavirus, all the meetings were conducted online for many months. However, about a month ago the church in Milan resumed meeting together on the Lord's Day. The saints have been uplifted by seeing each other face-to-face. A computer is used in the meeting to stream to those saints who can only join online.

Earlier this year, a piece of property was purchased, including a building which the church is using as a meeting hall. The building is located near Bicocca University, where there are over 32,000 students enrolled. The new building has proven very adequate for the saints to meet, as there is sufficient space for everyone to sit at least one meter apart from each other.

A couple who have been laboring in Milan for many years is migrating to Vicenza to join the saints there. They have found a place to rent and intend to open their home as soon as possible. We hope this will be a strengthening and encouragement to the saints there.

The church in Rome was established with the first Lord's table in 2012. In the autumn of 2015 a piece of property in the center of Rome was purchased and remodeled as the meeting hall of the church. This meeting hall is within walking distance to La Sapienza University, where there are over 140,000 students enrolled. The church began meeting there in 2017 at the time of the 2017 European blending trips. In 2016 a brother from the United States purchased a home near both the university and the meeting hall. It was remodeled and has been used for Bible studies, coordination meetings, and neighborhood outreach. It has also been used for hospitality for gospel trips, saints traveling to and from the European Young People's Conference (EYPC) in Poland, and other blending purposes, as well as a transition home for saints moving to Rome.

There are 20-25 saints who are meeting on the Lord's Day. The meetings are currently being conducted virtually, although they were conducted face-to-face over the summer when the number of people contracting the virus in Rome was quite low and as a consequence, the video training was also conducted at the meeting hall with 15 saints participating. In addition to prophesying on the Lord's Day, the saints are endeavoring to read a ministry book in Italian during the week and to come prepared to share after the Lord's table. They are currently reading *The Knowledge of Life*.

At present, there is one couple and one sister who are serving full-time with two more couples and some other saints who are burdened to migrate in the near future.

The young people, ages 12-19, are cared for through one-on-one phone call shepherding, where they read the Recovery Version and in some cases, the Life-studies. Since these publications are not in Italian, this also helps to improve their English. We are praying that the Lord will build them up together that they may become gospel seeds in their schools and share the Lord to their friends. The young people in Italy are scattered throughout the whole peninsula, thus limiting the blending to mostly conferences and trainings, such as the EYPC and the Winter School of Truth. This limitation makes the labor on the young people difficult, especially in the shepherding work. May the Lord continue to strengthen the serving ones to care for them in a constant way.

The burden regarding the university students in all of Italy is for the Lord to prepare them in such a way that when they graduate they are open and willing to be trained in the Full-time Training. Currently, we have about seven students we are caring for. We encourage them to participate in reading appointments over the phone or online, reading either the portion from *the Holy Word for Morning Revival* or a ministry book. Some also attend some group meetings and/or student meetings. Several participate in university conferences and serve at the EYPC in Poland and the Winter School of Truth.

Some are involved in the translation of *the Holy Word for Morning Revival* into Italian. A year ago, a student came to Northern Italy from abroad to do graduate study. He has been inviting several Italian classmates over to his apartment for meals, and they have met some of the local saints. They truly enjoy singing our Italian hymns and songs. Please pray that more homes in Italy would be opened to the students, and more students in the church life would come to study in Italy.

The saints are faithfully laboring in Prato, Turin, and Vicenza along with other cities throughout Italy. For more information, please visit the Lord's Move in Italy website.

Italian Translation of Literature and Hymns

The Lord has graciously provided some translators, editors, and proofreaders in the literature work. There are presently 26 books and 13 booklets published in Italian. There is also a hymns team translating the hymns into Italian. There are 134 hymns translated and published, with the goal of producing a hymn book of 200 hymns in the near future.

There are nine CLC bookstores throughout Italy that carry titles by Brother Nee. These books are a bestseller for CLC.

Immigration Project

The church in Rome, in coordination with the church in Anaheim, is working with an Italian law firm to apply to be recognized by the Italian government as a "foreign church". All of the required certified documents from the church in Anaheim have been received by the law firm, along with the new bylaws of the church in Rome. All appropriate translations have been completed and the draft of the application is being reviewed by a government official to ensure that everything is clearly stated and all supporting documents are in order. We expect to submit the official application in the next 30 days, and then the process should be completed within 6-8 months. This status will provide the way for those burdened to migrate to Italy and obtain a religious visa. This visa will be valid for all of Italy.

We treasure the prayers of all the saints in the Body and are expecting the Lord's blessing to increase in the churches in Italy in life and in number.

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