

Torch Relay and Olympic Games Gospel Trips in Italy

TR 4 in Turin, Padua, and Vicenza

January 16-26, 2026



Prayer Burdens for the Lord's Work in Italy

Padua

Pray:

1. That the Lord would release saints who would migrate to Padua to strengthen the shepherding in the homes.
2. For the saints to be one with the Lord in following up with the positive contacts.
3. That the ones who are open to follow-up would remain open and seeking and that definite, regular contacts could be established with the saints abroad and with the local saints.

Vicenza

Pray:

1. That all those contacted on the trip would be connected in a strong way to some of the local saints.
2. There have been some very positive gospel contacts and we need to pray for the Lord's mercy that they would be remaining fruit in the church life to be part of His testimony in Vicenza
3. That the Lord would operate through all the tracts and literature distributed from the past week to continue to turn the hearts of many local Italians in Vicenza. Especially for all the young Italians who were contacted, that they may be sanctified and preserved for the Lord's interest.
The Lord to strengthen and supply the local saints laboring in Vicenza, Trieste, and Mantova. And that the Lord may burden some saints to toil in prayer, participate by giving, and be open to migration for the church life in these cities.

Turin

Pray:

1. For the sons of peace who were contacted to be fed regularly in virtual appointments and be connected to the saints coming in follow-up trips.
2. That the house to house church life would build up the saints in the Turin area for the establishment of a lampstand.
3. For migration of more saints to Turin to strengthen His testimony there.

Vicenza and Padua are two medium-sized cities in northeastern Italy that are located very close to each other. We thank the Lord that He raised up a lampstand in Vicenza in 2024 after the number of saints organically living there increased over several years. Padua is home to a very prestigious university with over 70,000 students attending from Italy and many other countries. One of the families from the church in Vicenza recently moved to Padua to have an open home for the students. During the Olympic gospel trips there is a burden to strengthen the saints in Vicenza by visiting their homes and coming alongside them to contact people through the gospel in the community. In Padua there is a burden to meet with the student gospel friends of the local saints and find many more sons of peace, particularly on the University of Padua campus. Since in TR3 a team went to Turin, we will continue visiting and gathering together with the saints there and be following up on the new ones we met.

Highlights from the Gospel Team in Padua

Days 1 & 2: The sub-teams for Vicenza and Padua met in Vicenza for the Lord's Day meeting. When the saints from the Padua team were being picked up to go to the meeting, a brother from Christianity was mistaken as one of them. The saints then invited him, and he came to the meeting! After enjoying the meeting, he came to lunch in a saint's home. He wants to get further connected with the saints this week and wants to come to the Lord's Day meeting next week.

Day 3: After fellowship and coordination in the morning, we split into two groups to announce the good news of the gospel. One group went to the University of Padua to table and to go out in pairs to contact students. This university is a strategic and leading university in Italy where we met many seeking students. The other group went to the city with a banner and to preach the gospel in pairs. Overall, we found that people were open to stop and have conversations with us.

A young woman from Turkey had coffee with sisters and was very close to calling on the Lord. She wants to meet again later in the week. Pray to bind the hesitation and that the veils would be removed. A seeking sister from Lebanon appreciated seeing the three parts of man. She wants to meet with sisters for lunch tomorrow. An older Christian woman from a difficult family situation seeking peace read the prayer on the tract and is willing to meet again on Friday.

Day 4: We split again into two groups, one going to the city center and the other tabling and speaking to students at the University of Padua. The sisters met again for lunch with a seeking new one from Lebanon, who enjoyed meeting the saints afterward. A Syrian girl who approached the table is coming to the Friday gospel dinner and wants to bring her Italian friend who has a desire to study the Bible.

We met a Computer Science student at the university; contacting him was like speaking to a lamb. After hearing about Christ as food, although busy with exams, he is open to come to the Friday dinner. We spent time with two friends, and one prayed to receive the Lord! Her friend is already a believer. We got their contact information, and we are seeking further contact. We had time with a very open student who prayed to receive the Lord and was joyful afterward. The brother led him to pray, "God, You are my Father." He responded right away to the follow-up text and is open to meet Friday morning.

Day 5: In the morning a group of about fifteen saints went to the University of Padua to preach the gospel. Some saints went with one of the local students to eat lunch with her unbeliever gospel friends, whom she met through school and had already come to a couple dinners in her family's home. In the evening some of the saints visited the neighbors of the saints and had tea and dessert. Finally, the saints hosted four students who had already been saved for dinner in their home to speak a small word on baptism.

Day 6: Three saints traveled to Trieste to visit and refresh the handful of saints there as well as meet with some of their gospel contacts. A large group went to the University of Padua, where we tabled and talked to students. A few saints had follow-up times with some contacts from earlier in the week, with some more confirmed to meet for one-on-one contacts on Friday. A number have shown a positive response to coming to the gospel dinner on Friday. Additionally, about ten students have confirmed to come for the Saturday night student meeting in the saints' homes.

A few saints traveled to Trieste, where there are a couple of families and a brother. They are visiting along with some saints from Vicenza and will stay there until Saturday. We prayed that their visitation would be a season of refreshing to the saints there. The saints also plan to visit the gospel contacts of some of the saints in Trieste.

Day 7: Today was the last day of distribution. At the table the team enjoyed the Lord by singing many hymns with an exercised spirit. We found that this becomes a strong testimony of the Lord during the midday busyness on the quiet streets. Even more so, the singing drew out the spirit of the saints to just really enjoy the Lord as the rising sun in the cold weather. In the evening the saints visited five different homes to cherish and nourish some local saints and gospel contacts. Many saints were touched by the human care given to their children and even our entrance into their homes being a blessing of the Lord's presence. These home visitations have been a top highlight for many of the saints visiting on the gospel trip.

We also had the Friday gospel dinner. Seven students attended. Among them were three flatmates who were student-athletes that we met earlier in the week and have been quite open to the saints. During this time we fellowshiped with them concerning religion versus a relationship with Christ. At the end the students asked for the saints' numbers to keep in touch. May the Lord gain more contact with these ones!

Day 8: The three saints who traveled to Trieste returned and shared a good report. They had dinners with the saints and also preached the gospel in the city. Overall, the saints in Trieste were very refreshed and encouraged by the visitation. Praise the Lord!

In the evening we had a student dinner in the saints' home. There were a total 36 of us, with 10 newer ones who had had a little contact with the local saints before. We had dinner together and sang in English and Italian. Then we fellowshiped about Christ as our freedom from many things, including anxiety, as the students are currently in exam season. This was the first time these ones received a solid ministering of the Word.

Day 9: In the morning we went to the Lord's table/prophecy meeting in Vicenza and feasted on the Lord as abounding grace with the saints there. Afterward, we went to Milan to have a gospel trip report meeting with the subteams from Vicenza and Turin. Through the reports we were all very encouraged by what the Lord is doing and will continue to do in Italy.

Through the Padua distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 844 Tracts, 44 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 15 Bibles. We had conversations with 245 and exchanged personal contact information with 66. 28 prayed to receive the Lord. We had appointments with 10 new ones, and 21 attended meetings.

Highlights from the Gospel Team in Vicenza

Day 1: The saints met together at the hall in Milan, where we enjoyed the Lord with hymns 904 and 909—entering into the Lord's work in the one flow of the mighty flowing Triune God. The time of singing, praising, and pray-reading richly fanned our spirits into flame despite everyone's exhaustion from travelling. It was encouraging to see so many saints from many countries coming to bear the burden of the Lord's testimony in Italy.

During the orientation the brothers shared the burden of the Lord's move in Italy. The gospel time begins with our enjoyment of the Lord before we go out to share with others. We need to keep ourselves in the oneness of the spirit, which is the key to the blessing of the one accord in our coordination. There is a testimony to others of the one accord/the oneness in the Lord when so many saints from many cultures and backgrounds are enjoying His rich life. There were strong prayers for the Lord to bless the start of this gospel trip and for Him to use the time to find those He has called.

Day 2: Much of the fellowship was regarding practical considerations when on the gospel times. It was a helpful reminder to forget about our past experiences and concepts and to take the Lord as the one with the all-fitting humanity! There is a strong burden for one-on-one shepherding and having an enlarged view of continual shepherding beyond the gospel trips. In the afternoon we travelled to Vicenza from Milan.

Day 3: We had the Lord's table meeting with saints coming from Padua to join the feast in remembrance and praise of the Lord. Over 50 saints attended (the usual attendance is around a dozen saints). What a testimony of the one Body from so many continents! Some saints even had to sit outside of the room due to the limited capacity.

Day 4: Today was the first day out on the gospel. We started the day by enjoying John 4:14—drinking of the Lord as the fountain of living waters that we may be clear channels for the Lord to flow into many sons of peace. For the gospel time, we split up into two teams: one team to go to a campus (Complesso Universitario di Viale Margherita) and the other team to go to the downtown city area. Both teams received positive responses from the ones contacted, and many Italians were happy to receive the tracts we distributed. Both teams also sang hymns in Italian and English and were appreciated by many walking by.

A sister from Columbia who had been reading the Bible and was sick of religion had a desire to come to a meeting. Another sister who hadn't been meeting in a while but has fellowship with friends wanted to be baptized. We also met a Christian student who was interested in knowing more about the *Mystery of Human Life* (MOHL). Praise the Lord for these hungry ones whom He is drawing out to meet us!

During the evening fellowship we coordinated for visitation trips to the saints who were opening up their homes throughout the week. Some saints lived just outside Vicenza city center, while some were further away, in Mantova and Trieste. Please pray for these visits, and may the Lord bless these times of blending!

The sisters on the team prepared a quick and delicious pantry meal for the entire team to eat, which was a sweet time with the whole team. The brother who came to the Lord's table meeting yesterday was also invited, and he ended up coming to eat with us. We were able to fellowship with him regarding his experience with the Lord from Hinduism and to share with Him our testimonies of Christ. He expressed an interest in coming to more of our meetings and even to have some saints visit his home. After dinner he took us all to get gelato.

Day 5: In our coordination we enjoyed the vision of the great human image in Daniel 2 and, following the world situation, seeing that we are in the stage of its fulfillment today. The Lord is moving, and we are a part of His move to bring His kingdom to earth! He desires a matured bride before He comes back, so there is simultaneously a need for those who love Him with their first love.

The two teams split up to go to the campus and the downtown area of Vicenza. When the campus team arrived, there were not too many students around because it was during their exam time. The other downtown team was meeting a good number of young seeking ones, so the campus team went to join the labor downtown.

Together we enjoyed the Lord at the distribution table by singing hymns in Italian. This was a great attraction to many during a busy afternoon in Vicenza. An elderly man who was interested in singing and praying with us had already received *Basic Elements* through mail via an online platform. Another elderly man who loves the Lord very much was open for fellowship in spite of his poverty. A young woman from Pakistan was open to fellowship and to know more about the Bible. We talked with a group of six Italian high school students, and two called on the name of the Lord and were open for fellowship.

In the evening there were visitations to homes. Saints went to Montova to preach the gospel; some were invited into the home of a gospel new one, and others invited new ones to their Airbnb. Today was a special day because the Olympic torch was passing through Vicenza and an event was set up in the Piazza dei Signori. Saints joined the event with the gospel contacts and were able to see the torch being passed on. There were many local people in the plaza because this is a significant international event for a small city like Vicenza.

Day 6: In our coordination this morning, we joined the corporate fellowship with the other FTTA gospel trip teams who had just begun their orientation sessions. We must see that there is a great opportunity here, and if we really see the vision of the great human image in Daniel 2 regarding the Lord's return, then we will be those who offer ourselves to the Lord willingly. For our gospel time we set up the table in downtown Vicenza and continued to enjoy the Lord with many Italian hymns—something the saints had been practicing. The Lord was able to arrange many divine appointments, and we were able to meet some seeking ones who received the *Basic Elements of the Christian Life* booklet. While we were tabling, gospel friends joined us, including one whom we had met two days earlier, and another joined with her daughter, whom the saints have been regularly meeting with. They joined the singing and enjoyed being part of the gospel. The Lord has been blessing our tabling times greatly. Despite not being able to go onto a campus, there have been many young ones we were able to contact in this busy location. With the entire team laboring in that area, we have been living a testimony of the Lord for all of Vicenza to witness! In the evening we had more visitations: Some brothers went to visit a brother in his house to have fellowship. Other saints drove to Padua to join a college meeting. A couple met with a woman who is very positive and excited to read the Word. She was surprised and interested in our gospel preaching activities and wanted to learn more from us. Three saints went to Trieste for a few days to visit saints.

Day 7: We continued our tabling and met many today—especially some high school and college students—who were invited to the gospel dinner we had been planning this week.

We met with a new one yesterday who had read *Basic Elements* Chapter 1 and was interested in the contents of it, specifically the journey the Lord went through to become the Spirit. A high schooler who was met at a park was open to fellowship and was invited to the gospel meeting. We talked with a very open sister who loves the Lord but was disappointed by the current state of Christianity. She had many questions about the Bible and brought up things like the New Jerusalem and Christmas.

A new one called on the name of the Lord and was invited to the gospel dinner. A high school student was attentive when we shared with him about breathing in the Lord. Despite his friends trying to distract him, he ignored them to listen to what we had to speak.

For the evening, brothers went to a brother's home for a Bible study with his school friends. Others went to the homes of saints. One sister whom we had dinner with expressed her gratitude in our cherishing of her son, whom we had taught to play hymn 1086. The father of another family we visited was slowly opening up his heart as we sang some hymns and pray-read some verses.

Day 8: We already have the unsearchable riches of Christ, and when we have the proper appreciation of these riches, we will then realize that so many people do not have these truths. In our talking with others may we be able to share and speak the truths and impart the riches!

Today was the last day of distribution, and the team was exhausted, yet the enjoyment of the Lord in the morning became the supplying and all-sufficient grace for the day. At the table the team enjoyed the Lord by singing many hymns with an exercised spirit. We found that this became a strong testimony of the Lord during the midday busyness on the quiet streets. Even more, the singing drew out the spirit of the saints to really enjoy the Lord as the rising sun in the cold weather.

In the evening the saints visited five different homes to cherish and nourish some of the local saints and new ones. Many saints were touched by the human care given to their children and even our entrance into their homes being a blessing of the Lord's presence. These home visitations have been a top highlight for many of the saints visiting on the gospel trip.

Other encouraging encounters with ones in Vicenza

A university student from Nepal is here working for a year. She works at a restaurant nearby in Vicenza. She prayed to receive the Lord! She was so joyful to speak with us and said she was very happy to meet us and thanked us. We exchanged contact information and arranged to meet her at her work on Friday. A young person stopped her music to hear us; she was able to speak English very well. We shared that we were Christians, and we believe in God and read the Bible. We told her she can have her own Bible to read, and she really liked that idea. She said she could read both English and Italian. We showed her the footnotes in the Recovery Version and asked if she wanted a *Basic Elements* booklet. We were able to share with her what it means to be a Christian and how to live a Christian life. She gladly took the Bible and the *Basic Elements* booklet and was very thankful.

A younger person visiting from the countryside is working in Vicenza for a short time in a library; she was shy but also very sweet. We gave her the *Mystery of Human Life*. She prayed to receive the Lord with us!

A local Italian high schooler was waiting for his friend at the bus stop. I talked to him about the Bible. He listened carefully and wanted to keep listening, and I preached the gospel. We called on the Lord's name together! He also received the Lord by repeating my prayer. I gave him a tracy and a gift I brought from Korea. He said "Wow, this is crazy!" and he looked really happy.

There was super positive woman who said that she loved to see young people preaching the gospel. She had the desire to preach the gospel but she's new and feels like she doesn't know enough. We read some of John 4 about the woman preaching the gospel from her experience. She will visit the table again and maybe come to Padua.

A Christian sister originally from Brazil sought us because we were walking the street passing out tracts. She was so happy. She shared that it is a glory to God and said "Bless you all" that there are young people sharing God's word in this evil world. She praised the Lord with us; she gave us her phone number for more fellowship. She took some tracts to help us pass them out, and she also took *The Basic Elements*. At the end we stood in a circle together, and she prayed blessing and covering over our gospel time in Italian. It was such an encouragement!

Through the Vicenza distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 1563 Tracts, 100 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 17 Bibles, and we had conversations with 138 and exchanged personal contact information with 92. 21 prayed to receive the Lord. We had appointments with 29 new ones.

Highlights from the Gospel Team in Turin

Day 1: We gathered together with both the local saints in Milan and the teams in Padua and Vincenza for prayer and fellowship at the Milan meeting hall. We went over a newly printed gospel tract in Italian that spoke of Christ being the bread of life for us to eat. We then split off into our own respective subteams and prayed for our time in Turin. Our fellowship for Turin is to gain personal connections in our distributions, with a goal of having follow-up appointments and times of one-on-one shepherding. We are also burdened for the many new ones from TR 3 who were interested in continual shepherding.

Day 2: We had a Lord's Day meeting with the local saints from Turin and the surrounding cities. There were around 55 saints, consisting of the local saints and the gospel team. Afterward, a gospel new one who was contacted in TR 3 wanted to be baptized! Around 25 saints from Turin, Milan, and the team came to support this new one's baptism. Another new one from TR 3 had an appointment with a brother that evening.

Day 3: After coordination we split off into two groups to preach the gospel. One group tabled at Palazzo Nuovo at the University of Turin, and the other group tabled at Turin's south train station. 34 people received the Lord, 39 copies of *Basic Elements* and 177 tracts were distributed, and 14 Bibles were given out. Additionally, 17 individuals were willing to give their contact information to the team for further contact.

The new one from yesterday was available for another appointment today, and during the time he showed an interest in getting baptized this week. Some local saints opened their homes in the evening to have members of the team over for fellowship and blending.

Day 4: The increase in appointments led to having two distribution groups being blent with different saints; this resulted in greater blending and fellowship among the team. Afterward, we set out for distribution at the two stations.

Day 5: During coordination we read *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*. We were so impressed to see that the Lord had truly opened the way for the gospel to run in Europe. One brother on our team, who had served previously in Russia, stated that at a certain point Russia was open. Likewise, the Lord has opened many European countries, including Italy, so that His expression and testimony can be gained on this continent.

We then proceeded to our two teams and started our distribution for the day, having appointments as our new ones were available. In the evening the team split into two groups again for dinner. One group met with some local saints, and the other group had dinner with a new one who was very open and seeking and was asking questions about the ground of oneness and the proper way to meet.

Day 6: The fellowship for the day, since it was the weekend, was to have the entire team table at only the train station for the day. Even though there were fewer people at the train station, the Lord was still able to open up many conversations, and we were able to gain more contact information from people.

In the evening the team split up into two groups to visit families of saints in two neighboring cities of Turin—Biella and Cuneo. Even though these saints were geographically very limited and far from one another, they did their best to meet with one another in the homes, which was very encouraging and refreshing to see.

Day 7—The Lord's Day: We were praising the Lord and worshipping the Father, singing mainly in Italian and English. Over 30 saints were present at this morning meeting, including two new students we had met and invited to come. We had a prophesying meeting, in which many saints on the team shared their

enjoyment and experiences of the week on the gospel, on appointments, and in the homes. The local saints packed us sack lunches, and all the saints ate lunch together at the meeting place for blending and fellowship.

In the early afternoon we departed for Milan. During the overflow evening meeting, many saints shared and testified of the Lord's moving and flowing in the three cities of Padua, Vicenza, and Turin. Many testimonies were spoken about the Lord arranging divine appointments that could otherwise have not been naturally arranged. There was very clear confirmation and affirmation that the Lord had opened the hearts of many in these three cities. May the Lord continue to superabundantly bless the country of Italy in the coming weeks!

Through the Turin distributions and gatherings:

We passed out a total of 1165 Tracts, 153 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 60 Bibles, and we had conversations with 374 and exchanged personal contact information with 57. 139 prayed to receive the Lord, and 1 was baptized. We had appointments with 19 new ones, and 2 came to meetings.

The team in Padua



The team in Vicenza



The team in Turin

