

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

## **TR 2a in Sicily —Days 7-9**

### **TR 2b in Naples— 14-24 December 2025**

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

##### **Naples Prayer Burdens:**

1. For all the seeds that were sown and watered during our week in Naples and surrounding areas, including all the tracts that were distributed and all the conversations we had; pray for the Lord to cause the growth.
2. That our follow-up with the ones we met while we were there will continue in a strong way; that each of the new ones will receive the tender care and nourishing for their growth in the Lord's life.
3. That the saints living in Naples and the surrounding areas will be strengthened into their inner man to continue steadfastly in the enjoyment of the Lord and in being knit with other saints.

#### **Highlights for the Ending Days for TR 2a in Sicily** **(see report TR 2a for 1<sup>st</sup> part of Sicily report, Days 1-6)**

##### **Day 7**

This was the first day of heavy rain. The Lord's power was demonstrated as Satan was put to shame, and the rain just released the flow of the gospel. We recalled how we had beseeched the Lord to control the weather for the sake of the gospel prior to our coming. Despite the storm, the gospel continued to spread. Five brothers, including our first-year local student, went to the main campus of the University of Catania. The other saints moved inside of McDonald's and were able to share the gospel inside. This was an amazing experience in both places of how our Lord cares for His saints as they labor for Him in the gospel!

##### **Day 8**

As it continued to rain, the team went by bus to the city of Syracuse, where, sovereignly, it was not raining at all but was just overcast. We felt that this visit was significant, because the apostle Paul also visited this city for three days in Acts 28:12.

While sharing our tracts in a cafe, we were surprised to see how quickly and warmly we were received by the owners. As it turned out, they were a Christian family, who, when they learned that we were "normal Christians" as they claimed to be, warmly welcomed us, even rejoicing that we were part of a group of Christians coming to share the gospel in their city. We then provided copies of *Basic Elements* and shared our contact information. We hope to continue to contact this family further to see how the Lord may lead them for His testimony in Syracuse.

## **Day 9**

Back in Catania on the final day, we were full of gratitude to the Lord for providing us with the opportunity to serve Him in His present move in Italy. We specifically were grateful to preach the gospel, sow many seeds, and witness how He was gathering material, His dear chosen ones, that He may move further to establish His churches in Sicily.

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

We passed out a total of 451 tracts, 84 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 12 Bibles. 42 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged personal contact information with 184. We had appointments with 14 new ones.

## **Highlights from the Gospel Team in Naples** **TR2b 16-24 December**

### **Day 1**

Daniel 11:32 — "...the people who know their God will show strength and take action."

We are very burdened for the gospel and the visitation of the few scattered saints during our time here. Our approach in Naples was to receive personal contact information and continue having appointments with the ones we contacted even after our gospel trip.

Our distribution location was on a fairly busy street in Naples, right in front of the University. We handed out tracks to pedestrians with a range of ages, and a good number of students.

We were able to spread out along the street, and some saints went inside the university and spoke to students eating lunch and on their way to class. At our table we had a ukulele, and the saints sang and enjoyed. The ones who went two by two were very encouraged by the response. The Lord answered our prayers and gave us 15 new ones who were open to us and wanted to meet us again. May we continue praying for these dear ones as we shepherd them according to God.

One of our brothers got in touch with someone who used to meet, but because of the small number of saints in Naples, it has been very hard for him to go on in the church life. We were able to reach out to him, and he wants to have the all those on this gospel trip to join him for dinner on Saturday.

We had a positive contact with a student at the University of Naples, and he invited the brothers to eat with him. We need to pray for his salvation and for a second appointment with us.

We met a believer who lives in Naples, who has been connected with the saints for some time; he joyfully was anticipating to see the saints again. O Lord, we pray for his heart to remain open to us as we visit him this week at his home and for him to be supplied during this time.

We exchanged contact info with a philosophy student who was a Christian. The sisters met with her and are looking forward to meeting again for fellowship.

We also met a believer who was hungry for the word and more fellowship. He stopped by the table to tell us that he appreciated what we were doing for the gospel. He wants to have dinner with us tomorrow night.

We met a number of positive students in Naples who were willing to meet us for coffee or breakfast for further fellowship/shepherding—a time for the word to be ministered!

## **Day 2**

“So, faith comes out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

During our gospel time today we tabled close to campus at the same spot as yesterday. Some went out in twos and threes to speak to students. The team was really encouraged by Romans 10:17 to go out and speak the word of Christ that some may have faith infused into them.

The brothers had lunch with a master’s student from Ghana, and he wants to meet up again on Friday for lunch. We pray for his receiving of the divine truths from the brothers.

We also met a Christian who is studying social science and is open to meet with brothers again. We pray for him to be released for a second appointment!

## **Day 3**

We believe that while we are speaking and people are looking at and listening to us, something spontaneously and unconsciously will be transfused into them. Although they may shake their heads, not agreeing with our preaching, deep within something bears witness to what we are saying.

Today, while we were tabling and out on the gospel, we had many conversations.

We had lunch with a new one who is very well-read in philosophy but is reverent toward the Lord. We read the Bible and shared with him. He received the speaking of the brothers concerning the Lord as our bread and man becoming God in life and nature.

A couple of saints who went on the gospel met a graduate student and his mother who were in town for the day, and when they were presented with the gospel of the Lord being good to satisfy our hunger, the student prayed to receive the Lord and received volume 1 of *Basic Elements*.

A group of saints visited a family in Caserta (a province just outside of Naples). The time was very enjoyable. The sister was encouraged by the saints’ visitation and looks forward to hosting the saints multiple times this week. Her grandson is considering being baptized this Lord’s Day.

## **Day 4**

Today we had the opportunity to meet in small groups of twos and threes with some of the new ones we had met previously from our first few days in Naples. Although we went to shepherd them, we actually were shepherded by these ones. One new one said, “You all have a light and there is something different about you.” We have a burden that this one and his family will be gained as a household here in Naples. May the Lord gain this family for Himself!

A few saints went out to the community today for tabling. A lot of seeds were sown by the way of tracts, and a few ministry booklets were given out. Two of the sisters were able to share the gospel as well as their testimonies with a student. She then prayed to receive the Lord! Afterward, she invited the sisters to get coffee with her. May the Lord remind this one of her prayer, and may the Lord have a way to go on in her.

A young man responded to personal contact from the brothers; happy to speak to the brothers again, he invited the brothers to have a time with him and his father.

We had a lunch appointment with a new one who enjoyed the fellowship and even opened up about the struggles of being a Christian in Italy, specifically in Naples. We need to pray for our continued contact with him and how to continue shepherding this open vessel.

The brothers had a second lunch appointment with a master’s student. We fellowshiped about the need to be filled with the Lord. He received the fellowship well, and he called on the Lord’s name and touched his spirit.

We met a young woman in a park, and the sisters spoke the gospel to her. She prayed to receive the Lord, and we even had coffee with her afterwards.

A master's student from Vietnam received with joy a tract, *Basic Elements*, and a Bible. We showed him how to use the Recovery Version New Testament with the footnotes.

A student originally from Romania believed in God but didn't believe that He became a man. We shared the gospel with him, and he prayed to receive the Lord.

We had our final campus tabling time, since today was the final day of university classes and exams. We enjoyed singing and speaking the truth to the locals as they walked by.

## **Day 5**

Today's gospel time involved all the saints going to a local Piazza (square), which had a lot of foot traffic. We set up two tables. A number of people came up to the table to hear us sing, to receive a tract, and to hear the gospel. One passerby stayed with us for 30 minutes to fellowship. She is a dear seeker here in Naples, and she told us that she was praying to the Lord to find the people in Naples who really love Him.

Tonight we had our second gospel dinner. We had three new ones come to spend time with the saints. It was a wonderful time of blending among the saints and getting to know these three new ones. They all enjoyed their time with us, and we felt this was a great next step in our caring for these ones.

At the same time, a group of saints went to visit a brother nearby who has been in contact with some saints in Italy for a number of years. He testified that he has seen the vision of the ground of oneness and has a heavy burden for each member of the Body to grow and function. We had some desperate prayers with him for his family and the Lord's move in Naples. Lord, we pray for this family and for You to gain more believers here for Your testimony in Naples.

We met one Italian student who at first had only enough time for a brief conversation. He was very intellectual and very well-versed in poetry, history, and philosophy. He told us a poet has mentioned Jesus as the last Adam. We showed him 1 Corinthians 15:45 on the last Adam and shared how Christ was the end of the old creation as the last Adam and was the beginning of the new creation, because when God is added to man, he becomes a new creation. God is the only new One in the universe. After this he said he could have coffee with us. The next day the same student came dressed in a shirt and tie to have lunch with us. We pray for this student and the other seekers that have been drawn to the Lord through the speaking of His word.

Among most of the ones we met, many of them were attracted to us because we were not from Italy; some were especially interested when we mentioned that a number of us were from America. However, we realized that the real faith comes through the hearing of the word of Christ, so our speaking needs to be with God's economy in view.

## **Day 6**

On Lord's Day the team gathered together for a time of enjoyment and encouragement; this gathering included a couple of the scattered saints in the Naples area. We were burdened to have a time with these saints to remind them that they are not alone and the Body stands with them as they stand there for the Lord's testimony in Naples. It was a sweet time of singing and fellowship, which concluded with dinner all together. The saints expressed their gratitude for our visit and encouraged us to continue praying for the Lord's move in Naples as well as to continue being channels for the Lord to reach more seekers during our time here. What a blessing it is to experience the Body life!

## **Day 7**

Monday was our last day of tabling, so we set up two tables at two different locations. One group of saints went to the piazza we had visited on Saturday, while another group of saints took a train to Pozzuoli and set up a table in a piazza there. This is the same Pozzuoli mentioned in Acts 28:13, where Paul landed at the end of his fourth ministry journey before heading to Rome. We met a few open ones there, one of whom is a dear believer who stayed with us to fellowship and sing with us at the table. At the table back in Naples, a contact from the gospel dinner came to find us and see us there, which was very encouraging.

During our coordination time we felt burdened to develop a follow-up strategy to ensure that none of these new contacts would slip through the cracks but would have a way to go on after we leave Naples. We assigned at least two saints from the team to contact, pray for, and follow up with each contact with a view of long-term shepherding. This included trying to see them one last time before leaving Naples and setting up virtual Bible-reading times. Saints, please pray for this continued follow-up and for the virtual shepherding times; we really need the prayers from the Body for these new ones.

## **Day 8**

Tuesday was our last morning in Naples, so we spent the coordination time enjoying the Lord through singing, pray-reading, and finishing the ministry book we had been reading together. A local brother we visited on Saturday came for breakfast and the coordination time, which was very encouraging. We ended our time in Naples with much prayer, exercise of the spirit, and the Word.

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

We passed out a total of 2121 tracts, 53 *Basic Elements* booklets, and 12 Bibles. 21 prayed to receive the Lord, and we exchanged personal contact information with 137 and contact information was obtained from 48. We had appointments with 17 new ones and 7 attended a meeting.

(See photos on the next 2 pages)

The team at Naples



The team at Sicily

