



Reaching Lugano

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A whole year in Switzerland!

2024 has been **our first year spent entirely in Switzerland** and we want to express how grateful we are to God for leading us through every challenge. We pray 2025 will be **the year of multiplication** and further advancement of the Kingdom of God in Lugano, in Jesus name!

2024: THE YEAR OF OUR SETTLEMENT

We thank God in 2024 we were able to successfully go through all the processes needed to obtain our permits, register our car, activate our health insurance and start working. None of these steps have been easy, but thankfully we were successful.



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

In November we continued our **online Bible studies** both in Italian and English. The young man from England who found us on social media has shown a lot of interest into studying the Bible and attending Sunday services.



In the beginning of December we were blessed to have the **National Board visiting Lugano** for planning and fellowship. On Sunday 8th Rev. Ackah shared the word.

Lately our average attendance has decreased but we kept having our meetings, focusing mainly on English speakers.

During the Holiday Season we had a chance **to have fellowship with saints** from Northern Italy: Milan, Busto Arsizio, Verona and Novara. These visits and opportunities to minister have been very encouraging, we received so much support and love from our sending Nation.

On one occasion we brought a member of the church with us. Thank God for this opportunity.



2024 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Overall, we can say 2024 has been **a positive year**, we started having services in January and **we never stopped** except for special events or holidays. At the end of the current month we will celebrate our **first Anniversary services**, praise God!

Here are a few numbers I took note of through the year.

Services: 36

Average attendance: 7/8

Guest speakers: 6

Special services: 9

Visitors (locals or in the area): 14

Visitors from other churches: 24

Thank you to all who supported us with prayers, finances and visits. We want to put all our effort into more sowing this year and believing we can double in number!

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