



Reaching Lugano

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Final report of 2025

Another year has come to an end, and we thank God for every achievement of 2025, both in Lugano and in the rest of Switzerland. God has been our strength, and His Kingdom our priority.



LUGANO

We continued to hold informal meetings called **Bible Forums**, which were received with great enthusiasm by the church. In November, a group of young people from Milan participated in one

of these meetings. On another occasion, a Filipino sister visited us while searching for a UPC church. Although she lives in Italy, she was familiar with our fellowship from her childhood and, while in the area, decided to visit us after a long search. In both instances, the presence of God was evident, and lives were deeply touched.

PLANNING FOR PROGRESS

On November 8th, the ministerial body of Switzerland met in Bern for the **annual Planning Meeting**. For the first time, department leaders presented reports on activities accomplished so far, along with plans for 2026.

This day was also particularly significant because we all **signed the Constitution** of our organization in Switzerland. It was a moment of great joy and excitement for everyone involved.



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Sis. Padilla organized the first **National Youth Gathering**, an initiative aimed at uniting young people from across Switzerland. The event took place on November

29th in Bern and included interactive activities to help participants get to know one another, a shared lunch, and

a meaningful time of worship and devotion.

We are already looking forward to the next gatherings planned for 2026.

MINISTERING IN ITALY

During the holiday season, we traveled to Sicily to visit friends and family. During this time, we had the opportunity to minister in three different locations in the **Palermo** area and also visited the church in **Catania**.



On every occasion, we shared the vision for Lugano and for Switzerland. We are very grateful for the support and partnership of the church in Italy.

2025 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

The year 2025 was filled with activities and opportunities to minister, but our primary focus remains Lugano. We thank God that, even with lower attendance, we remained faithful in holding meetings. Here a few numbers I took note of this year, very similar to the previous year.

Services: 37

Average Sunday attendance: 6/7

Guest speakers: 6

Special services: 5

Visitors (locals or in the area): 23

Visitors from other churches: 79

Aimers: 2

Thank you to all who supported us with prayer and sacrificial giving. We pray that 2026 will be a turning point for Lugano and for the work of God throughout Switzerland. God bless you!

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