



Reaching Lugano

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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2026: God is Faithful!

The second part of the year has been filled with meaningful moments of fellowship, ministry, and outreach. We have continued to sow into Lugano, trusting God for the people He is preparing. We are grateful for every opportunity to serve and grow together.

APRIL

From April 2nd–4th, we attended the **First Ministers' Retreat** in Bern, together with **Rev. and Sis. Arcidiacono**. Their many years of experience in ministry and their wisdom were a great blessing and encouragement to us. We are grateful for the opportunity to spend time together, learn from their experience, and be strengthened in our calling.



On Sunday, April 5th, they travelled with us to Lugano, where we had a special service together. Their presence was a great encouragement to us and to the local church, and we were blessed by the fellowship and ministry we shared.

MAY

In May, we gathered in Bern for our **Third Swiss National Conference**. It was another special time of fellowship with churches from across Switzerland. Pastor Andreassen preached with anointing and three people received the gift of the Holy Ghost.



We are grateful for what God is doing in our nation and for the unity and vision we share as we continue moving forward together.

We were involved in translation, worship and sis. Padilla organised a successful **Youth session** on Sunday morning.

JUNE

In June, we held **Lugano Gospel Fest 2026**. Young people from Calvary Church Milan joined us in the city centre, **singing** and inviting people to our Gospel concert. We were able to share words of hope and encouragement inviting people to open their hearts to Jesus. We felt **great freedom** in the Spirit as we sang and preached.



In the afternoon, we gathered for the Gospel concert, where we welcomed visitors and experienced a powerful time of worship and preaching. Evangelist Charles Robinette preached about the **Kingdom of God**, reminding us that *this is the day the Lord has made for us*. We are especially grateful because **a lady from Lugano received the Holy Ghost!** We give God all the glory!





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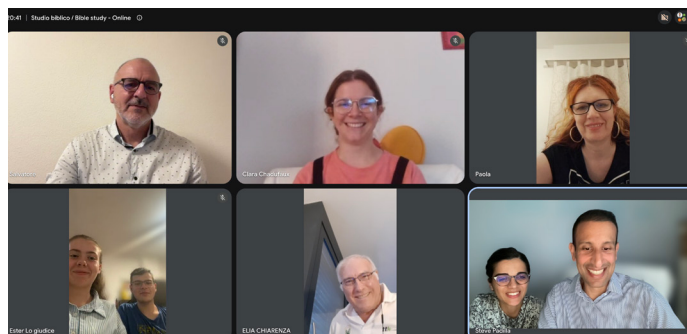
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The **UPCI of Italy National Conference** was a tremendous time of blessing. **Rev. David K. Bernard** was the guest speaker, and many people were filled with the Holy Ghost. We are encouraged to see the church in Italy moving forward so rapidly, with many new works being established. It is exciting to see what God is doing across the nation.

We also had the privilege of attending and serving at the **Euro Youth Congress in Milan**, where approximately 1,300 young people gathered from more than 30 nations to lift up the name of Jesus. It was an incredible time of worship, preaching, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Many lives were touched and transformed, and we are grateful to have been part of what God is doing among the next generation. We are particularly grateful for **22 people from Switzerland!**



OUR GREATEST BLESSING

Above all these wonderful experiences, **God has blessed our family in a marvellous way.**

After a long wait, we are rejoicing to share that **we will become parents in December 2026!** This is an answer to an eight-year prayer, and we are deeply grateful for God's faithfulness. His timing is always perfect, and we are overwhelmed by His goodness to our family.

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR US

As we continue serving in Lugano, please **keep us in your prayers.** We continue with **Thursday Bible studies, Sunday services** and **Bible forums**, and monthly visits from Sis. Hackenbruch. Regardless of fluctuating attendance, we are grateful for every opportunity to sow God's Word.

Pray that God will lead us to hungry hearts, key people, and new connections, and give us wisdom and boldness to reach those He is preparing.

We believe the best is yet to come!

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