



# Reaching Lugano

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## *Great things happening at the Swiss National Conference!*

The work in Lugano is **moving forward** and we are so thankful for the marvelous things that have happened in the past few months. Indeed, **God is with us!**

### APRIL

April started with the **Italian Youth Camp** and was a great blessing. It was an amazing opportunity to connect with the Ueckers and the Global Campus Ministry team.

**Purpose Institute in Bern** continued, where we travelled to once a month to teach the first subject.

On the third weekend of April we were invited, alongside Pastor Ackah and Sis. Hackenbruch, to the **“Teachings of the Master” Seminar in Milan**. It is a conference for the local church that has blessed many over time.

Rev. and Sis. Shock (Terre Haute, Indiana) were among the guest speakers and we appreciated listening to them and spending time with them.

### MAY

In May we met our **Aimers**, Sis. Leah and Sis. Alexis who visited us in Lugano for a Sunday service.

The rest of the month was spent **preparing for the upcoming National Conference**, both with music and promotions working with the Aimers and Young people from Switzerland.

By the end of the month, we visited Milan once again for the **“Restoring Families” Conference** (Restaurando Familias) organized by Rev. and Sis. Mendizabal (Houston, Texas) and his team. We received so much from that Conference, and we’re glad we could participate.

### JUNE

June was a very important month as we had our **Second National Conference** on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> in the church of Geneva. We had business meetings with all the ministerial body where we could discuss **the advancement of our Organization** in Switzerland.



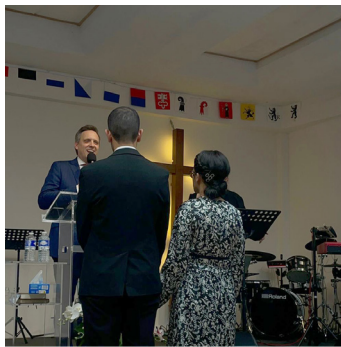




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A moment we will never forget was our **Ordination Ceremony** conducted by our Regional Director Rev. Nathan Harrod. We felt the full support of the Swiss church and we're glad we could share that moment with our family, the Superintendent of the UPC of Italy, and friends.

Guest speaker Rev. Chris Green preached a powerful message under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We were also thrilled that a lady from Lugano was **filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost** after having been seeking it for a long time!

By mid-June we joined the **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church of Milan** with pastor Giacalone, and Rev. Parsons (Founder of the church and former Superintendent of Italy).

Another key event for the church of Lugano was the **AYC tour**. AYC organized a trip to Switzerland and they were in Lugano on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The young people sang in the streets attracting many people and inviting them to the Gospel Concert of Sunday afternoon.

We had prayed that this could be **an opportunity for our church to be noticed** and to reach the city. With around 50 young people from North America and the support of the churches of Northern Italy there were around **100 people**, including **12 visitors**! We had prayed for at least 10 visitors and God exceeded our expectations. Half of those visitors showed great enthusiasm in finding us. One of them was familiar with the experience of Pentecost and spoke in tongues again after many years. Of those visitors, **4 came to at least one service** in church. One lady is coming to our upcoming Youth Camp and a man is **regularly attending** both Bible study and Sunday service.

We're thankful because the AYC impact went beyond the concert and we're **still reaping the blessings** of their ministry. At the moment we are continuing to have **services and Bible studies**, trying to build a strong foundation and collaborating with the rest of the Swiss team. To God be the glory!

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