

# Reaching Lugano

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## Our first Anniversary and our first baptism!

We praise God for how 2025 has started. Even though we keep **sowing and praying** to reach more souls in the city of Lugano, **we celebrate** what we have achieved so far.



### A NEW NAME AND OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY!

The year began with the unveiling of **our new identity**: the UPC of Lugano has been named **Chiesa La Rocca** (The Rock Church). This name reflects our purpose that is to be a safe place for hungry souls, a church founded on the rock which is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4).

On the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of January we celebrated **our first Anniversary**. In fact, in late January 2024 we began having church services in the hotel meeting room and **since then we never** 



**stopped**. Our guest speaker was our National Superintendent Rev. Brochu. We were honored to have all of the national leaders from Switzerland, some pastors from Italy as well as several saints from both countries.

#### **BREAKING THE CHAINS CONFERENCE, NORWAY**

We were greatly blessed in taking part for the first time to this great conference that Rev. Andreasson from Oslo organizes every year. We could connect with many ministers and fellow Regional Missionaries, sharing our vision and supporting each other. It truly impacted our spirits!

#### **OUR FIRST BAPTISM**

At the beginning of March, we baptized our first soul! A young man from London that has been attending church

since October asked to be baptized and we took him to the church of Milan to baptize him. We couldn't believe when the previous week he interrupted the preaching to ask "Could I be baptized?" He said he felt God was speaking to him in that moment encouraging him to make that important decision. At the Anniversary service this same young man was close to be filled with the Holy Ghost and we pray very soon he will complete his new birth. Right now he and another sister are the only church members, we pray though we can double soon in the name of Jesus!

#### **SPECIAL YOUTH SERVICE**

We are thankful to the Churches of the area of Milan, in Northern Italy. Because of their proximity they have supported us often. On March 16<sup>th</sup> we had around 20 young people coming for a special service they organized and it was a great blessing for the church.



We had three visitors on that occasion: a young man and his two children we contacted on Social Media. We hope they will visit us again very soon!

#### **PURPOSE INSTITUTE IN BERN**

In March Purpose Institute was launched in Switzerland and a Spanish campus was started in Bern. We will support the Church of Bern for the first semester and the first lesson took place on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a great time and the saints of Bern were very enthusiastic about it. We feel privileged to be part of it.

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