



Reaching Lugano

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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The First Youth Camp and Summer update

It was awesome to witness the beginning of the **Youth Department in Switzerland**, starting with the First Youth Camp. We believe in the rise of Apostolic young people in this nation!

JULY

We thank God for His favor! After meeting in a hotel room for months, in July we were able to move to a multi-purpose room in a strategic zone. Here, some of the visitors of the AYC concert in June, came back and attended a couple of services. Among these visitors, there is a man who has been attending since then both online Bible studies and Sunday services.



from the Swiss churches and from abroad joined for a time of fellowship, devotion and fun. We can say this event was definitely a great success! A young lady living in an unreached area of Switzerland joined us as she found us online.

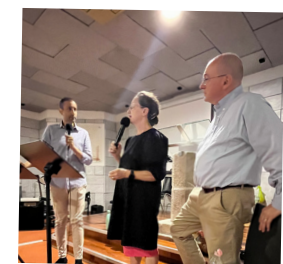


We were also greatly blessed by the **support** of bro. Carson from USA, who stayed in Lugano for the whole month. He helped us with music, teaching and preaching as well as serving the National Church.



In the middle of August, we attended the **National Conference of the UPC of Italy** in Milan.

A lady who visited us at the concert came from Lugano and stayed for two services.



Taking advantage of a family visit in Verona, Italy, we also attended a local Seminar at Rev. Di Bernardo's church. There, we met missionaries **bro and sis Alphin** (Finland/Iceland). It was a blessing to connect with them as they shared a lot of their **experience in Missions**.



Rev. Hackenbruch and Rev. Ackah and our Aimer, bro. Carson, where also present.

The guest speaker was Rev. Stan Gleason who delivered powerful and inspiring sermons, more than 1000 people in attendance.

Finally, this month we also successfully concluded the first Purpose Institute Semester in Bern.

AUGUST



On August 1-3 sis. Padilla, who had been elected **Youth President** by the National Board, organized the very **First National Youth Camp** in Einsiedeln, in the heart of Switzerland. Around **40 young people**

SEPTEMBER

Despite attendance dropped a little in September, we decided to hold our Second **Missions Service** anyway. The guest speaker was Rev. Cangini from Italy. Serving as the President of Evangelism and Missions in Italy he was a fitting choice for a service dedicated to Missions. We are also grateful that for the second time **we were able to send an offering** to the Regional Missions of Europe. We thank God for that!



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In the month of October, we had the chance to meet the GATS team as they taught in Milan for the Ministry Seminar of Italy. Bro. Driggers, bro. Thompson and bro. Smith were excellent teachers.

In Lugano we decided to test a new activity: instead of having traditional services, we had a couple of informal meetings on Sunday, we called it **Bible Forum**.



Just like the Apostles, who broke bread from house to house and shared the Word, we sit around a table and choose a topic from the Bible while sharing a snack. The first time we talked about "bearing fruit", the second time we discussed about "forgiveness".

Both meetings were very interesting and both times we had **around 10 people attending**, among these a local young man sis. Padilla invited. Almost everyone participated sharing their thoughts edifying each other.

We thank God for everything that happened this Summer and Fall, we are trying to adapt to the needs of the local church, and we are seeing the hand of God moving.

If you want to support us in prayer, please remember these needs:

- Reaching key people who would bring others to church
- Better visibility of the church and more opportunity to witness
- Tearing down strongholds of indifference and Humanism

God bless you!
Steve & Samantha Padilla

More pictures from the Youth Camp

