



Reaching Lugano

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One year in Switzerland

A whole year has passed since our arrival in Lugano. We thank God for his faithfulness and for every door he has opened for us so far. We are about to finalize our settlement, these days we're taking care of the very last issues. **It has not been easy but the Lord has helped us!**

JULY 2024

Even though we had less services due to the holiday season, we kept **sowing in the city** and the Lord gave my wife a wonderful opportunity to witness! During a casual conversation with a young couple she works for as babysitter, she explained to them why we moved to Switzerland. As soon as she said we are Pentecostals the mother, **a Muslim woman**, told her she was greatly encouraged by a Pentecostal preacher. The preacher was sis. Tenney at the POA! The lady then took my wife to her bedroom to show her all the notes and prayers she has been writing lately, quoting the Bible. She confessed she went through a very difficult time and said: **"I'm Muslim, but the Muslim prayers didn't work, but this works!"** In another occasion my wife prayed with her and the Holy Ghost was tangible!



Another remarkable event this month was **BOTT in Barcelona**: it was the first time for my wife and I to attend this kind of event, and it has been a great blessing to our ministry. We're glad some ministers and Aimers from Switzerland were there. We're particularly thankful to bro.

Allan Calhoun for his hard work in promoting the Regional Missions. Our RD, Nathan Harrod called the Querinos, the Zabous and us to stand on the platform as they gathered a special offering for Euro Regional Missions. We came back home renewed and greatly encouraged!

AUGUST 2024

As usual, we attended the **National Conference of the UPCI of Italy**. Rev. Dan McLeod was the guest speaker and it has been another great time in the presence of God.



We feel so proud to come from such a strong and revival church!

Sister Hackenbruch, the Aimers and a young lady from Lugano church were there as well. Indeed, we were blessed and trusting that the same **revival** will invade Switzerland as well.

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On the anniversary of our arrival to Switzerland we decided to launch a local celebration we want to have annually: a special **Missions Service**. It took place on Sunday 1st and we invited **Rev. Giacalone from Milan** as guest speaker. Pastor Giacalone, a church-planter, has been my first pastor. Growing up in the church of Milan means being familiar with missionaries from Europe and developing a **burden for missions**. Therefore, we felt he was the right man for such occasion.



The Muslim lady as well as other contacts were interested to attend but they couldn't. We're sure soon or later we will have them with us to **experience Pentecost!**

We're looking forward to what the Lord has in store in the rest of the year. In the meanwhile we will keep sowing and trying to preach the things of the Kingdom to as many people as possible!

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