



*Valeria leading prayer on the occasion of Refugee Sunday*

*Rome Scholars and Leaders Network*

*Valeria and Gioele visiting a church in Holland*

## Update 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

We are grateful to God and thankful for your prayers for us. Thank you for reading this update.

Family-wise, both of our sons are well. Filippo spent (and enjoyed!) a couple of weeks in Boston (USA) for his job. We continue to pray for him. Aki is doing fine. He recently was asked by his church to lead the invocation at the beginning of the Sunday service.

While carrying her nursing job and tutoring trainees, Valeria successfully finished her first module of the biblical counseling training with the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (CCEF). She is now ready for the second module. Together with the other deacon of the church (Gioele) she visited a group of churches in Groningen (Holland) from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June on the occasion of their missions conference. She had the opportunity to speak about gospel work in Rome and beyond. There is much interest in what the Lord is doing in and through Breccia di Roma and we are grateful that more members of the church can speak about it internationally. Both Valeria and Gioele appreciated the fellowship and the encouragement received.

After a two-year suspension due to the pandemic, the sixth edition of the Rome Scholars and Leaders Network (RSLN) was held from 13 to 17 June, 2022. It was organized by the Reformanda Initiative and took place at the Evangelical Church Breccia di Roma in the heart of Rome. Globally, there are no similar conferences that provide an opportunity for evangelical scholars to grow in their analysis of Roman Catholicism. As the ecumenical pressure on the evangelical movement to reconcile downwardly with Rome intensifies, it is even more strategic and urgent to promote the evangelical

## What's next?

- **13<sup>th</sup> July** : church night on the Cappadocian Fathers
- **14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** : IFED Preachers' Lab
- **25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** : Leonardo speaks at a summer camp for young adults
- **28<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August** : family holiday

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study of Roman Catholicism. The RSLN is unique for its disciplinary focus in this regard, and for the quality of its program.

This year's RSLN saw 25 participants from 13 countries (from three continents: Europe, Oceania and the Americas) take part in sessions characterized by presentations, seminars, and dialogues for five consecutive days. Some participants were academic theologians, others were doctoral students in theology, and most were theologian-pastors or leaders of evangelical initiatives in the fields of formation and/or mission. Over the years, the RLSN has generated a community of evangelical scholars and students who, engaged in various responsibilities in the fields of research, teaching, and the development of evangelical networks, has benefited and contributed to the growth of evangelical awareness of Roman Catholicism in various parts of the world. A full report on the RSLN can be read [here](#).

Resources by Leonardo made available this month include:

[“To Be Or Not To Be: Exercising Theological Stewardship Of The Name Christian”](#), *Foundations* No.82 Spring 2022, pp. 8-22.

[“New Directions of the Ecumenical Movement: Critically Evaluating Challenges to Christian Unity”](#) (video from the European Leadership Forum 2021).

Church-wise we were visited by a group from Fellowship Bible Church in Arkansas (3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June). Together that week we had many opportunities for fellowship, prayer and mutual encouragement. We were also helped to clean a city park. Leonardo preached at a church in Rome (12<sup>th</sup> June). On the 26<sup>th</sup> the church incorporated [Refugee Sunday](#) in our service, dedicating specific times of prayer for refugees and refugee ministry.

At the end of the academic year, the students at the IFED Training Course took their exam (12<sup>th</sup> June). At the end of the exam session we held *Libri per Roma* (Books for Rome). A book on early Christian attitudes to the arts by a local professor was presented by the author and gave rise to an interesting conversation. The series on Luke's gospel continues to be at the center of our Sunday services. Again in June, most Sundays were packed with 40-50 people each Sunday. We pray for conversions to Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support!



*Rome Scholars and Leaders Network*



*Cleaning a city park in Rome and praying for the city*



## How can you help?

We continue to depend on God's provision for the needs of the building (i.e., mortgage) and various projects related to the ministry. Will you stand with us in prayer so that the glory of God will continue to shine forth in the city of Rome? Would you also consider helping us financially to enable us to serve the church in Italy and the cause of the Gospel?

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