



Church retreat

Agape in Rome

## Update 30<sup>st</sup> April 2022

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

Family-wise we are grateful for Aki's new job. He was hired at the John Cabot University to work as a "courier" (runner). It's a full time job and potentially a long-term job. Aki works with administrative staff, teachers and students in support services such as printing, dispatching correspondence, concierge, etc. JCU is only 10 minutes walk from our home. Praise God. Filippo is finishing up his dissertation.

On April 1-3 we had a church retreat together with Breccia di Roma San Paolo. The focus of the retreat was to pray for the new church planting project in Roma Prati (beginning in September 2022, God willing). We had sessions providing a spiritual reading of the neighborhood of Prati and times of prayer. During the Sunday service, the two families who already moved to Prati were commissioned to plant the church. It was a moving moment that strengthened our church; we are aware of our little resources but confident in the power of the gospel. We commit this project to the Lord.

Also connected to the church planting work in Prati was the annual day (agape) of our Reformed Baptist sister churches (CERBI) on 25<sup>th</sup> April. More than 300 people traveled to Rome from all over Italy for this very important day. After a morning service in one of the historic cinemas of the city, in the afternoon we had a prayer walk in the streets of Prati, stopping by at three places to pray for a gospel reformation in the justice system (in front of the Supreme Court), for a gospel renewal in communication and journalism (in front of RAI, the national broadcasting agency) and for a gospel

## What's next?

- **6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May** : Leonardo speaking at "The Future of Europe" conference in Paris
- **9<sup>th</sup>** : Interview on FB on Ecumenism
- **14<sup>th</sup>** : Presentation of *Same Words, Different Worlds* book in Rome
- **15<sup>th</sup>** : Faith&Work seminar in Rome
- **17<sup>th</sup>** : Seminar on Roman Catholicism for a group of Irish pastors
- **20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** : European Leadership Forum in Wisla (Poland)
- **28<sup>th</sup>** : Annual General meeting of the Italian EA in Naples

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breakthrough in people's hearts (in front of Castel Sant'Angelo, next to St. Peter's square). What a great encouragement it was to have all these believers together walking, singing the praises of God and boldly and publicly praying for the gospel to impact the city. A report in Italian (with pictures) of this memorable day can be found [here](#).

On 9<sup>th</sup> April we had our IFED theological training sessions followed by "Libri per Roma" (Books for Rome) with the public presentation of the Italian edition of Martin Luther's writings on the Lord's Supper. On 12<sup>th</sup> April Leonardo on behalf of the Italian Evangelical Alliance gave greetings to the [inauguration of the Italian Chinese Theological Seminary that was opened in Rome](#): a good opportunity to build bridges with this growing community of believers in town.

On 27<sup>th</sup> we offered the "Reformation Walk" to a class of 20 students and two teachers from a Roman high school. On the same day Leonardo gave an online lecture on evangelical bioethics to a class of 40 Roman Catholic teachers in Rimini.

Valeria led 3 training seminars on the challenges and opportunities to welcome refugees (4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April) to a group of people who are going to be involved in a humanitarian corridor organized by the Italian Evangelical Alliance that will welcome 75plus Afghani refugees in Italy in the next few weeks and months. "Il Soggiorno" continues to be open on Saturday afternoons welcoming 5-8 refugees each time, less than expected but still precious people to meet with and to witness to.

Thank you for your prayers and support!



*Agape 25<sup>th</sup> April*



*Agape (25<sup>th</sup> April)*



*Aki with his job contract*



## 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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