

REV MCMILLER IN ITALY!

September/October 2022

Last month, the Confessional Lutheran Church of Italy celebrated the confirmation in Rome of our dear brother Roberto Scafa (from Florence). Praise the Lord as Italian speakers are comforted by the pure Gospel that we proclaim, centered around Christ crucified and his forgiving love for us!

Our presence continues to grow across the Peninsula. We are in contact with a list of people too long to mention from Naples, Bari, Rome, Abruzzo, Milan, Florence, Alessandria, Piacenza, Turino and Padova. A combination of Zoom Services of the Word, online and in person catechism and traveling to bring them the Lord's Supper is the only way the work here in Italy can continue forward. As our Lord says, the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few!

On the morning of October 5th, I received a message from a brother Lutheran pastor in Finland. Two Iranian women, confirmed Lutherans in his congregation, were being deported from Finland to Italy. They were on their way to Rome as we spoke.

Although I was able to get them an Airbnb, and I will be investigating what government assistance is available to them, their situation here is bleak. Italy is often the last stop before being deported back to Iran. Muslims who convert to Christianity face death if they return to their country. Please join me in praying for this family, so that together we can be working to make Italy their home as they continue to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, who promises his presence in the midst of all difficulties and guarantees a place in the house of the Father that he has prepared for us.

As I care for other people's immigration, I continue trudging through the bureaucracy and paperwork of my own immigration situation. Even though my family had to return to the US once again due to the slowness of their visa process, we look forward to being back in Italy together on November 15th.

Thank you for your prayers and your offerings that carry this work forward to the glory of Jesus Christ our God and Savior. Amen!



Roberto's confirmation in Pastor McMiller's apartment



Roberto with the men studying to be pastors



Pastor McMiller with two LCMS Americans (Greg and Brandie) who live in Italy that have connected to our Church.



Pastor McMiller with mother and daughter Iranian Christian refugees



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