

## The Leib Family Preaching the Gospel in Italy



Hello dear brethren in Christ,

August – September 2025

The past two months have been busy but foundational for the future ministry here. Thank you for your prayers regarding a meeting place. After holding a few services at the hotel, we met with the owner, and the Lord gave us favor in his eyes. He is allowing us to use the conference room every Sunday of the month for a fraction of the price. He even mentioned that he appreciates, being from the "old school," that we are reaching out to the youth and that we read the Bible. Please pray that his curiosity will draw him in and that the Lord will use it.

We would also like to share the story of our first convert since arriving here in Schio. Evangelism here reminds me a lot of the New England states in the U.S., where people openly reject the gospel, blaspheme God, curse at you, and want nothing to do with it. The culture is quite different from southern Italy.

A few weeks ago, Priscilla noticed that there would be motorcycle derby in our town, so we went to evangelize it. We brought tracts, had some good conversations, and eventually I decided to leave the group and cast the line on the other side of the boat. I saw a young man standing alone and asked him if he knew where he would go if he died today. He responded, "Why are you asking me this?" I explained that we are all going to die and face judgment. He told me he was an atheist but had questions about the Bible, the pope, the antichrist, evolution, and more. That conversation lasted about two and a half hours. Though he didn't give me his number, he gladly received a tract and said he would come to hear me preach on Sunday.

That Sunday he walked in, just a minute before the service began, and heard a gospel message. Afterward, he spoke with Tommaso about science, the Bible, and various things. He also accepted our invitation to supper at our home with some of the other young men. That evening he told me he wanted to accept Christ as his Saviour, but something was holding him back: he said he just couldn't forgive himself for his past sins. The light seemed to go on when I explained that he didn't need to forgive himself, and never could, but that he must accept Christ's forgiveness, because only God can take away his sin and give him eternal life.

"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Is 43:25

That night, on September 7th, Filippo knelt down on our blue 70's kitchen floor and received Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour.

Please pray for his family. Filippo's mom came the next Sunday to "check us out," as she thought her son had joined a cult, since biblical Christianity is almost unknown here. She has since attended twice more and said she really likes how we preach from the Bible instead of simply prayer books and rituals as she has seen in the Catholic Church. Please pray for her salvation.

Praise the Lord, Tommaso was also able to lead his brother Matteo to the Lord, and he got saved! Tommaso has been witnessing to him off and on for some time, and after coming to several youth events and church services, he saw his need for Christ. I had the opportunity to witness to him personally for a few hours, and the Lord gave the increase (1 Cor. 3:6-8).

Meanwhile, the children have started school and are adjusting well. Priscilla and the baby are also well.

I have also finished translating one of my favorite hymns: Oh to Be Like Thee, as well as a couple of children's songs for Sunday School. Please pray that we might be able ministers as we care for the new souls saved.