

FORO *Romano*

connecting with students, launching a movement

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Bowling Italian Style!

Since our first day on campus we have been trying to build relationships with Italian students with the purpose of sharing the Gospel. While meeting students on campus a few weeks ago, we met Mario. Mario has an outgoing personality and we have enjoyed getting to know him. Recently we were able to go bowling with him and four of his friends. It was a fun time and we were able to bring up spiritual conversations with several of the students. Our prayer is that we would be able continue to invest time getting to know them and to continue to share the gospel with Mario, Francesco and Mateo.

Dependence and Transformation

Two words I would use to describe my life right now are dependence and transformation. I am beginning to understand how much of my life I choose to live independent of God, but I am not content to stay that way and am being transformed more and more into His likeness.

Character & Skills

Transformation is not much fun sometimes and can be a tough process when the Lord begins to expose your own character issues to you and others around you. The strange thing is that this is exactly what I have been praying for God to do in my life this year. I want to grow and to be transformed. It has been hard, but I am praying that God continues to open up my heart and fill me with the Holy Spirit.

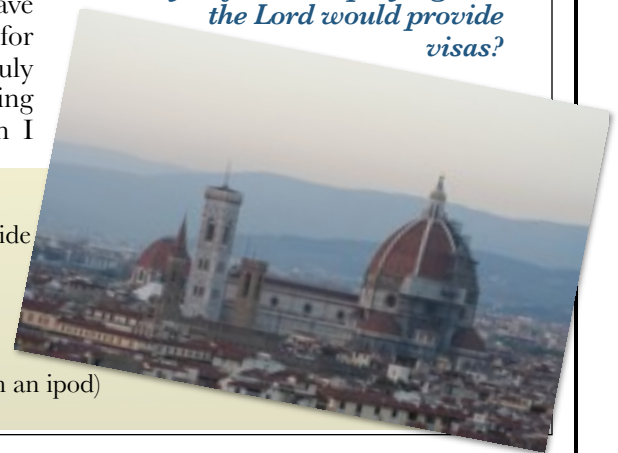
Meeting new students and sharing the gospel with them will always be a vital part of our ministry. As we meet with students we want to pursue students who are interested in hearing and learning more. As I begin to build relationships with these students some have expressed that they believe and even have accepted Christ, but it is hard for me to discern if they are truly believers or if they are just giving lip service. I realize how much I

need wisdom and discernment from the Lord. My prayer is that the Lord would develop my ability to proclaim the gospel in a way that students can genuinely see their need for Christ.

Visas

We entered Italy on a tourist visa in September, which allows us to stay for a period of 90 days. Recent changes to Italian law prevent us from obtaining a subsequent tourist visa. So during this time, Campus Crusade for Christ staff members have been working diligently with lawyers and consulates to allow us to obtain a visa which would allow us to stay long term. We are depending on the Lord to show up in a miraculous way.

Would you join us in praying that the Lord would provide visas?



“Our God will fight for us!”

Nehemiah 4:20

Personally

- for God to continue to mold my character more and more into His likeness
- for God to give me wisdom and discernment when meeting with students

Ministry

- that God would provide long term visas
- for our outreach on 11/7 and 11/8 (students fill out a survey to enter to win an ipod)



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lives transformed by Jesus

As a team we talked about what we want to trust God to see by the end of our time here in Rome. We want to see Italian students taking ownership of the movement, Bible studies started, students sharing their faith and so much more. Overall we want to see "a movement of Italian students passionate about knowing Christ and making Him known."

English Club

Every Wednesday and Friday afternoon we invite students to come and practice speaking English with us on campus. We discuss a different topic each week such as culture, family, friends, and values with the purpose of helping them learn English and of sparking spiritual conversations

that lead to the Gospel. The past time I meet Danilo, a student at La Sapienza and was able to talk about life, family and what it means to have a relationship with Christ. He was very interested in hearing the gospel and he wants to get coffee together and talk some more. Please pray that Danilo and I would be able to meet up again and that he would understand what it truly means to know Christ and have a relationship with Him.



Dessert Night

Thursday nights we have a "dessert night" where we invite students to the girls' apartment to discuss

things about the Bible. We pick a topic such as grace and help students explore what the Bible says. One thing students seem to value is self discovery. If they are told something is true, they may or may not believe it, but if they discover something for themselves they hold it with much higher esteem.

Nazerano update

I told you a little bit about Nazerano in my last prayer letter and I would like to give you an update. We have been meeting with Nazerano once a week to explore what the Bible teaches us about sin, grace and our need to make a personal decision. He seems to understand and believe the Gospel and I hope he will understand for himself what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. We want to begin a weekly meeting where we can invite students like Nazerano to come discuss and seek answers to questions they have about God.

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"Work as if everything depended on you and pray as if everything depended on God." D. L. Moody