

Thank you for taking the Gospel
to Italy and Thailand!



"I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ."

Philemon 1:6



REID SAUNDERS
ASSOCIATION



ITALY & THAILAND

IMPACT REPORT

2024

This summer, you took the Gospel to...



Italy

Sicily, Florence, and Naples | June 30 - July 16, 2024

The harvest in Italy was gathered with much sweat, hard work, and trials! That's why it's so very precious, sweet, and incredibly rewarding! We were reminded that both Christians and non-believers need to focus on God rather than the works of their hands. Our efforts there were like removing rocks to prepare the soil for planting, symbolizing the spiritual preparation needed. We had the privilege of reaching out to the homeless on the street, the elderly in nursing homes, and children in foster homes. In the end, we saw the wonderful fruits of our labor. We are grateful for God's work in Italy.



Thailand

Rayong, Pattaya, and Si Racha | August 2 - 19, 2024

We were thrilled to bring our first cohort of evangelists from RSA's Evangelist Equipping Program, Peter, Daniel, and Danny. These three completed the pilot program this summer and each had the opportunity to share the Gospel multiple times and put into practice what they have learned. We feel that great things are happening in Thailand; ministries are being started, and the spirit of division is becoming a spirit of unity.



OUTREACH SCHEDULE

SICILY

Tues, July 2 - Thurs, July 4

- Homeless outreach
- Street outreach
- Nursing home visit
- Affinity events
- Hospital visits

Fri, July 5

- Festival night

Sat, July 6

- Children's outreach
- Festival night

Sun, July 7

- Church visit

NAPLES

Tue, July 9

- Women's shelter and nursing home outreach
- Meeting with pastors and leaders

Wed, July 10

- Outreach for families at a church

FLORENCE

Fri, July 12

- Teach at our host church

Sat, July 13

- Affinity event for families

Sun, July 14

- Preach at our host church



The Lord is at work in Florence and Naples! When we visited our host church in Florence on the last Friday of our outreach, it was almost empty with only about 12 people. On Saturday we did an outreach event, and by Sunday, it was FULL with almost 50 attendees! Encouraged by the turnout, the church plans to hold similar events every three months, as it was the first of its kind in Florence and proved amazingly effective. Praise God!



We thank God that he is always after "the one" and he uses us to be his hands, feet, and voice to bring his message of love to those he is pursuing! While our team was loading the van for an event in Palermo, Sicily, a man noticed us and asked what we were doing. We were in a rush, so we invited him to join us and see for himself. Amazingly, he agreed! On the way, he introduced himself as Gaspare, and shared that he was homeless and living under an awning near our hotel. He even pointed out his bed as we drove by. At the event, we connected him with a church volunteer who found him a seat. Later, we learned that Gaspare decided to give his life to Jesus! A church volunteer followed up and now Gaspare is living with his mom, receiving help from the church through food and essentials. He's currently being discipled, though his mom is still hesitant about the Gospel. Please keep praying for them, especially for his mom to come to Christ.

ITALY HIGHLIGHTS

1,297

Heard the Gospel

237

Decisions for Christ

5

Partner Churches



THAILAND

OUTREACH SCHEDULE

Sun, Aug 4

- Visit churches

Mon, Aug 5

- School ministry

Tues, Aug 6 - Wed, Aug 7

- Festival nights in Rayong

Thurs, Aug 8

- Leadership training

Fri, Aug 9 - Sun, Aug 11

- Festival nights in Pattaya

Tues, Aug 13 - Thurs, Aug 15

- College campus ministry

Sat, Aug 17 - Sun, Aug 18

- Festival nights in Si Racha



Name (pronounced "Nam"), a hotel worker who had been serving the team with kindness for several days, was invited to attend the festival by Reid and the team. She graciously agreed and arrived that evening, sitting in a small café behind the main stage. Later the next day, we saw Name again. Feeling prompted by the Holy Spirit, Reid returned to share the message of Jesus with her. She accepted Christ, and a local pastor helped her connect with a church. The team was blessed to see her again the next morning before leaving for their next city.

THAILAND



Our three evangelists from the evangelism training program each preached several times at our events, showcasing the growth they've experienced over the past year. Danny, from Mexico, delivered his messages in English, which were then translated into Thai. For Daniel, this was his first time preaching outside of the US, and Peter, the youngest of the group, grew tremendously in presenting the Gospel throughout the program. They were all well received for their kindness, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in their work. We are so grateful for how far they've come, and encouraged by the effectiveness of our first year of training.



Jesus can be shared across cultural boundaries, even in places where Buddhist religion is deeply embedded. We shared the Gospel at several schools in Thailand, where we had the opportunity to meet 1,500 children who had never encountered Americans before. In Thailand, every school has at least one Buddhist shrine, reflecting how deeply religion and education are intertwined in the culture. We gave a small gift to each principal and to the students, sharing the message that Jesus is the greatest gift of all.

THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS



28,120
Heard the Gospel

2,118
Decisions for Christ

42
Partner Churches

