

CHURCH PLANTING

The work of establishing new congregations.



We are a family of churches who are eager to preach the gospel to those who don't know Jesus Christ by planting new churches throughout the world.

PLANTING IN ITALY

Italy is a beautiful country with friendly people, a rich history, incredible food, and a strong religious heritage. But Italy is a spiritually dark country that lacks a real gospel presence. The spiritual climate reflects a lack of concern with God's Word or the work of Jesus, and Italy has been somewhat forgotten as a mission field. Over 60 million people live in Italy, and less than 1.5% know the truth of the gospel of Jesus. Less than 5% of the cities and villages in Italy have a gospel-preaching church. This means that many Christians seeking authentic community must travel a great distance to find a good church. This is why we believe God moved us to Italy--to extend the Great Commission, in partnership with Sovereign Grace, for the glory of His name. We believe the Lord is calling us to plant and establish an interconnected network of gospel-preaching churches that are self-sustaining and led by well-equipped Italians who reproduce, govern, and nourish themselves. We are beginning this with the first church plant in the northern city of Torino. We will co-plant with Rocco and Mady Dalia, who is currently training at Sovereign Grace Pastors College. When they return to Italy, we will be joined together with a core team to plant the first Sovereign Grace church in Italy! Why Torino? It is the 4th largest city in Italy and has a diverse culture. There is a large university as well as the headquarters of many various major corporations across several business sectors. But the main reason we chose Torino is that it is desperately needy. There are very few solid churches in this large city of such significance. We will be planting in the Lingotto neighborhood, a largely residential area with a good cross-section of the population of Torino. This church plant will reach students who come from all over Italy and Europe for the polytechnic university, families located in the city, and immigrants who have come to Northern Italy for work. We believe this will be a strategic base to train future leaders and extend the Great Commission throughout Italy and the rest of Europe as future Sovereign Grace Churches and a Sovereign Grace - Italia network is born.

As we look toward the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024, when the Torino church is being planted, there is much work to do, and we would love for you to pray for us. Here are some ways we are in need of prayer: 1) Pray that the Lord

will begin preparing hearts in Torino and that a solid core team will continue to form. 2) Pray that all of the needs of our team, financially and spiritually, will be provided for. 3) Pray that other churches of like values would be served by (and possibly join) Sovereign Grace as we seek to develop an Italian SGC network of churches.

None of this can be happening or will happen, nor would we want it to, without partnership. Our partnership with our local sending church (see www.omaras.org for more information), our partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Region of SGC, and our partnership with SGC more broadly as a denomination are vital means of grace for us! This includes the relational connections that are forming among European SGC as well as the Emerging Nations group. It also includes partners within local Sovereign Grace churches. We hope you can see what we value so much: from top to bottom, this

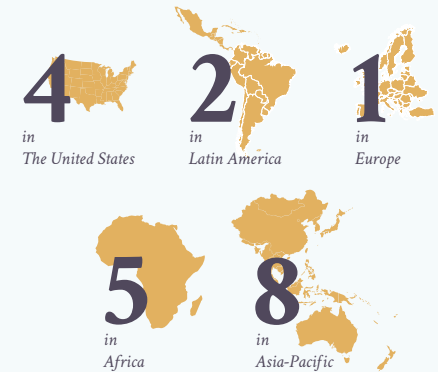


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endeavor is interconnected with the life of local churches and local church members across the globe! So any financial, prayer, or relational support we receive is undergirded by our shared values and common commitment to see the name of Jesus proclaimed and strong churches built. This is an anomaly for church planting endeavors in Italy, and we believe this positions us to more faithfully and successfully build churches for His glory. As we sing doctrinally rich SG songs translated into Italian, as we train and ordain elders, as we preach expository and Christ-exalting sermons, as we extend pastoral care and reach out with the hope of Christ's finished work - the imprint of Sovereign Grace on us will be transmitted into the darkness to bring light! And every day that passes makes us more aware that this is occurring through the interconnected network of our family. So we are deeply thankful for your giving, prayer support, and our historically shared heritage of gospel-centered churches. It is already making a difference and will bear fruit for ages to come!

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CHURCH PLANTS PLANNED OVER THE NEXT 2 YEARS



\$310,900

INVESTED INTO CHURCH PLANTING IN FY 2022

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