

The Surpassing Greatness of Knowing Christ

Knowing and Helping Others to Know Jesus in Rome, Italy

"What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ" ~Phil 3:8

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Meet the complete '08-'09 Roma STINT team: CW from back L: Jimmy, Sam, Ella, Chris. Brian, April, me, Jenny and Kanda. This was taken at our conference in Tuscany 9/21-9/24.

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tures of my life and ministry***

Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for providing for everyone on my team! We're all here!
- Praise God for great team bonding. We all get along well and laugh a lot. Pray that the Lord protects our relationships and unity.
- Pray for divine appointments with students whose hearts have been prepared by God.
- Pray for students to realize the weight of sin and their need for the only Savior, Jesus.

Ciao from Roma! Praise the Lord for providing the finances for my teammates and me to live and serve in Rome, Italy!

So much has happened in the 3 weeks that we have been here. We arrived the morning of Monday, September 15th, and it seems like we have not stopped moving.

We attended a conference in Tuscany for about 4 days to receive missional goals and cultural training. It was a great time of vision casting and team bonding.

Since getting situated in apartments, our team has had time to pray for Rome, both from our new homes and from the campus.

One highlight for me this past week was talking about the Gospel as a team and asking "So what? Why do we believe this is important? Why should others believe this?"

This gave us the opportunity to appreciate what God has done for us. As we sat in Circo Massimo discussing the gospel, our love for the Lord deepened.

I also was reminded that I am no different from the students I hope to share with. I can't approach students thinking that I have it all together and they don't. Jesus has paid for my sins, but that does not mean that I don't need Him any more. I want to be dependent upon Him, and I want to delight in knowing Him.

I pray that you draw closer to Him. Thank you for laboring with me, for praying and for giving generously.

In Christ,
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