

2025 FTTA Gospel Trips Report and Prayer Burdens 9 February 1, 2025

EUROPE

Baltic Countries

January 30 – February 1

We traveled from Estonia to Riga, Latvia. Upon arrival, the team was split into subgroups to have a time of fellowship with the hospitality.

The following day, the team visited Riga Technical University to speak to the students on campus. Despite being restricted from openly preaching the gospel on campus, we were able to have quite a few memorable and encouraging conversations. There was a considerable amount of students who were searching for the meaning of their human life and were open to receive the Lord into them.

On February 1, a student/young people's meeting was held with the young people and three new students. It was an enjoyable time being with the saints, singing songs, and reading the ministry.

Statistics:

Tracts: 57

Bibles: 3

Contacted: 50

Prayed: 10

Visitation: 3

Regular appointment: 1

Prayer burdens:

1. For there to be many students who would be open for further contact and appointments in the coming days.
2. For the going on of the new students that were invited to the student meeting.

Belgium / The Netherlands

January 31

We arrived in Utrecht and had coordination and lunch with seven local saints. A majority of us went out to distribute Bibles at the Utrecht Centraal station. Then we got to join their combined home meeting in Spakenburg. We met three teenage girls who were open and made the effort to speak English to us. After dinner, we sang hymns together.

Statistics:

Bibles: 6

Contacted: 1

Booklets: 9

February 1

There were a couple families that brought their kids to the gospel outreach. We noticed that a lot of people were open to receiving tracts from the children. This allowed us to come after and speak with them. In the evening, we joined their combined young people's meeting to blend with the local saints and young people. It was very encouraging to see how the younger ones and the teenagers enjoy the Lord with their companions, even though they are from different localities. It's visible that the local saints poured out for the churches in the Netherlands.

Statistics:

Bibles: 7

Contacted: 3

Booklets: 10

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Lord would soften the hearts of those who received Him.
2. That many would come to the corporate Lord's day meeting in Leiden.
3. That the Lord would keep these young people in the church life.
4. That the people in Urk would be attracted to the wonderful Person of Christ.

France (Paris 1 - Center)

January 31

Three trainees had an appointment with a local French woman over lunch. We listened to her family situation, prayed for her and encouraged her to contact the Lord. She was very touched. We are having another appointment on Monday before going with her to the home meeting that same night. Our prayer burden is for her to continue to be with the saints in the environment of the church, as well as that she would be open to the Lord in a personal way to have Him as her joy, supply, and rest everyday.

During the Bible distribution while the above appointment was occurring, the Lord supplied the need of providing two local brothers to distribute Bibles. We passed out 23 out of 30 Bibles (the rest were in English) and a few contacts were taken. Another girl who was already a believer asked to exchange contact information. One hour after she left, she walked by with a friend who initially said she wasn't interested in a Bible and had walked away. A minute later, they ran back to get a Bible before catching their train.



France (Lyon)

February 1

During the last few days in Lyon, we passed out 40 more Bibles. Two new students who were contacted from the campus this week came to attend our Bible seminar on Friday night. In addition, we had appointments and meals with four who were contacted during the summer Bible distribution. This morning we traveled to Saint-Étienne, a city near Lyon. We distributed 80 Bibles at a shopping center, and we had to cut our distribution time short to ensure that we would have enough Bibles for the following few days. Three new ones contacted from the summer Bible distribution also came to join us for this time.

Prayer burdens:

1. For the Lord to raise up His testimony in Saint-Étienne.
2. That we would meet many sons of peace during the distribution this week at Jean Monnet University.



France (Rouen / Dieppe)

January 31

After a morning of coordination and enjoying the Lord, our team met up with one of our contacts for lunch and a historical tour of Rouen.

February 1

We hosted home meetings for new ones both in the afternoon and the evening, with a group of saints from the UK joining. In both meetings, we ate, sang and enjoyed the Lord together! In between the home meetings, the brothers and sisters had appointments with contacts, while some local saints passed out Bibles.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Saturday home meetings would continue to welcome new ones and nourish the existing contacts.
2. For our upcoming appointments with existing and new contacts, that the Lord and His Word would be more real to them.

France (Toulouse / Bordeaux)

January 31

Today is the last day of Bible distribution this week. Some of our new ones joined and had a positive experience. We met many open ones and had high-quality conversations with people who have Christian backgrounds. In the evening we had a home meeting with about 30 saints, including two new ones that came to yesterday's gospel meeting. We read and shared from Ephesians 5 concerning the church as the bride of Christ. One of the new ones definitely decided to be baptized while the other appreciated us for answering the questions he had from reading the Bible.

February 1

Today we had coordination with the saints in the morning. We gave out some tracts while sightseeing and we had a lot of fellowship with the local saints.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the saints in Toulouse can have more remaining fruit.
2. That a new one will be baptized this Lord's Day, February 2.
3. That we will have a glorious blending with the saints in Bordeaux on February 2.



Switzerland (Geneva / Lausanne)

February 1

Today we had coordination at a family's home in Geneva. The local saints gave us an update on the current situation concerning the Lord's move here. We stayed for lunch and listened to the testimony of a local couple. In the afternoon we had 2 appointments. For dinner we visited a Korean family that moved here a year ago, and enjoyed some singing and prayers afterwards.

Prayer burdens:

1. For two mature families to move here with an open home for shepherding.
2. For the Lord's going on in the saints, strengthening them that they will enjoy Him first.

Germany (Frankfurt)

February 1

Today, we hiked in Königstein im Taunus to blend with the saints and college students from Frankfurt and Darmstadt. After, we went to a family's home where saints from Mannheim joined us. There were 37 in attendance, which was the biggest meeting that the couple had hosted during their years in Germany. The trainees shared their experience related to the hymn "Dig away, dig away, dig away."

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Lord's Day meeting in Frankfurt would be filled!
2. That the trainees would be blended with the young people in Frankfurt and the local saints.

Germany (Dusseldorf)

January 31

On our second day at University of Duisburg-Essen, we had a Bibles for Europe table and passed out 26 Bibles. We also had second appointments with two students over lunch. In the evening, we had a student Bible study on the divine romance. With 20 in total attendance, we welcomed 2 brand new contacts amidst a few other new ones. The students were very excited to dive into the word and see the verses all throughout the Bible on God's desire for a counterpart.

Prayer burdens:

1. For continued prayers for our follow up with the 23 contacts we have met this week.
2. For two or three of these contacts to enter fully into the church life and become remaining fruit in both Düsseldorf and Essen.
3. For the Lord's Day meeting and love feast in Düsseldorf to be full of life and blending for all the saints to be encouraged to go on.

Germany (Munich)

January 30

We joined appointments with the students and spent time with them in the meeting hall as they studied. In the evening, we had a college meeting. An estimated 60 students were in attendance from multiple universities to eat dinner, sing, and listen to a message on authority and submission.

January 31

In response to students wanting to have more responsibilities, the full timers arranged committees within the Christian Students in Munich club for the students to join to get more involved in the club.

Prayer burdens:

1. For the rich entrance of the students into the church life in Munich, Germany.
2. For the students to take more ownership within Christian Students in Munich club and be brought into their organic function.

Germany (Hamburg)

January 29

Due to the rain we stayed inside the Mensa at Universität Hamburg to have conversations with students eating lunch. In addition, one team member had a follow-up appointment with two students contacted earlier in the week. In the evening we were hosted by a local Spanish-speaking sister for dinner.

January 30-31

We attended the grand opening of a restaurant owned by a family in the church. The saints are aiming to meet the local German families through the restaurant. After brunch there we went to campus and handed out “Mystery of Human Life” tracts and invitations to the Christian Students in Hamburg welcome dinner on Saturday night. On the evening of January 30, a Ukrainian sister and a Spanish-speaking sister hosted us for dinner and we used translation apps to communicate. On the evening of January 31, we split into three groups to join small group meetings.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Lord would bless the saints’ restaurant to bring many to the Lord and into the church life.
2. That at least five local Germans would be remaining fruit from this gospel trip.



Italy

January 29

Today was our last day of tabling outside of Rome's La Sapienza University. We concluded the day by having dinner in the homes of the local saints. Hearing the testimonies of the saints who have migrated as well as the history of the Lord's move here was very encouraging. It is clear that the Lord can only move upon the tracks we lay by prayer. The Roman people are open to converse with foreigners, and very curious about our lives and testimony, but many are veiled by the religious influence and culture.

Statistics:

Tracts: 203

Conversations: 18

Second Appointment: 2

February 1

Today we blent with the saints in Lecco, Vicenza, Milan, and Torino. We started the morning singing and praising the Lord in both Italian and English. We had a mutual time to fellowship and overflow from our enjoyment from the gospel trip thus far, especially related to our experience of Christ as our real jubilee. In the evening, we enjoyed a time of sweet fellowship with a family living in Lecco. Starting tomorrow, we will have one team in Vicenza and the other in Milan.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the ones whom we have contacted would have a vision, a genuine turn, and the appearing of the Lord.
2. The Lord would continue to blend the saints in Northern Italy together.
3. For the gospel times this upcoming week in both Vicenza and Milan.



NORTH AMERICA

Midwest

St. Louis, MO / Cincinnati, OH

January 30

We went to Washington University in St. Louis (WashU) and St. Louis University (SLU). The rainy weather did not allow for tabling, so we spent our afternoon having appointments with students. At WashU, we met with a student to read through a chapter of Romans and we were joined by a young family.

In the evening, we had “family time,” where we gathered students from all the universities to meet each other and the saints as family. We had dinner, sang, and read the “Assurance, Security, and Joy of Salvation”. We concluded with short prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. It was very encouraging to see pursuing and hungry students from all these campuses enjoying the Word and loving the Lord. Some even lingered after the meeting to chat and sing around the piano.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the students would be open to the Word and begin to be nourished in life.
2. That the local saints would be strengthened into their inner man to pursue Christ together with one another.

January 31

Today we tabled at SLU and saw a student we had met before. He received a Bible, a tract and also exchanged contact information with us. We also tabled at WashU, which is the first time the saints have conducted outreach on this campus in a while. Their previous experience was that the students were not as open compared to other campuses. However, this time we met many open ones who were willing to get connected with us. In addition, the student we had an appointment with in WashU yesterday came to participate in the tabling as well. In the evening we joined the local saints in their home meetings and enjoyed more fellowship and blending.

Statistics:

Bibles: 38

Booklets: 20

Tracts: 71

Contacts: 20+ students

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Lord continues to bless these campuses to gain the building material, remaining fruits for His building today.
2. That the Lord gains what He is after at Washington University, and that He would even make clear to the saints how He is moving there and how they may cooperate with Him there.

New England

Manchester, NH / Lowell, MA

January 29

We distributed Bibles at Manchester Community College. We felt the Lord really blessed our going out. The students here are very open. Quite a few came to our table to ask for a Bible, some even grabbed ministry books. Two college students prayed to receive the Lord after speaking with us. Many students also passed their phone number to us and are willing to be contacted to meet with us again.

January 30

In the morning, we had a table at University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell). We gave out 250 seminar flyers and 45 free study Bibles. Today there were more people who came up to us and asked us for a Bible despite the cold weather. We really felt the openness of the students on this campus came through the prayers of the saints.

In the evening, we had a seminar where 8 students came (5 new ones) with the topic of “Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming by Faith and Love”. The response of the students was very positive. There were contacts we met today who could not make it to the seminar, but some are asking if there is a Bible study and others who would like to meet again.

Prayer burdens:

1. For the follow-up with the 5 new students who attended the seminar in UMass Lowell.
2. To start a new club on campus for the regular Bible studies.
3. For appointments with the contacts in UMass Lowell on February 3 and in Manchester Community College on February 4.



Storrs, CT

January 30

Today we preached the gospel in pairs and had a table at the University of Connecticut Student Union. In the evening, 34 attended the college meeting, where we ate, sang, and received a word on God as our Shepherd. It was a sweet and enjoyable time of fellowship with the students.

January 31

One of the trainees met with a student and was able to share a word on baptism. Afterwards, the four New England gospel trip teams had a joint coordination time in the morning where we sang, shared updates, prayed for one another, and learned more about the history of the Lord's recovery. In the evening, we traveled to South Windsor for dinner and a small group meeting with the saints.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the trainees would be strengthened to go on as we reach the halfway point of the gospel trip.
2. For the release of baptisms after the table meeting and love feast on February 2.

Northeast

New Jersey

January 31

The Princeton students are very open. We handed out 40 Bibles on Thursday. We had dinner with some of the students and community saints; it has been very sweet to get to know the saints.

Prayer burdens:

1. That there would be ones in the community who would be open when we go out to preach the gospel.
2. For the young people and college meetings for Central and South Jersey.
3. For the follow up of the ones that have signed up to be contacted.

New York

January 29

The team went to a saint's home for lunch and to meet some students. From there we went with some of the students to set up a table on a street outside of Columbia University's campus. Many uninterested people passed by, but the Lord answered our prayers to bring some desperate seekers to the table. One woman was in tears because she had been praying for a Bible to give to her son. We also met a few students who seemed interested in the club meetings.

January 30

We attended a home meeting in the Financial District where 28 working saints and students were gathered together. We met a sister who attended the home meeting for the second time. She enjoyed singing and was very open to the saints and to the word. It was a great encouragement and testimony to see so many young working saints gathering to enjoy the Lord in the heart of the financial district.

Prayer burdens:

1. That students in Columbia University and New York University would have a fresh beginning, and the Lord could grow in them this year in an unprecedented way.
2. That the Lord would reveal Himself to all those who received a Bible or a tract.
3. That the saints in New York City would continue to pursue the Lord desperately in this new year.



Southeast

Gainesville, FL

January 30

During the day we went to Santa Fe College for the second time to distribute Bibles and booklets. Students were overall receptive and open to reading verses with us. One student had never read the Bible, but upon reading a verse he became very interested. Later in the evening we had a student meeting with the University of Florida and Santa Fe College students with about 23 attendees.

Statistics:

Bibles: 35

Number contacted: 33

Prayed to receive the Lord: 1

Tracts: 1

Second appointment: 1

Prayer burdens:

1. That every student who received a Bible would touch God when reading.
2. That every student who is interested in going to a Bible study or a student meeting would be willing to sign up and be released from their schedule.