# Italian Sport Partnership 2025

**Developing Sport Ministry in Italy** 



### **Vision:**



Our vision is to to see a new generation of sports leaders raised in all the major cities, as well in every major sport...

We want to see each Go Play, GO Fitness and Go Sport ministry areas impact different local churches, equipping them so that they can reach out and transform their communities.

## **Project Context:**

Italy is one of the most sporting nations in the world, but unfortunately, sport is still not seen as an evangelistic means of reaching different communities. Over the years, opportunities have grown to share and show the potential and simplicity of how sports is an accelerator in building bridges between the church and the world. In this process several churches have seen their members participate in sports conferences and trainings, and in some cases start projects in the church. In the coming years we want to see even more projects and teams grow in different cities creating networks among different churches for even greater impact.





# Looking back on 2024:

In the last year, there has been an awakening of churches in understanding the importance of sports as a means of reaching the younger generation and the local community. Out of this understanding new projects and collaborations with various churches and evangelical centers have arisen. Seeing more and more young Italians interested in exploring and understanding how sports and faith can coexist is the impetus to continue serving and connecting them so that the existing team can have even more workers.

#### Plans for 2025

- Continue to visit churches, especially in southern Italy, to share the vision but also to showcase different service opportunities
- See the team grow in numbers
- Organize the Italian conference and a retreat for the Italian team
- Equip the leaders of the different ministry areas



## **Prayer requests:**

- Pray for more churches in Italy open to starting a sports ministry in their community
- Pray for leaders and their work in the different regions
- Pray for the south of Italy where there are very few entities using sports in their ministries
- · Pray for Italy and for a church and ministry unity that can make a difference











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