

ESM ROMA 2018-2019

Newsletter #3



We love sharing our news with you!

Happy reading 😊

Here at the ESM we are missionaries !!!

Every Thursday and Friday our mission is to welcome and evangelize the many tourists who come to visit our beloved church, La Trinita dei Monti. Indeed,

there's more than one million visitors per year... goodness, we've got work to do! For most of us, going on mission was a completely new experience, and particularly in the beginning it was a big challenge to fully enter the spirit of the mission, as it meant leaving our comfort zone and entering into unknown territory (slightly terrifying!). However, once we encountered the people's genuine, deep thirst for God and the incredible testimonies of the people we meet, we realised that we have nothing to lose, and that often we go out to evangelise, but end up being the ones who are evangelised! Providing the word of God and praying together for the people's intentions is a beautiful and moving moment. During the winter we welcomed the people with coffee and tea outside and had opportunities to speak about Jesus and our life at ESM. We've experienced to approach people in new ways (you can never be too crazy in mission!) For example, last week we placed the big, red couch from our living room at the entrance of the church to invite tourists to take a rest and talk about Jesus. It was a difference and fun way to get in touch with the people and it was filled with beautiful encounters.



Brune (FRANCE, Lille)

I decided to do ESM because of my strong desire to learn to listen God, to do His will and become a missionary in my day life. In 6 months, I have learnt the importance of serving and being with

the poor, I have developed a passion for spreading the good news to those who do not know God, but most of all I have discovered the need to be missionary with the people closest of me (work, family, friends,...) : to love them as they are and let myself loved by them (not the easiest part).



Philippe (BELGIUM, Bruxelles)

I came here to learn to share the immense gift of faith and to listen to the Lord to let Him reveal what's His plan for me. By discovering the

richness of the Bible, I am realising that, once put into practice, the Word of God really changes my everyday life! I am also experiencing the happiness of evangelisation. Indeed, it is definitely an immense joy we give and receive at the same time!

Settimana Ragazze/ Ragazzi

From the 28th January to 3rd February we had our long awaited week in retreat! The girls in Slovenia, Monte Santo and the boys in Trecchina!

5 boys accompanied by the director and the priest went to Trecchina, an Italian village, where they lived different times of teachings about the topic: "Being his self and not being like..." by following the examples of Adam, Moses, David, Isaiah and Job. Every evening, they watched a movie bound to the day's teaching. As it was a week between men, the football was also to the program, tourist excursions to the Mediterranean Sea and to a chapel on a mountain full of snow... What a great joy to learn to be his self in the life and to accept living in the God's dependence!!!



« And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, « This is my Son, the Beloved; » Mt 3,17



Girls have taken direction on the north. They spent their week in Slovenia, (Sveta Gora). The important topics during the week were the woman and the real beauty. They took a time for rest, creativity, silence, laugh, making a cake... They also could discover the nature in Slovenia (where one part of Narnia was record) and stand in awe from beauty of creation of God.

SUI PASSI DEI SANTI

Here we are in the footsteps of the great saints who spent time in Rome. The eternal city is dotted with small lights left by these saints who we can follow in the streets, the churches... To do this, we worked in a group of four to take the other students as well as the team on a path of history, prayers and examples. We discovered or rediscovered Saint Philip Neri, Saint John Bosco, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Theresa of Lisieux, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Francis d'assise.... An exciting work that gives us hope to continue to advance on our path of holiness.



COLLOQUIUM

Last weekend we participated to a colloquium organised by the Emmanuel Community about apologetics. The goal was to speak about the challenges of evangelisation in our world today. We studied the method of St Paul and of the french philosopher Pascal. It was also an occasion for us to discover the possibilities of dialogue between Christians and Muslims, through testimonies and projects. Those were well-filled and denses days, with conferences in italian, french and english. But we now have a new energy and a new fire for the mission !

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