



Ten years ago American Cru staff living in Italy were meeting with students and starting a discipleship ministry. They loved working with students – but they weren’t sure that bringing Christian professors to Italy could actually help the ministry. Then things began to change....



**March 11, 2015** --UNT jazz professor Fred Hamilton performs at a “nightclub” packed with college students near the University of Bologna.

Italian Cru students had organized the event as a way to share the Gospel in a nonreligious environment. Sarah and I were excited to accompany Fred and his wife on this pioneering trip and then have conversations with students afterwards.



**March 11, 2025** - -Univ of Texas El Paso professor Roger Gonzales is one of a number of Christian professors who now speak to student groups in Italy. Here, he is speaking in Rome to engineering students at La Sapienza. The nonprofit he founded creates artificial limbs being used in many Third World countries.

He has been able to tell his story of how God led him to invent these devices and how his faith has led him in his research and teaching. Later this week he will be speaking to student groups in other Italian cities.



**April, 2025** -- Kevin Rowell will be in Rome next month training Cru staff and volunteers in how to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of refugees who arrive in Italy. He is a professor of psychology at the University of Central Arkansas.

He spends time in countries like Syria and Turkey every year training counselors in how to deal with trauma among war refugees and looks forward to ways to help others share Christ and know Him.

We often don’t immediately know the results of our witness – sometimes it is a matter of watching and seeing God produce the fruit over time. THANKS for allowing us to help Christian professors like Fred, Roger and Kevin extend their witness both on their home campus and to universities elsewhere. This month 11 U.S. professors are on Spring Break trips telling students about Jesus.

*Steve and Sarah*