



PRAYERPOINTS

A PRAYING PEOPLE IMPACTING A LOST WORLD

New Churches and New Life in Europe

ACROSS EUROPE, IMB MISSIONARIES SHARE THE MESSAGE OF LOVE, HOPE, AND SALVATION THAT IS ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. A FOUNDATION BASED ON JESUS IS BEING LAID IN EUROPE—A LAND FULL OF STUNNING, BUT EMPTY, CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES. THOUGH EUROPE SAW THE REFORMATION AND THEOLOGIANS LIKE BONHOEFFER, LEWIS, AND SPURGEON, MISSIONARIES OFTEN NEED TO REBUILD FROM THE GROUND UP. PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIONALS HAVE BEEN FORMED AND SMALL GROUPS HAVE STARTED. PRAY FOR THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO MOVE ACROSS THESE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, CONTINUING TO BUILD ON THAT FOUNDATION. PRAY FOR WORKERS AS THEY EVANGELIZE, MAKE DISCIPLES, START SMALL GROUPS, AND WORK TO PLANT CHURCHES AMONG THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE.

Church Planting in Russia

An international landmark and tourist destination, the cultural capital of Russia was built where no city should ever have been built. On the once barren, and still swampy, ground, the city sits grandly on top of its firm foundation. Built long ago in the face of insurmountable odds, the city still stands due to the determined vision of its builders.



Pray that churches will be established in Russia.

It was to this city that Shane* and eleven fellow pastors with the North Carolina Baptist Convention came. Their vision: to build upon a spiritual foundation laid in a cold and seemingly impossible place. Through workers on the field, Shane and his fellow pastors met national Christians who desire to share the good news among the city's six million residents. They also want to start fifty new churches, improving access to the gospel by planting a church within walking distance of every metro station. Please pray for these newly established church partnerships. One pastor from North Carolina realized, "As we reach and develop Russian leaders, they have the ability to reach into places where our blue passport could never go."

“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation” (Is. 28:16 ESV).

1 CENTRAL ASIA. Please pray for some Christians who will be moving into a new region. Historically, it has been difficult for outsiders to enter and live in this region. Pray for a smooth move, and for continued wisdom and peace as they make this transition.

2 INDIA. During the week of Easter, many churches held Easter or Good Friday outreaches. Please pray for those who heard the gospel, and for Christians to follow up and continue to share the good news.

3 BELGIUM. Workers in French-speaking Belgium are in the early stages of a church plant with the help of a local church. More than thirty-five years since its start, this established church wants to see the inner city reached.

4 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. A Muslim family can become enraged toward family members who profess faith in Jesus Christ, and may even seek to kill them. Pray for the protection of new Christians. Pray that their families will take the time to see the transformational power of the gospel.

5 KHMER OF CAMBODIA. There are eight women in a local prison who are very open to listening, and receptive to the gospel. Please pray that a mature Christian will obtain permission to meet with these women on a weekly basis.

6 UNITED KINGDOM. In London, thirty-five groups meet regularly to study God's Word. Pray that God will establish and build these groups into healthy churches. Pray for Spirit-emboldened obedience, commitment to the gospel, and that leaders will grow.

7 ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. Please pray for the Nsenga Christians in Zambia and Mozambique to be faithful to their heavenly Father. Pray that their hearts will be completely his.

8 SOUTH ASIA. Many Sindhi Christians are being equipped and challenged to share their faith with their neighbors and to disciple new Christians. Pray that they will be pierced by the lostness around them and step up to the challenge.

9 BRAZIL. In an impoverished neighborhood in Brazil, IMB workers opened a community center among diaspora people. As children and their parents hear the gospel and needs are met, pray that they find hope in Christ. Pray that he will set them free from enslaving habits such as drug and alcohol abuse.

10 CENTRAL ASIA. Please pray for Elman.* He meets regularly with a Christian to read the Bible. When they meet, Elman asks many questions about what he's reading. Ask the Holy Spirit to convict him of his sin of unbelief in Jesus, and pray that he will respond in faith..

11 WEST AFRICA. Pray for West African pastors to be encouraged and strengthened in their faith. Pray that the Lord will be at work among the Hausa people, drawing them to himself.

12 GERMANY. In a neighborhood of Bremen known as “The District,” the North Germany missionary team is partnering with a local German church. Together, they will begin laying the foundation for a new church plant. Pray for them as they reach out to the eclectic people of Bremen.

13 EAST ASIA. Ask the Lord to bless East Asian church leaders with healthy families. Leaders and their families sacrifice much for their congregations. May the Lord give them the wisdom needed to deal with the stress these sacrifices bring to their families.

14 MALTA. The Evangelical Baptist Church in Malta is focusing on leadership training and ministry team development. Ask that every Christian will find the role that Christ has for them in the church, and that they will serve with joy.

15 SRI LANKA. Pray for new opportunities for Christians in one area to share the good news. Pray for continued good health for those who seek to reach the lost in that area.

16 MYANMAR. A new house fellowship has just started in Yangon. Pray for the Christians to be bold witnesses, and pray that others in the area will receive salvation.



A missionary welcomes visitors to the church in Cardiff, Wales.

17 BULGARIA. In early 2018, two families moved to Gabrovo, Bulgaria. By April, they had a new brother in Christ, a Bible study group wanting to become a church, and other weekly discipleship groups. Pray for these groups as they work through doctrines and lay a foundation for a new church.

18 MEXICO. Please pray for local church members to join in the work among migrant farm workers in Mexico. Also, intercede for Christians in the camps and for the Baptist representatives who are looking for local Christians to lead Bible storying groups there.

19 WALES. After two years in Wales, we have built relationships with pastors and joined a local group that is now a church. We would welcome a new unit to work with those pastors to engage another part of the city. With this foundation, it is time to see healthy churches grow in other areas of Cardiff.

20 DEAF PEOPLES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. Pray for a Deaf church located in the capital city of a Southeast Asian country. They are struggling with priorities, money issues, and gathering regularly. Pray that they will learn to depend on the Lord in all situations.

21 EUROPE. In a large European country, workers don't stay long because of pressure from authorities. Years after starting a church, they must leave. Pray for church plants that are suddenly left behind. Ask for leaders who continue the work, building up and adding to the body of Christ.

22 BOTSWANA. Pray for a newly arrived missionary couple who will be a part of the leadership of the new seminary. Pray for them to learn the language well as they build relationships with pastors and students.

23 LAST FRONTIER. Pray for open access to one community's gathering places in order to share the gospel there. The people are not easy to meet and have been resistant to the gospel. Therefore, pray for good relationships with the "gatekeepers" of these meeting places.

24 LATVIA. In Latvia, workers helped a church start a small group ministry in 2016. It has grown from zero to nine "first generation" group leaders. However, so far, no small group has started another group. Pray that group leaders will make disciples and teach "faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

25 MUHAJIRS OF PAKISTAN. Please pray that all Muhajirs will have the opportunity to hear the good news. Pray for them to have prepared hearts that are ready to receive gospel truth, and to have dreams and visions of Jesus.

26 EAST ASIA. Amy* has tasted rejection as she has offered her family, friends, and coworkers the hope of the gospel. Pray that God will give Amy and others like her wisdom, courage, and faithfulness as they obediently follow the narrow path of their Savior even in times of suffering.

27 PORTUGAL. Workers in Portugal have invested in the local church and pastors. They have cast vision for outreach and church planting and are seeing results. Eight churches are working on eight new church plants. Pray for them as they catch the vision and share the gospel, and for the community to respond.

28 CENTRAL ASIA. This spring, a group of Christians living outside of their homeland organized a gathering. They met for the first time to pray, sing, and hear a sermon in their



Wintry lookout over the Meuse from the 1400-year-old citadel located in Namur, Belgium.

heart language. Praise the Lord for all of this! Please pray this will happen again.

29 EUROPE. Intercede for the leadership in Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine as they prayerfully write job requests. Pray for those the Lord is calling to this area to say yes. Pray for them to start new work or build on the foundation laid over the past twenty-five years here.

30 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. There are places unknown to people, but there are no places unknown to the Lord. Ask the Lord to raise up laborers for the harvest to take the good news to these unknown places. Pray for missionaries to have wisdom in knowing how to strategically reach these unknown places.

31 INDIA. Pray for additional permits to be granted for Bangalore Baptist Hospital. These permits are now required for further expansion and construction projects. Pray for quick approvals and that all will know that God has intervened and provided.



Tragically, Notre Dame Cathedral burned in April of 2019.

Find a Firm Foundation in France

"I don't believe anymore," he told me, the great cathedral of Notre Dame towering behind him. "I used to go to church and was even baptized as an infant, but I experienced a great loss in my childhood. I found that living my life trying to do all the religious things required to be right with God just didn't bring me what I was looking for. It didn't deal with my suffering. It wasn't worth it."

Beneath Notre Dame lie the layers of Paris's ancient Roman foundations, and under them, remnants of a tribal settlement. More recently, during the French Revolution, Notre Dame was transformed into a Temple of Reason, birthing a new foundation of humanism.

Today, some Parisians build their lives upon the foundation of this secular humanism, some upon the foundation of legalism. Some build their lives upon other foundations with no concept of God whatsoever. They go to Notre Dame to look at her windows, but they do not see God. The spiritual footings in Paris do not offer the peace that people seek. May Christ become the foundation of this city.

EUROPE

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH THE 99 PERCENT OF EUROPEANS WHO DON'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. YET WE LABOR IN JOYFUL ANTICIPATION THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL STIR THE HEARTS OF EUROPEANS ONCE AGAIN.

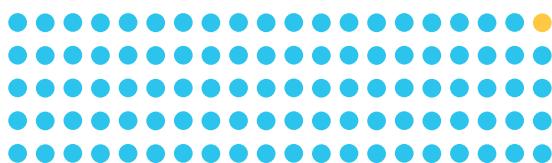
**800
MILLION
PEOPLE**



**11%
OF WORLD'S
POPULATION**

1%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN



SYRIA | AFGHANISTAN | IRAQ

IN 2015

4,391,400 REFUGEES

entered Europe with the top three countries seeking asylum being Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

EUROPE

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