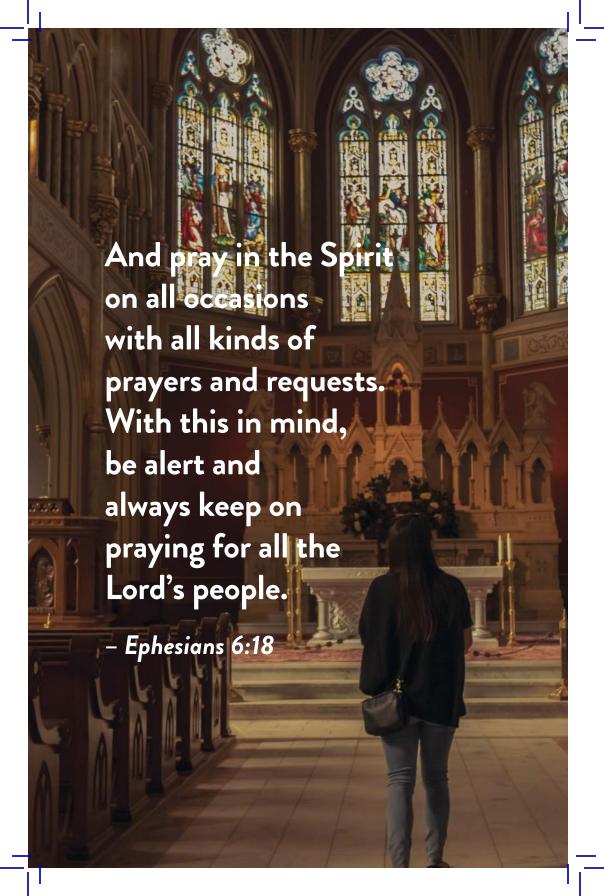


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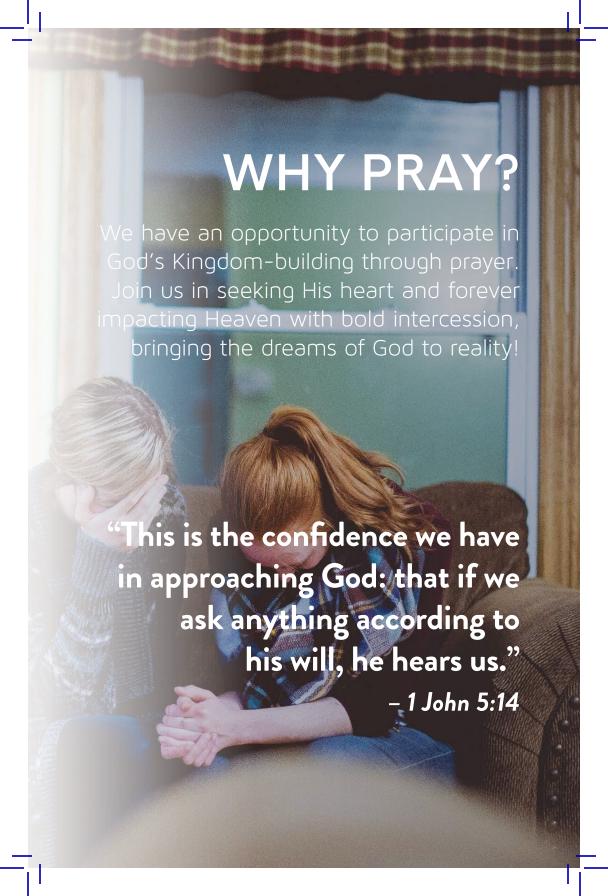


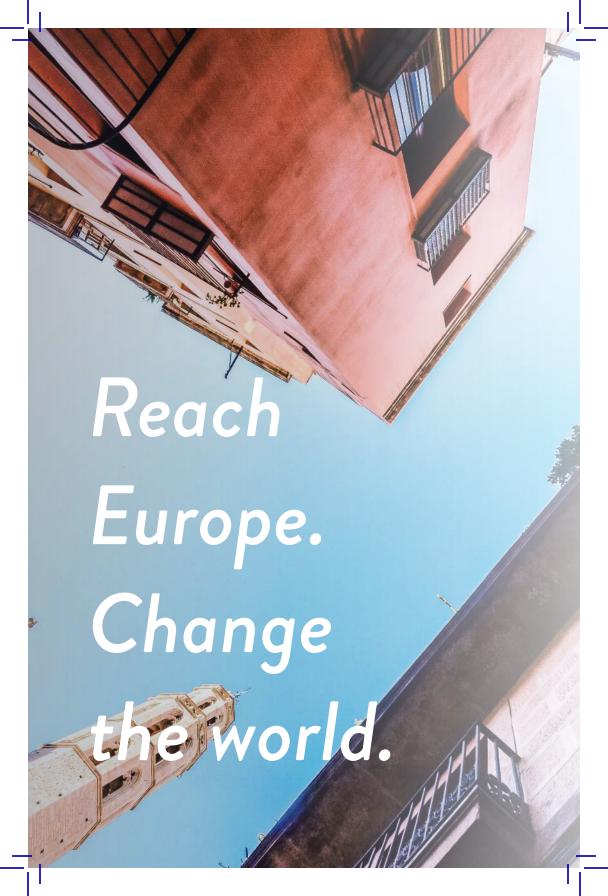
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- Supplement your devotions by praying for a country once a week.
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- Use the booklet as a resource for a dedicated day or evening of prayer to intercede for the nations.





WHY EUROPE?

Because it is

Connected

Europe is easily accessible for travel and immigration. Many cultures are represented, and unreachable people become reachable as they relocate to Europe!

Influential

Europe has a long history of being a center for education, culture and politics, making it a strategic place for the gospel to take root!

Unreached

With gorgeous cathedrals scattered all over Europe, many wouldn't think to call Europe unreached, but while Europe knows "religion" well, it does not know about a relationship with Jesus.







Albania has a troubled history, most recently 46 years of harsh, isolationist Communist rule. That ended in 1991, but it left the Albanian people suspicious of each other and outsiders. The country still struggles to enter the developing world, partly because of the high level of corruption, including drug and human trafficking. Albania was one of the poorest countries in Europe, but now is considered "middle income" even with a 12.7 percent unemployment. Young adult unemployment is at 22 percent, so most young people have a goal of emigrating. The materialistic belief that things provide security is strong and often leads to lives of crime.

GREAT HOPE

Since the end of Communism, God is using tools like the JESUS film and translated texts to bring people to Christ. The infant church is developing a missions mindset. Evangelical congregations have trained and sent short-term missionaries to surrounding nations, recognizing the strategic impact Albanians can have in countries that are closed to Westerners.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Albanians are open to the gospel, and workers can make an impact among them because they are looking west for their future. Albanian Christians have asked for people to come and live among them to teach the Bible to their people, especially to children. Workers are also partnering with existing churches in mentoring, encouraging and modeling church-multiplication ministry.

- Pray that Albanian believers will grow in love and wisdom, so they can effectively share their faith and multiply disciples.
- Pray that God will provide for Albanian pastors who need good jobs to support themselves and their families.
- Pray that more Christian literature will be translated and published.



This mountainous country is easily overlooked on world maps since it is just 2.5 times the size of Washington D.C. Each year Andorra draws 8-10 million tourists who come for skiing, hiking, spas and duty-free shopping. Most of the Andor-ran people have businesses in Andorra but live in Catalonia, Spain, since they speak Catalan and aren't required to pay taxes there. Andorra's Roman Catholic church has more than 75,000 members, about 90 percent of the population. Many Andorrans see the church as important only for rites of passage such as baptism, first communion and marriage. Less than one percent of the people actually follow Christ.

GREAT HOPE

Three Evangelical churches have been established in Andorra where no churches existed in the past. Many of the believers in Andorra are immigrants, though some nationals have accepted Christ as their Savior.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Andorra's booming economy has slowed recently due to the construction business hitting a ceiling. With such instability, the people will become more open to spiritual realities. This is the time for pioneering missionaries to build relationships with those who don't know Christ. Additionally, Andorra is a key place to reach out to the many North African immigrants who make up two-thirds of the population, most of whom are Muslims. This is truly a place to touch the world for Christ.

- Pray that the evangelical churches in Andorra will have a vision to creatively reach out to other Andorrans, tourists and immigrants with God's love.
- Pray that people will recognize the emptiness of materialism, and that God's Spirit will draw them to Himself for true fulfillment.



The apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus introduced Christianity in Armenia during the first century, and Armenians were the first nation to adopt Christianity as the official religion in 301 A.D. Nearly 95 percent of the population are members of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, though many follow their faith nominally. During Communist rule, many people gave up their faith. Even in the post-Soviet era as military control has ended, the church has been largely unable to re-evangelize its people. Today, most Armenians live a life of materialism. About nine percent of the people profess to having a personal relationship with Christ.

GREAT HOPE

God is using an Armenian organization called the National Leadership Institute (NLI) to train young leaders, start youth programs and host seminars for spiritual awakening. Young people are becoming catalysts for renewal in the church and among Armenians at home and abroad. God has also used the Alpha course in Armenia to bring dozens of people to Christ.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Armenian Christians know that without partnership from believers in other countries, they can't repair the spiritual damage done during 70 years of restrictive Soviet rule. Evangelical workers can serve alongside Armenians in evangelism, Biblical education and discipleship.

- Pray that God will continue to use evangelical parachurch organizations to fill the gap between society and the church.
- Pray that God will strengthen the faith of believers to endure social and other types of oppression.
- Pray that young adults will become catalysts for renewal and spiritual awakening in the Armenian Apostolic Church.



Located at the heart of Europe, Austria is a small country of approximately 8.7 million inhabitants with a high standard of living. The nation's beauty hides a people who are heartsick and feel that the Church is irrelevant. Catholicism, the predominant religion in Austria, has gradually declined over the past decades as Austrians have responded to centuries of ecclesiastical politics and scandals. Less than one percent are evangelical followers of Christ.

GREAT HOPE

The evangelical movement in Austria had a significant thrust forward in the '70s and '80s, during which many of today's evangelical churches in Austria were planted. Today there is a renewed focus on church planting in urban centers. Evangelical churches in Austria were recently officially recognized in Austria, which has given the churches a greater place of acceptance in society. Two established training institutes, Campus Danubia and BAO, are helping equip Austrians for church leadership. There is also a Christian organization, focused on healing from all kinds of childhood abuse, continues to grow, offering hope for the wounded.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Because Austrians are increasingly disenchanted with their experience with the organized church, opportunities abound for evangelists, artists, teachers, counselors and disciplers to engage a population curious about a relational spirituality. New initiatives are needed to reach out to large immigrant populations, such as Turks.

- Pray that God will continue to use both established and new evangelical churches and training and counseling organizations to grow a healthier, active Church in Austria.
- Pray that Christ-followers will boldly reach out with the Good News, pushing beyond comfortable cultural and societal boundaries.



Azerbaijan, a small country that straddles southwest Asia and Europe, is a land of unrealized promise. The promise of wealth from undeveloped petroleum resources has gone largely unfulfilled. Today the people have a tainted view of Christianity because "Christian" Russian imperialists and Armenians have warred against them over territory for decades. In this sense, the promise of freedom has been largely tainted by mistrust and prejudice. Outreach among Azerbaijanis is challenging due to government restrictions against "religious propaganda". Many people throughout Azerbaijan have never heard the gospel.

GREAT HOPE

Azerbaijan's population is 9.9 million. Though about 85 percent of Azerbaijanis consider themselves to be Muslim, many have begun to follow Jesus. In the midst of an oppressive environment, God is at work in ways that will bring true fulfillment and freedom to this nation.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

People of Islamic backgrounds who become Christians often lose their jobs and experience persecution from family and friends after professing their new faith. Pray for God's provision for Azerbaijani believers, many of whom feel isolated and alone.

- Pray that God will strengthen evangelical believers to be relational by asking open ended questions as they face challenging restrictions.
- Pray that God will overcome the negative Western stereotypes that many Azerbaijanis have about Christians and learn that Christians follow Christ.
- Pray for mature leaders, deepening unity and increased discipleship for the growing Church in spite of government surveillance.



In a country known as the museum of communism, the government still restricts freedom of speech and the press, peaceful assembly and religion. In fact, protes—tant churches must register with the government, and new church plants are generally denied registration despite repeated attempts. While most Belarusians are affiliated with the Eastern Orthodox Church, over half say they don't believe that religion is important. As is the case in many Eastern European countries, citizenship equals membership in the Orthodox Church, even if there's no true faith.

GREAT HOPE

People are searching for hope in this downtrodden country, and some have found it. About 1.3 percent of Belarusians follow Christ, and many of these people are eager to share their faith. Though religious freedom is limited, the evangelical church is on the move. Bold Belarusian leaders know the power of God and plan creative outreaches like English classes and concerts.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Currently the only way to get a visa is teaching English or being a full-time student. The biggest ministry opportunities are English or student outreaches. Once in Belarus, there are plenty of opportunities to serve within or alongside the local church, especially in the areas of discipleship and church planting. As more people are following Christ, there's a need for discipleship and spiritual training so more Belarusians can serve the church. Providing practical help to local people can also open the door for ministry growth in the community and country.

- Pray for the evangelical church as it faces challenging restrictions from both traditional religious groups and political influences, and that the Belarusian government would grant more freedom to evangelical believers, including permission to build churches.
- Pray that God would spark a church planting movement despite the restrictive conditions.
- Pray that God would soften the hearts of Belarusians so they will be more open to the Gospel.



As the capital of the European Union and NATO, Belgium is a country of in-flu-ence. This made it a target of Islamic radicals who attacked Brussels in March of 2016. Since this tragedy, Belgium, which has long been considered a nominally Roman Catholic nation, has become open to finding hope in the church. Some Belgians have never heard the gospel, as the Reformation was stifled soon after it reached the country. As it is, less than 1.3 percent of the population, many of them immigrants, follow Christ.

GREAT HOPE

Praise God that in Brussels prayer networks among and for diplomat, business and Eurocrat communities are growing. Also, evangelical churches have been started for North African immigrants. Because Belgium is richly international and multicultural, it is a place to reach people who are seeking spiritual answers.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The new generation of Belgians knows nothing of the gospel, and some have turned to New Age philosophy and cults. Believers can get involved with both Belgians and immigrants by modeling a life redeemed by Christ. They can also serve by offering theological education and training, as many Belgian leaders are ill-equipped to address the people's philosophy or social needs.

- Pray that God's Spirit will move among the many immigrants in Belgium and raise up Belgian believers and missionaries to share Jesus' love with them.
- Pray for the means and encouragement for Belgian pastors to continue to serve since many churches cannot afford to pay a pastor or purchase a modest building.
- Pray that believers in the small churches will remain rooted in their faith, courageously reach out in new ways and be disciple makers.



This beautiful but war-torn country about the size of West Virginia is home to 3.5 million people. After the Ottomans conquered the area in the 15th century, many people became Muslims—mostly because they received benefits for converting. Today the people remain culturally tied to three religious groups: most of the Bosnians are Muslims, many of the Serbs are Orthodox and the Croats are mainly Roman Catholic. Less than one percent (0.1) of the population follows Christ; in the Serbian part of the country there are only a handful of believers. Bosnia has been called Europe's least-evangelized country.

GREAT HOPE

Evangelical believers have gained credibility through their efforts to bridge the gap between ethnic groups. A team of national believers that is affiliated with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students is actively serving students. They offer training in Bible study skills, evangelism, godly living for Christians and building relationships with non-Christians.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Few people in Bosnia have seen the gospel lived out or heard the message of hope. Bosnia is a key place to reach out to Muslims since it is home to large Roma and Turkish populations as well as the Muslim Bosniaks. If these people were transformed by Christ, they could reach Islamic people in places that are closed to Westerners.

- Ask God to call believers to serve people in this area through business training and other creative outreaches that point people to Christ.
- Pray that Muslims, Orthodox and Catholics would find healing from the wounds of the past and peace with one another through Christ.
- Pray that God's Spirit will move in Bosnia and Herzegovina and turn hearts to Christ through the witness of local believers trans-forming society.



Even though Communism fell here in 1989, Bulgarian society still bears the scars of that history and continues to struggle with the notions of distrust, greed, authoritarianism and secrecy. These pervasive issues are also present in the Orthodox Church and manifest themselves particularly in the areas of leadership, church government and financial management. Today most Bulgarians claim to be Orthodox and just 1.8 percent of Bulgarians are evangelical believers.

GREAT HOPE

After the fall of the Socialist government in 1990, the atheist population declined, and the Christian population grew. Cross-cultural missions and short-term missions are increasing, with Bulgarians serving throughout Europe and Asia.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Bulgaria is a nation in flux but with open doors for the gospel. With rapid globalization has come massive change politically, socially and spiritually. Despite secularistic influences, people are searching for hope and answers to life's most important questions, and most people will readily engage in spiritual conversations, thus opening unlimited opportunities to share the gospel.

- Pray for Bulgarians, Turks, Roma and refugees to have their eyes opened to the Truth and to find Jesus as Savior, not religion or traditions.
- Pray for God to raise up a new generation of bold believers from all walks of life
 who are committed to sharing the gospel, discipling new believers and training
 them to multiply. Ask God to send more workers, including Bulgarians, to reap
 the Lord's harvest throughout Bulgaria, the Balkans and beyond.



Croats are friendly and welcoming, taking time to stop, talk and drink coffee together. But life has not always been so pleasant in this area, and most still vividly remember the war that ravaged their homes in 1991 when Croatia declared its independence from the former Yugoslavia. For eight years, unrest and violence reigned, and thousands of people were displaced. Old animosities among ethnic groups were rekindled, and a sense of ethnic identity became more pronounced. For Croats, this identity is closely intertwined with Roman Catholicism, even though many of them follow that faith nominally.

GREAT HOPE

A new semblance of order is returning to Croatia, and ethnic tensions are decreasing. God is working among and through the believers in Croatia, and Greater Europe Mission serves alongside them to help reach their nation with the gospel. Several churches are growing and working to plant new congregations in other communities.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In 2013 the Croatian government enter the European Union. This tiny country is trying to progress at the pace of the rest of the world and to have an impact where it can. As Croats increasingly find that materialism and politics don't fill the void they feel inside, believers have an opportunity to show and tell them about Christ.

- Pray that Christians will have a healthy respect for one another, and that unity will grow across denominational lines.
- Pray that God will give Croatian believers a passion for the lost around them, and the Spirit would spark a church planting movement in this nation.
- Pray that God will call more young men to pastoral ministry and use Theological Biblical Academy to effectively equip them to serve.



Acting as a bridge from Asia and the Middle East to Europe for centuries, Cyprus has been a site of an age-old tug-of-war for power and influence. Beautiful Mediterranean landscapes and a relaxed island life-style draw people to their warm sea-side communities. Cyprus relies heavily on tourism and has a large merchant fleet for sea-trade but has suffered because of their reliance on a healthy world economy. Cyprus has a complicated relationship with Turkey, at times surrendering land and power to their Ottoman neighbors.

GREAT HOPE

Cyprus played a notable role in Christian antiquity, being directly and intimately involved in Biblical and apostolic history. Currently, minority groups are responding to the gospel of Jesus: Russians, Sri Lankans, Filipinos and Iranians.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In modern day, most Cypriots belong to the Orthodox Church, with a notable secondary group of Muslims. Despite large numbers in their churches, most are simply connected by culture alone as only about 1.3 percent follow Christ. Pray for revival in Cyprus as they live with Muslim neighbors and worldly instability.

- Pray for a shattering of bitterness and prejudice between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.
- Pray for Muslims in the north of Cyprus to place their hope not in economic prosperity, but in Jesus.
- Pray for multiplying discipleship, spiritual maturity and bold witnesses among ethnic minority believers.
- Pray the many refugees hear the gospel which will truly set them free as they travel into free lands.



Czechs have been called Europe's most fervently secular people with 72 percent irreligious and 25 percent atheist. According to a Pew Research survey, only 29 percent of Czechs believe in God at all, and less than one percent follow Christ. Most Czechs have been taught that only people who are too weak to stand on their own believe in religion, and many see atheism as the pinnacle of enlightenment. This resistance to faith is partly due to the devastating results of religious wars that divided the country throughout its history.

GREAT HOPE

The Czech Republic is home to some dynamic Christian leaders who greatly desire to reach their communities and country with Christ's love. Evangelistic outreaches through English Bible studies and English camps have proven effective to open people's hearts to Christ's love while giving something practical to the community.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Ministry opportunities abound in Czech Republic, many taking place in partnership with local believers. Teaching English at a ministry center or Christian camp is another effective method for missionaries, as many Czechs are interested in learning English.

- Pray that non-Christians who attend Bible studies and evangelistic outreaches will have open hearts to the truth of the gospel.
- Pray that more Czech believers will catch a vision to reach out to their neighbors and start churches.
- Pray that God would clearly reveal Himself to the many people who claim to be atheist, and that they will be drawn into a transformational relationship with Him that demonstrates His power and love in undeniable ways.



While Danes are known for their Viking invasions, the Kingdom of Denmark was united and officially "Christianized" in 965 A.D. In 1536, Danish leaders declared the country Lutheran. Today Danes are not considered religious people, and many churches commonly have just a handful of attendees on a given Sunday. Many Danes believe their baptism, usually as an infant or child, guarantees their entrance into heaven. Less than four percent of the Danes have a relationship with Jesus.

GREAT HOPE

Danish people display a hospitable, compassionate and optimistic spirit. Because of that, even though most Danes are secular, they are open to the gospel message and relational evangelism. Danish believers are planting churches among Danes as well as among immigrants, preaching counter to the Danish nationalism which is visible in things like cartoons mocking Islam.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Because Danes of all ages know little of biblical Christianity, believers can make a huge impact. Denmark is home to many Islamic immigrants, and ministry among them is both strategic and needed since few nationals are willing to minister to them.

- Pray that God would create a hunger among Danes for Jesus and His Word, and that they would see the difference between an active, personal relationship with their Savior and empty, traditional religion.
- Pray that Danish believers will continue to be bold to share the gospel in the cities, with this generation and among immigrants.
- Pray that more young people will become disciple makers with a biblical worldview.



The Estonian people have known freedom for little of their history. Danes, Swedes, Germans and Russians ruled the small country for centuries. Only since 1994, when Russian troops left, has the country been free to become modernized. A recent poll showed that Estonians are not religious. More than forty percent are non-religious while the Estonian Orthodox Church often vocally opposes evangelical Christianity.

GREAT HOPE

Churches are using music as a tool to draw people to events where believers play Christian music and videos to present the gospel. English classes break down walls that Estonians often have; many who have attended TEFL programs willingly accept invitations to the evangelistic Alpha course.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Evangelical churches in Estonia are hungry for spiritual help, and they welcome prayer support and encouragement from individuals and sister churches. Short-term teams can also be an excellent source of support for churches by helping with building projects and TEFL training.

- Pray that God will create a hunger in the hearts of Estonian people to know Him rather than being caught up in materialism.
- Pray that Christians will be bold in sharing the difference that Christ makes in their lives with the lost.
- Pray that God will raise up many teams of believers who are willing to serve short-term by teaching English or helping churches in practical ways through work projects.



Finland is considered one of the most democratic nations in the world. While its long and ongoing connection with religion makes it unique among European countries, it remains an area in need of hope. Secular humanism and spiritual pluralism are prevalent, and many Finns are closed to the gospel. About 70 percent of the people claim some affiliation to the Lutheran Church. Signs of secularization can be clearly seen. In larger cities the membership in the Lutheran Church has decreased to 50-60 percent. Yet, true Christ-followers number about ten percent of the population.

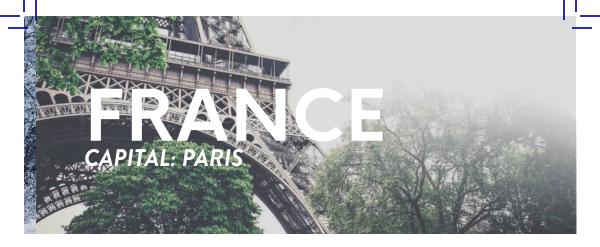
GREAT HOPE

The spiritual vacuum in Finland has created a hunger, especially among young adults whose parents didn't emphasize religion to their children. Finnish believers are seeking to stem the tide of secularization by reaching out in relevant ways like marriage classes and Alpha courses. Finland also has a considerable media ministry as a national Christian radio station and TV-station exist for the Finnish-speaking people. There are also several other ministries with a radio presence.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Because of the many discontented youth, a generation of unchurched Lutherans and the disappearance of Bible-knowledge, this distinctive country offers numerous places to serve. Finland is also a strategic place in which to minister because it is home to so many refugees and asylum-seekers from several countries. Other religious groups, such as Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, have recognized this and are already active in Finland. This truly is a place to transform lives and touch the world.

- Pray that Finnish Christians would be more bold to share their faith; three
 percent of those who don't have any personal relationship with God said that
 they have talked about Jesus with a believer.
- Pray that Finnish Christians will be willing to meet the social, physical and spiritual needs of immigrants.
- Pray for those in Finland affected by alcoholism and divorce, both significant social issues, and for Jesus-followers who are committed to being part of the solution.



As evidenced by the "yellow-vest" riots of 2018-19, social and economic discontentment have created a groundswell of unrest. Today, as mass immigration from the Middle East and North Africa threatens to overwhelm traditional French culture, there is an increase in violence and segregation of society at every level. Few countries in the world have had France's global influence through the ages. For centuries the Church provided the foundation of French society, and to this day, church buildings hold a position of prominence in almost every city and village across the country. But many stand empty.

GREAT HOPE

Against this seemingly bleak backdrop, the Spirit of the Lord is moving within the hearts of the French people. Younger-generation Christians may have rejected the traditions of religion, but now they seek Christ in community and modern expressions of church. These young believers are the hope of the future for the gospel in France.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

France holds many opportunities to work in urban areas as modern church planters interact directly with French students and young people. Doors previously closed to working with refugee populations are beginning to open. Missionaries are needed to serve among these downtrodden people.

- The Evangelical community in France is coming together with "outrageous" goals for planting His church, leaving behind decades of division. Pray for continued unity among the evangelicals in France.
- Pray that God would not only raise up new missionaries to go to this country, but also many that He is calling out of the harvest in France and into His service.
- Pray for the missionaries and disciple-makers as they struggle to find the financial support they need in their own country.



By the time of Abraham, civilization was flourishing in what would become the modern Eastern European state of Georgia. The nation officially adopted Christianity in 330 A.D., and the Bible was available there in 400 A.D. Centuries of wars followed and nearly resulted in the end of the Georgian people. Today most Georgians associate with the Orthodox Church, though the majority do not follow Christ. Many believe that being born in Georgia guarantees salvation, though they follow a philosophy of materialism.

GREAT HOPE

Georgians are coming to know the Savior through the witness of small fellowship groups. The JESUS film has also been an effective tool to bring people to Christ. Since the recent war with Russia, young people are thinking about God and are receptive to His Word.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Missionaries can come alongside Georgian believers to help strengthen local ministries and follow up with contacts. Georgians also need encouragement from other Christians to maintain their faith considering the immense social pressure to recant their belief in Jesus Christ.

- Pray that the new movements among youth and children will flourish and draw many families to Christ.
- Ask God to call more workers, both foreign missionaries and Georgians, to actively share their faith and produce disciple-makers.
- Pray that the people who rely on religious rituals will seek the truth behind their actions and desire to follow Jesus.



When many Christians think of Germany, Martin Luther and the Reformation come to mind. But today this nation desperately needs a witnessing evangelical presence. Many middle-aged and older Germans have given up on the traditional Church, and young people believe that its teachings are irrelevant. However, Germans of all ages are looking for answers amidst the cultural and economic upheaval that the migration crisis has brought, and they are open to spiritual matters.

GREAT HOPE

The younger generations have experienced the emptiness of materialism and crave meaning in their lives. Things like nontraditional house gatherings of believers have connected them into church families. The large number of immigrants searching for hope in Europe are being loved by Jesus-followers in Germany and coming to Christ.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Bold and loving missionaries and nationals are needed to guide the hurting people of Germany to the open arms of Jesus and care for seeking immigrants running from violence and poverty.

- Pray that believing Germans will develop an increased passion to reach out to unsaved fellow citizens and be increasingly infused with Christian love for the many Muslim immigrants moving into the country.
- Pray that God will anoint the creative outreaches that evangelical Christians are doing across the country.



For thousands of years, the Greek people have contributed to Western culture in art, food, philosophy, medicine and literature. They are proud of their rich heritage, but changes in the last few years have brought unprecedented uncertainty. The financial crisis has been building for decades, and because of the proximity and accessibility of Greece, the recent refugee crisis has hit Greece harder than any other country in Europe.

GREAT HOPE

Church growth in Greece has always been slow, but God is working. Recently there have been new churches planted that are making inroads to different cultural groups. The refugee crisis has given opportunity to Greeks to show hospitality, a traditional Greek value. Many displaced people have experienced the body of Christ at work and come to follow Jesus.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Greek society is very traditional, and the state church, Eastern Orthodoxy, is a nationalistic and cultural bond that, though often superficial, is hard to give up. Protestant believers have often faced ostracism and discrimination, but now Greek believers are becoming bolder. Work among refugees is a growing, productive ministry; many from the Middle East who are on their way west become stuck in Greece, and believers can touch these people in their time of need with God's love and the Good News of Jesus.

- Pray for the refugee camps, for peace, resolution and the life of Christ to be present in workers and inhabitants.
- Pray that believers in Greece will increase their desire to use their resources for God's glory so ministries can move ahead. Pray for Greek churches to develop a greater understanding of outreach and missions.
- Pray for young people being trained at the Greek Bible College, that they will progress into effective ministries.



The world's largest island is about 80 percent ice-capped and lies northeast of Canada. Greenland's sparse population of 56,000 lives primarily in small set—tlements along the coast, and almost one-third of the people live in the capital. Civilization is rare, and the scenery is breathtaking in this nation Denmark started to colonize in the 18th century. The island has been self-governed only since 1980. The main religion is Evangelical Lutheran, and many people have responded to the gospel. Most of those who have not are the Inuit people, many of whom are isolated due to harsh travel conditions.

GREAT HOPE

Although the Christian communities in some of Greenland's cities are small, they have a reputation of being God-fearing and prayerful. A large portion of the Christians are relatively young, in their 30's and 40's, and exuberant in their faith. Short-term missionaries from Sweden have found great receptivity among the people when they served there doing camping ministries. Also, God has called Canadian Christians to reach out to their people by showing the JESUS film. Many Inuits and Danes have accepted Christ as a result of this ongoing ministry.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Greenlanders love nature and greatly enjoy trekking, hiking, kayaking and fishing. Outreach through sports is effective in this country. The people need to experience the gospel through loving actions as they enter into relationships with Christ-followers. Evangelical church leaders in Greenland have requested help from other believers to serve alongside them, helping provide discipleship training, evangelistic outreach and counseling ministries.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the Spirit to move, especially among Greenland's Inuit people, who are largely unreached.
- Pray for revitalization in the Lutheran churches that are in most settlements in the country, and that church members will become powerful witnesses in their communities.
- Pray that God will show believers how to creatively reach out in this isolated place and multiply disciples.

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Though Hungary has been occupied by several European nations, the people have maintained their unique language and culture. Despite an upturn in the economy, nearly twenty percent of the people struggle with alcoholism, and most Hungarians believe that the traditional church has nothing to offer.

GREAT HOPE

Although overall church growth is flat across the country, there are pockets of brightness. Evangelical groups have reached out to communities by using the Alpha course. There is hope that this material may also break down barriers of suspicion and negativity between evangelicals.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Hungarian seekers and new believers can't find an evangelical church in their neighborhood that is relevant or equipped to teach the truth and disciple them. Hungarian pastors need mentors to equip them with skills and vision to move beyond traditional ministry methods. Church-planting teams are needed to live among the Hungarian people to start churches that are based in the reality of a transformed life.

- Pray for Hungarian leaders who form public opinion that a spirit of unity and hope would prevail over the current spirit of defeat.
- Pray for spiritual renewal in churches so the vision to reach out to Hungarians and the world will be an unquenchable fire.
- Pray that Christian youth will stand against immorality and the occult and will
 actively share their faith with fellow Hungarian youth.



Prior to the 2008 economic crisis, the United Nations rated Iceland the best place in the world to live based on life expectancy, education levels and per capita income. Iceland suffered from the crisis more than many nations. Its coalition government collapsed in January 2009, and has been recovering slowly. Most Icelanders, about 80 percent, say they are Lutheran, but they are not churchgoing people. Polls reveal that just 10 percent of Icelanders take part in church activities monthly.

GREAT HOPE

Because many Icelanders want to protect their Christian heritage, some are exploring the gospel more deeply, and a number of believers have taken the opportunity to talk about what the Christian faith is really about: a life changed through relationship with Christ. Recently a new Bible translation was released, updating the 1984 translation and containing more modern and understandable Icelandic language. The Alpha course, the Twelve Step program and Christian-based meditation are assisting Icelanders in coming to faith!

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Icelanders need a strong model of Christian community and changed lives. Icelandic Christians support and desire to awaken to the "mission field" in their backyard, accepting the responsibility to minister to their own people. Now is an ideal time for missionaries to come alongside their Icelandic brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Praise God that He has brought together a core group of believers interested a new, cross-denominational disciplemaking movement! Pray that He will use their efforts to draw many to Himself.
- Pray for the completion and publishing of a new book being written in Icelandic on the nature of the church and need to make disciples.
- Pray for a Spirit-led movement of disciple multiplication that will sweep across Iceland!



Known for its jewel-colored landscape, sweeping cliffs and quiet life, the Republic of Ireland has much to offer. While Irish believers have freedom to spread the gospel, many living there reject the vocabulary of the message: Jesus, the cross, faith, sin and forgiveness. They view these words as part of an irrelevant and immoral attempt to control people. As a result, the gospel does not sound like "Good News" to Irish ears. Historically traditional and deeply religious, Irish people know there must be something more, but they struggle to discover and understand the meaning of life. Because of past religious problems, they are increasingly deciding that Jesus can't be the answer to life's meaning.

GREAT HOPE

When GEM first sent staff to Ireland in 1974, most new evangelistic and church-planting efforts were initiated and led by expatriate missionaries from the U.K. and North America. Today God is raising up a gifted and trained core of committed, Irish-born evangelicals who personally own the Great Commission. GEM missionaries are asking God to prepare more of these young, Irish-born, culturally-connected laborers for the harvest in Ireland.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Opportunities for evangelism exist in almost every arena of life. Even though Ireland is on the upsurge from its most recent economic crisis, this has also led to large segments of the population and the immigrant communities feeling disenfranchised. Christ-followers can make a difference by meeting felt needs along many segments of Irish life. Social issues like suicide, alcoholism, homelessness and drug abuse are plaguing the people of Ireland, and workers are desperately needed to touch hearts in Ireland today.

- Pray that as evangelicals become catalysts for change, people who do not yet follow Christ will see the gospel as Good News.
- Pray that there would be a growing understanding and embracing of disciple-multiplication principles among existing mission agencies, Irish churches and leaders.
- Pray against the spiritual darkness that is leading to many suicides among young people in Ireland.



Italy is one of the favorite vacation spots in Europe. The distinctive canals of Venice and the majestic cathedrals of Rome draw millions of visitors each year. Unfortunately this country with important spiritual history is very dark. Years of misrepresentation of Christianity on Italian soil has led to skepticism of a religion that Italians are "born into". Catholic traditions penetrate every aspect of Italian culture, but only about 5 percent in Rome attend church once a quarter. Even as they walk the same roads as the apostles, most Italians have never heard a clear presentation of the gospel. The young people have no biblical literacy. Rome has 3.5 million people with between 4,000 to 4,500 Christ followers. The country is moving from post Christian to pre-Christian.

GREAT HOPE

Even though in many ways Italy is a post-Christian country, believers there have seen many come to Christ in recent years. As missionaries are working among business leaders and profession—als, God has called many influential people to Himself.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Italians are known as exporters of their own foods, products and way of life. With the great influx of foreigners coming to Italy from all parts of the world, the country stands at a strategic juncture; Italians can be influenced by foreign religions or find their own true faith in Jesus Christ and export that faith to the world. Missionaries can partner with Italian believers by equipping them to truly impact their towns and their nations, by helping them to start new churches and through education.

- Pray that Italian believers will continue to stand for the cause of Christ with love, passion and vision that goes beyond local churches and denominations.
- Pray that Bible schools in Italy will be well-attended and strategic in preparing tomorrow's leaders.
- Pray for more missionaries who will be persevering, self-sacrificing and effective in bringing the gospel message to an increasingly hopeless and depressed society.
- Pray for a movement of churches planting churches throughout Italy.



Formerly a part of Yugoslavia, the Republic of Kosovo is in the Southwestern Balkans. In 1999, a campaign of "ethnic cleansing" resulted in thousands of deaths and the displacement of 1.5 million people. Following a NATO military intervention, the area became a UN protectorate until February 2008, when Kosovo's provisional government unilaterally declared independence from Serbia. Kosovar Albanians equate ethnicity with religion, so to be Albanian is to be Muslim. Years of struggles have left many in Kosovo feeling hopeless. While they look to the European Union and the United States for solutions, only a personal relationship with Christ offers the security and purpose they seek.

GREAT HOPE

Despite an increase in Islamic fundamentalism in the area, the church continues to grow. The opportunity to worship in their own language is intriguing to Kosovar Albanians (Islam does not allow for this). Many church and mission leaders believe that Kosovar Albanians are uniquely positioned to take the gospel to the Islamic world.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Believers who are willing to express their faith first through loving actions and by building relationships have open doors to minister in Kosovo. Development projects in small towns and villages allow workers to meet practical needs while sharing the gospel. These opportunities are tools to soften hearts to God's love and expand His Kingdom in tangible ways.

- Pray that development projects in villages will result in transformed communities as people come to Christ.
- Pray that young believers who face pressure from their families because of their faith will remain strong and be a light.
- Pray for increased unity and humility among churches so Christians will become a stronger witness for Christ.



This country in Northeastern Europe has claimed Lutheranism since the Reformation. After Latvia declared independence from Soviet rule in 1991, the newfound religious freedom quickly faded to nominal faith. Unlike many Western Europeans who have given up on the Church, Latvians are spiritual people. But often their spirituality is attracted to Eastern worldviews. Rural Latvians face the social challenges of poverty and alcoholism, and urban Latvians encounter materialism and secularism. Additionally, a cultural clash exists between Latvians and ethnic Russians, who make up 26 percent of the population.

GREAT HOPE

Latvians are spiritually-minded people, proud of their Lutheran heritage and open to spiritual things. This openness provides fertile soil for the gospel that is finding its way into the hearts of some young Latvians. This is a great time to encourage Latvians to make Jesus the center of their lives. Praise God that He will not abandon the work that He has begun in this country.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

There are signs of renewal among Latvian churches, with greater interest in church planting and in fresh forms of church. The Alpha Course is having great impact, especially in some Lutheran churches. Parachurch organizations which work with students are taking greater interest in international students, an opportunity for partners to come join them. Orphan ministry and ministry with physically challenged persons have recently arisen.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that Latvian Christians will embrace the foreigner among them and reach out to the many internationals coming, especially students.
- Pray for a new generation of well-equipped church leaders to emerge. All
 evangelical denominations in Latvia need more people to prepare for ministry
 as pastors and church planters.
- Pray that God will encourage national pastors and ministry leaders who serve in tiring and often discouraging environments.

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Liechtenstein, a mountainous enclave on the Rhine River, is about the size of Washington, D.C. More than a third of the 38,000 residents are foreigners, mainly Swiss, Austrian and Italian. While the country was poor until World War II, today the standard of living has increased. The Roman Catholic Church is the official church, but less than one percent of Liechtensteiners follow Jesus.

GREAT HOPE

The people of Liechtenstein have the opportunity to hear and consider the claims of Christ though expatriates and others, including tourists. In 1985, the first and only evangelical church was started in this country following an evangelistic campaign that British, Norwegian and Swiss believers launched. The congregation is made up mostly of immigrants. What a blessing it is to have a light for Christ in the community, even though it is small.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Close to half of the people in Liechtenstein are members of a sports association. Sports outreach is a great way for believers to build relationships with nonbelievers and eventually share about Christ. Another opportunity exists among businesspeople, as Liechtenstein is one of the most industrialized countries in the world. Many businesses are global market leaders, specialized in research-intensive market niches.

- Pray that believers from other countries who do business with Liechtensteiners will openly share their faith.
- Pray that those who are caught up in materialism will understand their need for a relationship with Christ and become disciple-makers.
- Pray that God will call believers to serve in outreach and evangelism in Liechtenstein



In 1387 the Lithuanian people adopted Roman Catholicism, and the majority of people today still claim this religion. But many decades of Nazi and Soviet rule repressed Lithuanians' faith and broke their trust in authority. Unfortunately, few Catholics are currently active with the church. Evangelical believers make up about one percent of the population, and many people claim no faith at all. Lithuanians are a people in need of restoration and hope found only in following Christ.

GREAT HOPE

Praise God that the evangelical community has grown in the post-Soviet era, and that relationships between denominations are better than in most former Soviet states. Though many Lithuanians follow their Catholic faith nominally, younger leaders are seeking change and renewal in the church. Young people have also increasingly sought spiritual answers.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Lithuania is a key place to reach out to people who are hurting with the fourth highest suicide rate in the world. Global believers could partner with Lithuanians to reach out with specialized ministries.

- Pray for churches to experience unity and continue to focus on Christ and His Word.
- Pray that young expatriates will experience Christ through believers in Poland and other countries in which they are temporarily living.
- Pray that God's Spirit will move among Lithuanians, increasing their desire to follow and help others become disciple makers.



This beautiful little country is home to about 605,000 people, 48 percent of whom come from other nations. Though most Luxembourgers profess Roman Cathol¬i-cism, only a shrinking fraction actively practice their faith. Most call themselves Catholics only because of tradition and culture. Many Luxembourgers complement their understanding of Roman Catholic teaching with elements of other religions, humanism and materialism. The general affluence in this country has caused many to feel dependent on self. While they don't acknowledge God to be a felt need, beneath the façade are many broken and empty lives.

GREAT HOPE

Small evangelical churches in the country are made up mostly of foreign-ers. Christians are realizing that what they have in common is greater than their differences. Once a year these congregations gather for a combined worship service and picnic. More outreaches among youth and students are taking place.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The growing openness of the Luxembourg Christians to focus on what they have in common is an answer to prayer. It's time to capitalize on this unity to expand God's Kingdom in this small country.

- Pray that Luxembourgers will hunger for the truth behind the traditions of whatever religion they claim.
- Pray that Christians will find relevant ways of allowing the resurrected Jesus to become visible to their neighbors.
- Pray that Luxembourg Christians will allow God to work in their country as He sees fit and help them see ways to multiply disciples.



Malta is a beautiful nation made up of three small islands in the Mediterranean Sea south of Sicily. With more than 460,000 residents, the country is the most densely populated in the European Union. Malta has a long history, evidenced by its prehistoric temples, catacombs and World War II bomb shelters. Christianity has maintained strong roots in Malta since the apostle Paul shipwrecked there. Though 98 percent of the population is affiliated with the Roman Catholic church, only about half attend Mass regularly. Many Maltese know who Jesus is, but very few actively follow Him.

GREAT HOPE

Many Maltese see the evangelical church as a sect, so individuals face stress and relational tension when they decide to join a fellowship. But people have started to follow Jesus after getting to know Christ-followers, exploring spiritual questions and reading the Bible. With the start of the Evangelical Alliance in 2007, there is new hope for the evangelical community to cooperate and speak with one voice. God is doing a new work in Malta, and Christians attribute it to the prayers of people around the world.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Continued spiritual transformation among the Maltese will depend on the development of faithful, creative leaders. With the economy becoming more technology based (and headed toward being a Mediterranean hub for technology and media industries) believers need to recognize and respond to related ministry opportunities. People interested in doing outreach through technology have a great opportunity to plug into this forming community.

- Pray that believers will have insight to creatively engage the changing culture.
- Pray for the campus ministry at the University of Malta.
- Pray that God will call new missionaries to work in knowledge-based industries and among youth, discipling them to become disciple-makers.



While Moldova is colorful with its medieval monasteries and fortresses, unique underground wine caves and spa resorts, the nation is one of Europe's poorest. When the country declared independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991, living conditions declined. Many Moldovans feel disillusioned with life and even with the church. The influence of the Orthodox Church makes evangelical work difficult, as does the fact that many villagers are ensnared in the occult. Though the evangelical church has grown, believers still make up only about three percent of the population.

GREAT HOPE

Despite Moldovans' poverty, they have a vision to reach their people. God has positioned the people to minister in Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and Bulgaria since each of those people groups are represented in this country. Also, graduates of Moldova's theological training school have already planted churches in Asia and Moldova. Romanians, Americans and Moldovans partnered to start this school, modeling unity in the Body of Christ.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Hundreds of towns and villages in Moldova still have no evangelical church. Large communities of Roma live in this country, and they are mostly unreached. Global believers can assist the church there by helping provide training for pastors and missionaries and living there long-term to plant churches and share Christ.

- Pray that theological training schools will continue to produce mature Moldovan leaders who will reach out to their people.
- Pray that God will call Moldovan and missionaries to serve in Roma communities so that they can experience Christ's love.
- Pray that God's Spirit will draw unreached Moldovan people to Himself, and that He will spark a house-church planting movement.



Monaco, best known as a gambling and tax haven, is the world's second-smallest country and has the highest population density. The people of Monaco have experienced great prosperity in the past several decades, and because of that, many seek to fill the void in their hearts with materialism. Most who live in this French-speaking country are expatriates and affiliated with the Roman Catholic church.

GREAT HOPE

Christian radio is broadcast from Monaco in multiple European languages as well as in some North African languages. Missionaries involved in this work are well respected and have a witness among local people. Many expatriates have begun following Christ because of local evangelical churches. A number of the Monegasque people now follow Christ as well. Several years ago, none were believers.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Because Monaco is a vacation spot for people from around the world, it is a key place to touch the world with God's love. Most of the people in this wealthy nation have great influence and know large networks of people. Believers who reach out to expatriates and visitors in Monaco can plant seeds of the gospel by modeling a life transformed by Christ. As new believers share their hope in Jesus with people in their home countries, there could be a movement for Christ in Europe.

- Pray that believers in Monaco will continue to live out their faith so their friends and neighbors will long for a relationship with Christ.
- Pray that God's Spirit will spark a disciplemaking movement and revival in the Christian churches of Monaco.
- Pray that people who have misconceptions about following Christ will become open to hearing and responding to the gospel message.



Montenegro declared independence from Serbia in 2006, having been unified with Serbia since the former Yugoslavia dissolved in 1992. Montenegrins call their little country the pearl of the Mediterranean, with its Adriatic coastline, mountains and lakes. It is beautiful, but its rocky landscape accurately parallels the spiritual landscape. Among the country's 623,000 people, there are about 1,600 known believers. Of them, many are foreigners. The majority of Montenegro's people are Orthodox, and a significant group of Muslim Albanians live there as well. Most people follow their religions because of culture rather than for reasons of spiritual conviction. Overall, this country is one of Europe's least evangelized.

GREAT HOPE

Though Montenegro has not been on the map as an individual country for long, growth in the Christ-following community has come through ministries among children and their families and through churchplanting outreaches. The number of believers is increasing; today a number of evangelical churches have been established and small groups meet in homes for Bible studies.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Montenegro is a place of great physical wonders, and it offers fascinating venues for adventure sports such as skiing, whitewater rafting, caving and rock climbing. Believers can reach out to people interested in such activities. Outreach opportunities also exist among Muslim Albanians as well as among the Serbian and Roma refugees from Kosovo who have lived in the country since 1999. These people need to experience Christ through acts of compassion.

- Pray that God's Spirit will draw Montenegrins into a relationship with Jesus, and that they will find hope in Him instead of seeking it in politics or economics.
- Pray that God will send more workers for the harvest into this country that has few missionaries and few believers.
- Pray that couples and families will become Christ-followers in a land where family and clan ties dominate every strata of society.



The Netherlands has a rich Christian heritage, but for the first time in the history of the Netherlands, the number of those who have no religion is larger than those who claim any religion. Secularism is strong and growing stronger. Many church buildings have been converted to shops, apartment buildings or event halls. Some Christ-following congregations still exist, though many have let societal norms affect their teaching. The message of salvation through faith in Christ is largely gone.

GREAT HOPE

Volunteers at ministry centers are reaching out to prostitutes and drug addicts, meeting practical and spiritual needs. Missionaries and Dutch believers host weekly Bible studies, and the number of study groups is increasing. Also, because of the Dutch people's interest in learning English, they attend events like an annual international English Christmas service, where they hear the gospel.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Many immigrants have come to the Netherlands recently, and this has caused cultural and social tension. Compassionately reaching out goes a long way in expressing value and Christ's love to these people. In light of a high Dutch divorce rate and the fact that children tend to be allowed to "run" families, parenting-skills classes are popular. Christ-followers can meet felt needs of these struggling families and many others on the fringe of society.

- Pray that the churches started by Dutch believers and missionaries in recent years will thrive and plant more reproducing churches.
- Pray that Dutch believers will reach out with Christ's love to immigrants in the Netherlands, many of whom have a Muslim background.
- Pray against the impact of New Age thinking, which is widely accepted and even promoted in schools.



Ninety-five percent of the 232 million people in North Africa are Muslim, and most countries have just a fraction of national believers. Regional governments often uphold Islam as the state religion. Islam is a way of life that governs personal religious duties and shapes culture and politics. Backlashes against "Christian" crusades and Western colonialism have further entrenched Islam into the cultural and national identity. However, growing disillusionment over economic and social problems is producing a religious–secular divide. Many young people are spiritually apathetic, and dreams of wealth overwhelm their traditional religious values. Some resist progressive government reforms, indicating a trend toward more conservative expressions of Islam.

GREAT HOPE

Despite the many obstacles to the Christian faith in North Africa, a small, national church movement is growing in the region. While believers still face significant intimidation and harassment from the police, employers, families and extremists, governments are displaying more tolerance toward Muslim-background believers. The Church today is growing more quickly in these countries than at any time in recent history. Modernization, globalization and foreign travel are giving North Africans more exposure to the gospel.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In an effort to encourage tourism and other forms of economic development, many countries in North Africa are displaying a new openness to the West. Creative outreach opportunities abound in this strategic part of the world.

- Pray that evangelical churches will multiply, and that God will give believers the best strategies to plant churches throughout North Africa
- Praise God for the small but growing national church movements. Pray for believers' ability to stand firm and grow in their faith. Pray for boldness and wisdom in their witness.
- Pray that genuine partnerships and significant relationships with local business leaders will develop so that sharing about Christ can take place.



North Macedonia, once part of Yugoslavia, is a land of contrasts. In the capital city of Skopje, one can find both the occasional horse-drawn cart and modern shopping centers. This historic land is home to ancient ruins and almost equally ancient ethnic tensions that live on today between Orthodox Macedonians and Muslim Albanians. Since the country declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, it has struggled economically. With an unemployment rate of around 20 percent, low salaries and high prices, life in North Macedonia can be difficult. Only two percent of the population follows Christ, and most of the country struggles in hopelessness and spiritual blindness.

GREAT HOPE

Pastors from various denominations pray together, representing lasting fruit of the Spirit. High school and college-aged students passionately live out their faith and influence their peers through outreach events like Christian concerts and retreats. Praise God that Macedonians of all ages are finding a relationship with Christ through personal evangelism and the Alpha course.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Macedonians value relationships. Building friendships is a great way to share about Christ, and teaching English and computer skills are effective methods to build relation–ships. Many Macedonians need such training to find jobs. Churches in other countries can help reach Macedonians by partnering directly with Macedonian churches and Christian organizations in the country.

- Pray that God would remove the veil that obscures the gospel, and that the people's blindness would be lifted so all might believe in and follow Him.
- Pray that God will richly pour out spiritual fruit from the efforts of those ministering to Macedonians.
- Pray for growing unity among the evangelical churches in North Macedonia.



Norway is well known for its natural resources of petroleum, hydropower, fish, for-ests and minerals. It is also known as a missionary-sending nation, though, iron-ically, very few of Norwegians are actively involved in evangelical congregations. In 995, Norway's king adopted Christianity, and in 1536, Lutheranism became the official state religion. Even today almost 72 percent of the 5.3 million Norwegians belong to that church, though most are nominal believers. The society's increased affluence in the past few decades has led to materialism that hides people's deep need for a relationship with Jesus.

GREAT HOPE

In Norway many state-church pastors focus on Christ and His Word, unlike leaders of government-sponsored churches in other European countries. The Norwegian Baptist Union is active and has planted many churches in recent years, some among immigrants. Among Norwegians, friendship evangelism has been the primary way in which people experience Christ and enter into a relationship with Him.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Norwegian Baptist Union has requested help from missionaries to serve in discipleship, leadership training, evangelism and churchplanting. One key place to plant churches is in suburbs among everyone from business people to the poverty-stricken. Cities are the places to minister to immigrants, many of them refugees, who have come to Norway over the past several decades.

- Pray that state-church pastors will be increasingly committed to biblical theology, and that God's Spirit will spark revival in churches.
- Praise God for Norway's missionaries, and pray that God will use them and others to serve Him in many nations.
- Pray for evangelical churches reaching out to younger generations through creative,
 Christ-centered ministries to be fruitful, thriving and resulting in multiplying disciples.



While Poland has been rated the most religious country in the European Union, less than one percent of Poles value faith as necessary for a successful life. In a country of 38 million people, there is one evangelical church for every 75,000 people. Though Catholic tradition still holds a significant place in family and cultural life, fewer and fewer people are drawing real-life applications from these traditions.

GREAT HOPE

Many Poles are searching for some kind of spiritual reality. Some are expressing a desire to know God more deeply, to know His Word and how it applies to their lives. While many struggle with materialism, people in some sectors of society have realized that things don't fix life's problems. While still few in number, Polish evangelicals are becoming more aware that they need to reach out to their communities and to the world with Christ's love.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Believers in Poland know that God wants to touch the hearts and lives of Poles. Great opportunity exists to minister to Polish students at universities. Outreaches among the homeless, drug addicts and dysfunctional families are also needed. Churchplanting and discipleship ministries are currently having great success, but more workers are needed to partner with Polish believers. The doors are open for those whom God is calling to make a difference in Poland.

- Pray that God will call more workers to Poland, the country with the fewest number of missionaries per capita.
- Pray that Polish evangelicals will grow in their desire to reach society by meeting felt needs, ministering creatively and multiplying disciples of Jesus.
- At least one million young people have left Poland in recent years in search of a better life (most to Ireland). Pray that older Christian leaders will identify and mentor young leaders.



People often associate Europe with the Protestant Reformation, but that movement never reached Portugal. While religious and political freedoms gained in 1975 have made it easier for the evangelical church to grow, the country remains largely influenced by religious tradition that doesn't change people's hearts. More recently, secular humanism and materialism have attracted many people. Portugal's minimum wage (the equivalent of about 710 USD per month) is among the lowest in the European Union. Because of this, many mothers must work to help support their families.

GREAT HOPE

God is awakening the Portuguese. A national churchplanting movement called Global Mission 2015 helped Portuguese believers unite and strategize to evangelize Portugal to reach the world. God is empowering the Portuguese to send out missionaries to other countries.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

God is working, but pioneer challenges remain. Evangelicals comprise less than four percent of the population, and many churches still lack full-time work-ers with adequate theological training. Societal problems such as personal debt, domestic violence, AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse and depression are increasing. Many of the schools in Portugal offer religion classes, and one can teach on Christianity if there is enough interest.

- Pray that the young-adult generation continues to mature, becoming powerful witnesses for Christ to their non-believing friends in workplaces and neighborhoods.
- Pray that God would raise up national pastors, full-time workers and missionaries who can work together to make disciples and plant churches across Portugal.



Romania is settling into its place in the new world. Spectacular medieval castles and villages contrast with exotic sports cars and satellite TV. A former communist country, Romania has embraced the possibilities of a lucrative future by joining NATO and the European Union. Though the gospel has taken hold in some regions, millions are still without gospel fellowship. Many Romanians believe they are Christians merely because they were born in Romania. Eighty-one percent of Romanians consider themselves to be Orthodox Christian, but nearly forty percent of those who claim to be religious do not attend church regularly.

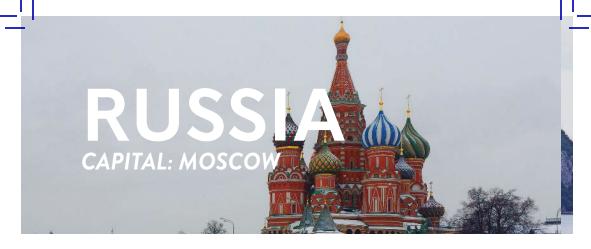
GREAT HOPE

God has drawn many into a deeper and more transformational walk with Him. The vision for this country is that the Lord would raise up many thousands of Europeans from Romania to take the gospel to people groups living in countries closed to the gospel.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Balkan Region stands as a gateway between post-Christian Western Europe and the unreached Eastern nations. Already, many Romanians have served on short- and long-term missions assignments outside their country. Believers from the Balkan Region have access to countries that few North Americans can enter. That's why Romania continues to be a key country in which to serve.

- Pray for the growing missions movement in Romania and countries of the Balkan Peninsula as believers gain vision for how God wants to use them.
- Pray for missionaries and national believers in Romania as they seek the Lord's direction to make a significant impact for the gospel, especially in the relatively unreached south and east regions of the country.
- Pray for a spiritual revival throughout Romania and the rest of the Balkans.



Vast. Mysterious. Diverse. Many words may come to mind when talking about Russia. Communism's collapse in 1991 led to unprecedented opportunities for churchplanting, theological education and Bible translation and distribution. It also led to corruption and drug and alcohol abuse. New visa laws greatly restrict the amount of time missionaries can remain in the country, but the door is still open for missionaries.

GREAT HOPE

The fall of communism led to an unprecedented outpouring of truth and ministry in Russia. Many missionaries began working openly in the country. Most Russians moved from atheism to some profession of belief in God in that time but less than two percent follow Jesus. Russian evangelical congregations understand that this period of religious freedom may be short, so they are engaging in strategic evangelism. Christians are not remaining in their own hometowns; they are going as missionaries to other parts of the country and boldly sharing the gospel while they can.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In a country as vast and diverse as Russia, many missionaries are needed to take the gospel message to the thousands of towns and villages. Russians who live in remote areas of the country have cultural barriers to the gospel. However, there are opportunities to get involved in almost any imaginable ministry.

- Pray that God will intervene in the current slide toward hardline nationalism, and that Russians will continue to have opportunities to consider the claims of Christ.
- Pray against corruption, and that most of the population will not fall into poverty.
- Pray for revival, and particularly for the Orthodox believers to be born again and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on them.
- Pray that the Kingdom of God will transform culture and counter the anger and corruption that divide the country.



A part of Yugoslavia until 2003, Serbia is now a sovereign nation landlocked in the heart of the Balkan Peninsula. The country has experienced many shifting borders and governments over the years, some peaceful and some not. This instability has impacted the economy, culture and ethnic relationships. The changing landscape creates both challenges and opportunities for spreading the gospel. One challenge is that Serbians equate faith with nationality. If you are Serbian, you are Orthodox. This can create mistrust and prejudice toward those who share the gospel. History is largely responsible for this. Serbians mistrust outsiders, and trust must be won before people will truly consider the gospel.

GREAT HOPE

Amidst changing borders and struggling economies, the cross of Christ offers hope and stability to Serbians, not temporal or political relief, but relief that comes from a life of significance lived out in the hope of God's Kingdom. Serbs' warmth coupled with Jesus' redemptive love can create churches that will transform Serbia's cultural landscape. Believers have seen God move among youth at a Christian camp and are praying for breakthrough in other segments of society.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Serbia has been building its economy for several years since the Balkan wars, and now it offers many opportunities to engage with the people and contribute positively. Believers can make an impact among the warm and welcoming people by serving through financial planning, micro-finance, business startups or business training. God is at work in Serbia in unique and meaningful ways, and He is looking for more workers for the great harvest there.

- Pray for the youth of Serbia, who easily fall prey to drugs and other social ills, to find hope in Christ.
- Pray for workers who focus on reaching young teens via a camping ministry to be fruitful and train the teens to multiply disciples.
- Pray for God to send more workers into the harvest in Serbia.



Often called "The Heart of Europe", Slovakia is a country of 5.4 million people and is about twice the size of New Hampshire. Since Communism fell and the country became independent from the Czech Republic in 1993, Slovaks have endured changes in culture, technology, politics and religion. About half of the people see the church as trustworthy. Slovaks are spiritually hungry, but with the influx of new religions, cults and the occult, people are confused and looking for truth.

GREAT HOPE

Though traditional churches struggle to survive in Slovakia, many young people are seeking Christ in smaller, less formal communities. Not wanting to cast off the traditional church, younger believers are also infusing new life through spiritual disciplines, worship and evangelism. These young believers' increased interest in spirituality has provided opportunities to discuss the gospel and issues about faith. Established Christians are also becoming more proactive about reaching out.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Slovak people are relational, and this allows for ministry opportunities in a variety of settings, including schools, churches, homes and businesses. English teachers are in demand in schools for students of all ages. Slovak churchplanters and pastors are asking for evangelistic teams to help touch their cities through camps, street ministry and creative outreach events to provide relevance and clarity to the claims of Christ.

- Pray for evangelical churches as they wrestle with how to engage a changing culture and effectively communicate the gospel. Pray that they will break from unhealthy traditions that limit ministry efforts and hinder unity.
- Pray for bold believers who creatively share Jesus and help others become multiplying disciples of Jesus.
- Ask God to make Slovakia His heart of Europe by causing transformation in people's hearts through Jesus.



Slovenia boasts a Mediterranean climate along the coast, lush vineyards, untouched forests, snow-capped mountains and ski resorts. Despite its Communist-ruled past, Slovenia is economically strong and politically stable. But its spiritual vitality does not match its beauty and prosperity. Previously one of Yugoslavia's six constituent republics, present-day Slovenia became independent in 1991. In this country the size of New Jersey and containing two million residents, few are evangelical Christians.

GREAT HOPE

Slovenia may be on the verge of a true spiritual revival. A recent study by the Evangelical Missions Research Group shows that the growing numbers of young believers, coupled with an increasing receptivity to the claims of Christ, are good indicators. If new believers tap into their former relational networks, significant numbers of Slovenes of all ages could enter a relationship with Jesus.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Because Slovenes are hospitable people who are open to new friendships, global believers can make a difference in this country through relational evangelism as they live out a life redeemed by Christ. Outreach initiatives among businesspeople and professionals have proven effective, introducing gospel practices like balancing career and family.

- Many believers are young in their faith. Pray that God will give them a desire to mature, persevere and make disciple-makers.
- Pray for unity and clear communication among evangelical churches of various denominations, and that Slovene leaders will work together.
- Pray that God will continue to direct and use ministries that believers have started, including drug-addiction recovery.



Single religions have strongly dominated Spain since the eighth century. Following seven centuries of Muslim rule, Roman Catholicism became the official religion. Although religious freedom was officially established in 1978, many Spaniards remain suspicious of any group that is not Roman Catholic. While the majority of the people still consider themselves to be Catholic, at least in name, many view religion as one of the greatest problems of their history and soundly reject it in any form. Only about 1.3 percent of the people claim to follow Christ. Due to immigration, Islam has become the second-largest religion in the country.

GREAT HOPE

Spaniards are slowly but steadily turning to Christ. The number of Protestant church members has increased sixteen-fold over the past 70 years. In the countryside, people face far more social pressure to conform to Roman Catholicism, and few evangelical churches exist. There the people are highly suspicious of foreigners, including Spaniards who are from other towns.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Spain is a country made up of many people groups. With four different official languages in Spain, and many more non-official languages, there is great need to share the gospel in heart languages. Whether it's in Spanish in Valencia or Catalan in Catalonia, Spaniards are waiting to hear from missionaries and locals about Jesus in their own language.

- Pray that God will call more Spaniards and missionaries to minister to the people of Spain.
- Pray that the Lord will call students at the Spanish Bible institutes to serve sacrificially and in partnership with other churches.
- Pray that evangelical churches will grow their vision of what God can do in Spain through a unified body of believers.



The hymns "Day by Day" and "How Great Thou Art" are just two examples of Sweden's contribution to our Christian heritage. Unfortunately, because of discrimination against non-Lutheran believers in the 19th century, large numbers of Swedish Christians immigrated from Sweden, leaving a spiritual vacuum that continues to this day. While 48 percent of Sweden's population considers itself either atheist or agnostic, about four percent follows Christ. Meanwhile, Islam is on the increase due to immigration. In 1930, just 15 Muslims lived in Sweden. Today about 460,000 people in the country practice Islam.

GREAT HOPE

While many traditional churches struggle for survival, God is raising up believers who are seeking new ways to express the timeless message of the gospel. Younger generation Christians may have rejected the traditions of religion but are seeking Christ in community and modern expressions of church. These young believers are the hope for the future of the gospel in Sweden.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Since the wave of refugees came to Europe several years ago, the number of Muslims in Sweden has surpassed the number of evangelicals. Sweden's history of open doors to refugees has created an unparalleled opportunity for evangelism among people from "closed" countries around the world. The Swedish Evangelical Free Church denomination is open to missionaries working side-by-side on teams with Swedes

- Pray that Swedish believers would have courage and boldness to stand for the faith in the face of Christian leaders and denominations that accommodate postmodernism.
- Pray that people using their businesses as a platform for ministry will find favor in the eyes of their colleagues, so more businesspeople will begin to follow Christ.



When people think of Switzerland, the Alps, skiing or a safe haven for investors come to mind for many. Great reformers like John Calvin and Huldreich Zwingli taught here in the 1500's. Despite the positive changes that took place during that time, less and less people are following Christ and are involved in their faith today. The Swiss government supports both Catholic and Protestant state churches, and free churches also exist. However, in recent years, more and more people have left congregations and call themselves "without confession".

GREAT HOPE

In many regions of Switzerland, one can find believers sharing their faith and participating in small, vibrant home Bible studies. Swiss people across the nation have accepted Christ through believers modeling changed lives and sharing their faith one-on-one, as well as through the Alpha course. Switzerland is home to some excellent Bible institutes that train young people for pastoral ministries and missionary outreaches.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

About one third of the Swiss people ski since they live near the mountains. Be-cause skiing and other sports are such an important part of life in Switzerland, this is a great place to engage nonbelievers. There is also an opportunity to serve among the hundreds of thousands of Muslim immigrants who need to hear the gospel.

- Pray that God will open the eyes of Swiss people to the gospel and spark revival in this land of the reformers.
- Pray that Christian churches will be increasingly faithful to Scripture and develop multiplying disciples.
- Pray for Swiss believers to be bold in reaching out to the people around them so that all Swiss might experience a life transformed by Christ.



Turkey is a beautiful country made even more delightful with its generous, welcoming people. Hospitality is a deeply rooted value in the Turkish culture. Islam is also deeply rooted there, so much so that a large population of Turks see Islam as a cultural tradition in addition to a religious belief. While Turkey is officially a secular country, evangelicals have been discriminated against, harassed and even killed in recent past. Now, the displacement of millions of refugees from the Middle East has upturned Turkish society. As the "gateway" to Europe, this country has taken many people through its boarders, some of whom remain stuck there.

GREAT HOPE

Turkey is no stranger to the gospel. The apostle Paul ministered and brought the hope of Christ to people entrenched in pagan practices. This serves as a reminder that God can once again transform this land and its people with His love. Though the number of Turks who follow Christ is small, Christians are sharing their faith and God is building His church.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Modern Turkey remains largely untouched by the gospel and is a key place for missionaries to serve, especially as refugees from closed countries remain. Many Christians recognize that God is preparing the way for exponential growth in the Turkish evangelical church. Missionaries can partner with Turkish Christians by helping provide for refugees and immigrants.

- Pray that God's Spirit will break down cultural barriers so Muslims will be willing to consider Christ's claims.
- Pray that believers in Turkey will boldly and lovingly demonstrate who Jesus is to those who haven't experienced Christianity in positive ways.
- Pray that God will call His people to creatively serve among Turks in both Turkey and Europe, where many immigrants now live.



Since the beginning of the war in 2014, Ukraine has been experiencing upheaval once more. Again, defending themselves against Russia, the violence and chaos has left many destitute and without relations. Like their traditional psanky (painted eggs), Ukrainians are a beautiful people with a rich history, but many are fragile and empty inside. Hope of Jesus is desperately needed here, and prayer for peace.

GREAT HOPE

After 1991, the church in Ukraine blossomed with revival. In the early 1990's many people began to follow Christ and new workers were energized. The faithful who persevered through the dark times also left a legacy of deep faith that serves as a foundation for this generation. Missionaries from around the world have come alongside their Ukrainian brothers and sisters to reach the 95 percent of Ukrainians who are still without a personal relationship with Jesus.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Ukrainian people need strong Christian communities to come live along–side them in the chaos of war. Churches are adapting to the ever-changing landscape with new and renewed visions of how to reach and serve their communities. To succeed, they need tools, resources and prayer, as well as partners willing to give their lives to see Ukrainians come to know Jesus.

- Pray for unity among Christians and that they will care for the those in the middle of the war and those who have lost loved ones. Pray for a spirit of peace to fall over this country.
- Pray that the missionary spirit will grow and that many people in Eastern Europe will be blessed by Ukrainians' faith and dedication.
- Pray for growth for Zaporozhye Bible College & Seminary, whose work in equipping church leaders has had a profound impact.



Protestants may think of the United Kingdom as the home of John Wycliffe and John Knox, as well as of the 1904 Welsh Revival. But despite the rich historical roots of this area, today its peoples are largely uncommitted to faith. With the attacks happening in England, many are seeking answers. British citizens are having con-versations about safety, unity and peace, where Christ can surely have an influence. Immigrants from many countries call the United Kingdom home, which makes it a place where several religions are practiced. One of the largest religious groups is Islam, as Muslims make up 4.4 percent of the population.

GREAT HOPE

Evangelical leaders have started two initiatives to reach out to a generation of un-churched youth. 24-7 Prayer began in 1999 in England when young people decided to pray nonstop for a month. The movement spread to other age groups and to other nations with a goal of transforming the world through prayer. Many youths have experienced the claims of Christ through a worship movement initiated by popular bands and speakers.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

London is a strategic place in which to minister because of its worldwide influence. Britons need to experience the gospel's relevance and transforming power, especially amid the Brexit turmoil and fear after the attacks in their nation. Working in urban centers and focusing on inner-city issues, including immigration, is one way to partner with believers for ministry.

- Pray for a national spiritual awakening and that God will give evangelicals a renewed vision and faith in God's ability to change their nation for His glory.
- Pray that believers in Protestant churches will continue to become disciple
 makers who share how their lives have been changed which sparks a revival
 in these churches worldwide.
- Pray for wisdom for British leaders as they navigate the many unforeseen circumstances in their country.



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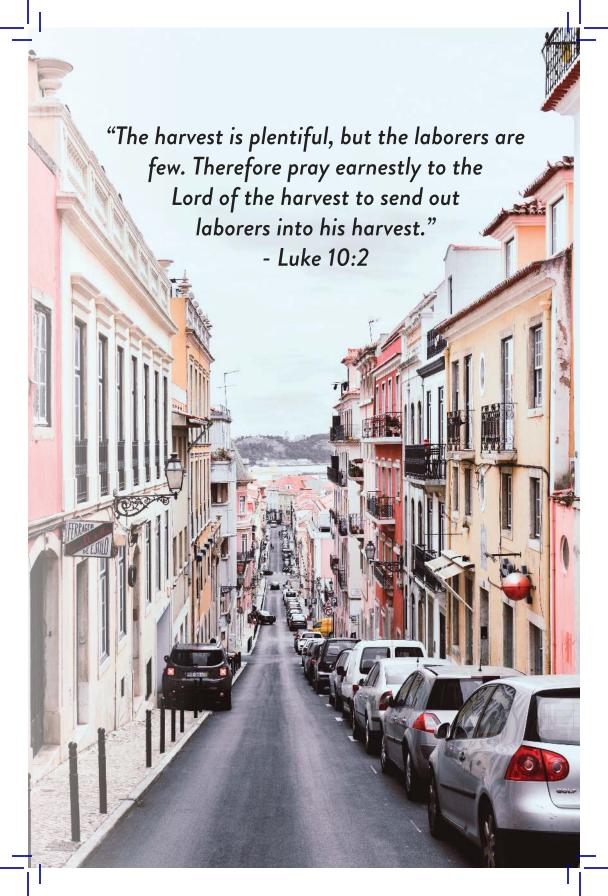
Thank you for taking the time to discover God's heart for the people who don't have a relationship with Him, especially the peoples of Europe. Prayer is essential to the great task of discipling all peoples. If you would like to participate in ongoing prayer and celebration of what God is doing in Europe, please visit the GEM prayer blog at gemission.com/pray.

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As you pray through this booklet, if God stirs a desire for further involvement in what He's doing, we can help provide opportunities! Through Greater Europe Mission's short-term projects, individuals and churches can partner with field missionaries to initiate ministriy in new areas and make strategic contributions to ongoing work. Opportunities can be found at gemission.com/serve.

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