

DTS YWAM MISSION: PANAMA

EUROPE

Who hasn't dreamed of going to Europe? It is a land rich with culture and history. In 2008 Europe received 53% of the worlds tourists, a total of 488 million people! It is certainly one of the most acclaimed continents on our planet. Yet there is a side to Europe that many people may not know about. Did you know that despite it's many cathedrals **less than 2% of the peoples in Europe actively follow Christ?** While the gospel has increased in most countries during the last 250 years, in Europe it has declined. In fact one surprising fact is that Islam claims many more adherents; the highest percentage is in France at 8.5%. There are more than **20 million muslims living in Europe!** It is the fastest growing religion mostly because muslims birthrate is higher than that of the Europeans. No country in Europe is keeping up with the replacement fertility rate of 2.1; averages hover at 1.4. To the average European, Christianity is a thing of the past and is often associated with a ruling political system. And let us not forget that Europe is also a continent of influence in politics, art, media, technology and business. It is observed and mimicked. There is a challenge before the church. If Europe were Christ centered, it would change the world. Let's Go!



This all came about through prayer and Intercession. We have received quite a bit of confirmation but have to admit that it seems easier to share about doing mission work in places like Haiti or China but as seen above the need for people to know God in Europe is great. We'll be working with friends of ours in Europe as well as with YWAM bases. Through prayer we felt specifically that we were to go to the following countries:

**England - Norway - Germany - France
Switzerland - Italy and Spain**



When will we go? October 18- Dec. 6 2010

What will we do?

Reach out to Muslims: In Europe Muslims have greater freedom to explore the claims of Christ than in their home countries. Some have begun to follow Jesus and share their new hope with people in their home countries.

Help Fight Human Trafficking: An estimated 120,000 women and children are trafficked in Western Europe each year. We will join with YWAMers and other organizations in Hamburg, Germany who are fighting to make a difference.

Street Witnessing: The opportunities to witness to people in Europe are endless. It's cities streets are so often full of tourists from around the world, locals hanging out in cafes and the many homeless who wander without hope. We look forward to engaging one on one with people from many walks of life.

Encourage and Mobilize Believers: Christianity in many parts of Europe can often feel dry. Perhaps many may feel alone. We want to encourage them in the Lord and also inspire them to serve in missions cross-culturally. Particularly in the young people there is great potential.

Film a Documentary: Throughout our journey we plan to be filming a documentary, showing God's heart for the diversity of people and places in Europe that we will encounter. It is something we hope to bring back with us to mobilize many believers into what God is doing in this continent.



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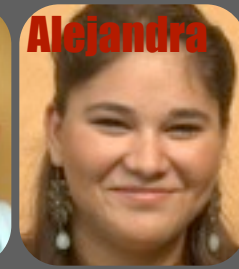
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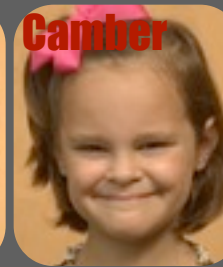
Mike



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Us?

We are 19 individuals from United States, Mexico and Finland



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What Do We Need?

With flights, housing, food and ground transportation around Europe for 7 weeks with 16 adults and 3 kids you can imagine that this trip is not cheap.

We need to raise **\$60,000** in 3 weeks. This is a huge leap of faith as we set forth on this journey. We have seen God be faithful to us before, and we know He will be faithful again. We would like to invite you to participate with us in this outreach. Any amount that you give whether you consider it big or small is so helpful. Thank you so much.

How Can You Give?

Online: If you would like to give online, visit www.ywambocas.org and go to the paypal link on the lower right hand corner that says "Donate - DTS Outreach"

Checks: Send checks to:

Agape Mission Society
2264 Acre Rd.
Akron, OH 44320

Make checks out to Agape Mission Society and write "DTS Outreach" in the memo.

All donations are tax deductible. We would really appreciate it if the gifts could be sent before Oct. 1 st, we need to buy our plane tickets as soon as possible. Thank You!