

Missions Fact Sheet

October 2016

European Mission Field (28 countries – total population of over half a billion people)

Western Europe (over 300 million): France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Austria

Eastern Europe (over 270 million): Poland, Hungary, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Ukraine

What God Has Done in Europe!

41 Churches in 25 countries!—Over 4,000 disciples!—Seven churches with more than 100 disciples!

Great Progress has been made in the last twelve months

Growing Partnership: 20 churches, 7 from New England, 6 from the Mid-West, Northern Virginia and 6 from Europe are partnering as members of the EMS.

Last Year's Missions Contribution: Over \$2.2 million was given by EMS affiliated churches and the BMF.

Strengthening of churches: Financial and pastoral support was provided for Athens, Berlin, Bucharest, Budapest, Geneva, Istanbul, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Tirana, Zagreb as well as 11 churches in the Ukraine.

New Church Planting: In 2015, Curt and Patty Simmons moved from Chicago to replant the church in Warsaw. The first big hurdle has been to establish an official association in the country.

Leadership Training: The Eastern European School of Missions led by the Shawn and Lena Wooten helped strengthen the full-time staff in the Eastern European churches and is training next generation missionaries and church leaders. For five years the New England School of Missions (NESM) has been training interns to become missionaries in Europe. Wyndham and Jeanie Shaw continue to oversee the Elders Training initiative in Lyon, Milan, Munich, Kiev and Paris.

First European Elders Appointed in Milan, Paris, and Munich: **Munich**—Steve Krater and Stephan Kallus (2015); **Paris**—John McGuirk, Pierre Cariven, Yannik LeNeon and Brad King (2015); **Milan**—Marco Fortina and Fabio Bironi (2014).

Missionaries in Europe: John & Carol McGuirk (Paris), Jon & Rachel Buchholz (Milan), Scott & Lynne Green (Berlin), Will & Kristen Lambert (Madrid), Steve Schnell, Mark Abril (London), Curt & Patty Simmons (Warsaw).

2016 EMS Europe Budget: \$2,117,000

- 1. Strengthen Churches in Eastern Europe: \$438,000**
Athens (Greece), Bucharest (Romania), Budapest (Hungary), Cyprus, Tirana (Albania), Istanbul (Turkey), Warsaw (Poland), Zagreb (Croatia).
- 2. Strengthen Churches in Ukraine: \$290,000**
Dnepropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkov, Kishinev (Moldova), Lvov, Odessa, Sumy, Vinnitsa
- 3. Strengthen Churches in Western Europe: \$735,000** Berlin (Germany), Geneva (Switzerland), Madrid (Spain), Milan (Italy), Paris (France), Prague (Czech Republic)
- 4. Travel and Training Programs: \$328,000**
EE School of Missions in Kiev, Leadership training, Travel.
- 5. Administration: \$326,000** Bookkeeping, Legal, Audit, Insurance, Administrative Services, Printing, Media, Website

2017 Opportunities and Open Doors that require additional funding

- Sofia (Bulgaria), Lyon (France), Brussels (Belgium) have requested support for full-time leadership. Others are waiting.
- Training program of next generation leaders in London.
- ♦ **Great progress being made in 2016—your contribution is making a huge difference — THANK YOU!**
- ♦ **The EMS continues to strive for excellent stewardship of the funds given!**
- ♦ **Important additional initiatives are waiting to be funded in 2017!**

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM EUROPE



Warsaw, Poland: In 2015, Curt and Patty Simmons moved from Chicago to replant the church in Warsaw. The first big hurdle has been to establish an official association in the country. God has answered our prayers through changed laws and procedures in Poland this year and this goal has finally been achieved!

Eastern Europe: Zagreb, Croatia hosted for approximately 200 Eastern European disciples attending the Eastern European Mission's Conference July 29-31. Though small in number, the spirit of the disciples in Zagreb was enthusiastic and the teaching was inspiring



Shawn Wooten and Curt Simmons at the Eastern European Mission's Conference

and challenging. The focus of the conference, entitled Vision, centered on recapturing the faith needed to honor God and ultimately make a great impact on lost souls in this part of the world. More than 280 million people live in the countries represented within this mission field, and the continual emphasis woven throughout the conference was the need to put our individual lives and our churches in the best position to reach those in need

of the gospel. To do that as fast and effective as possible, we need greater faith in our amazing God—a faith that will again move mountains in Eastern Europe and allow God to produce amazing miracles of bringing hundreds and thousands of people into His kingdom in the next few decades.

Madrid, Spain: At the invitation of the Madrid church, Will and Kristen Lambert, recently appointed evangelist and women's ministry leader working with the Southern



Will and Kristen Lambert

Connecticut Youth and Family and Campus ministries, leave October 16th to spend two months getting to know the church and spending time on cultural acclimation and language acquisition. Pray that God makes it clear to all involved if they will be a great match to work in Madrid long term!

Zurich, Switzerland: The Zurich church has hired Christoph and Dasha Mueller. The Muellers trained in Boston, spent a few years serving effectively in Berlin and were very excited to return to Zurich in this role this past summer.

A Perspective for Evangelization of Europe

Country	Churches	Disciples	Population	Ratio: Population to each disciple
Western Europe	17	909	274.5 Million	500,000
New England	11	3500	14.5 Million	4,143
Eastern Europe	24	3,111	333 Million	107,000
Midwest U.S.	11	3,500	14.5 Million	4,143