



# France

## Sowing Seeds of Hope

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### Hope for a Secular Nation

The beauty of France overwhelms the senses. From fertile countryside to world-famous art and architecture to rich culinary delights—France is famed for its pleasures.

But look deeper, inside the grand cathedrals, into the hearts of the people, and the emptiness is testimony to the spiritual darkness that has draped France and most of western Europe for the last century.

Today, only about 1 percent of France's 66 million people consider themselves evangelicals. There is a very real need for a gospel witness among the French and the millions of Muslim immigrants from North Africa.

To most French people, the evangelical message is still seen as an alien ideology rather than a homegrown faith. Nearly 50 million French people have no real link with a Christian church, and full-time occult practitioners far outnumber Christian workers.

Young people have grown up without any religious training. When asked what they think about God, some identify with nature or consider God to be a creation of man's imagination.

The often dark history of the church in France has jaded many who now see the claims of Christianity as a farce or a system designed to control the masses.

The flux of North African immigrants to France has tested the nation's religious tolerance in recent decades. More than five million Muslim immigrants have developed a distinct subculture in Paris and other metropolitan areas. They speak French as needed but maintain their own language and culture. Despite the French claim of open-mindedness, racial tensions have become a major concern.

A multi-cultural team of North American and European workers, and French church leaders, form a team known as France V.I.E. This is a play on words—"VIE" means life, yet the initials stand for "a vision to plant churches."

France V.I.E. has joined the evangelical community in their vision to see one church for every 10,000 people in the country. The greater Paris area has one church for every 50,000 inhabitants. Overall, France has an average of one church per 38,000 inhabitants.

Our God-sized vision is to have a church for every 10,000 people. Contact us to learn more about how you can help make this a reality!

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# Training and Releasing Leaders in France

## Planting Seeds of Hope

France is the largest western European nation and has played a pivotal role in world events for centuries, and yet it lacks a persistent and strong gospel witness.

World Team, along with the larger evangelical Christian community of France, have joined together in setting goals for establishing churches in France.

These goals include a three-fold increase of churches proclaiming the gospel across the country, truly a case where the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

**Teams:** Our teams are composed of four to six people with a variety of spiritual gifts. The teams form a core transformational community and strive to immediately model the future church. Significant attention is given to developing healthy team dynamics in order to minister effectively together.

**Evangelism:** Evangelism occurs in community—any type of community: volunteer work in the city, local sports teams, visits with neighbors, long meals at the dining room table, etc. Members of church planting teams prioritize time spent with people who do not know Jesus as Savior.

**Discipleship:** Discipleship gives life; it calls us to live according to God’s will for the community. In both formal and informal settings, members of church planting teams strive to develop the next generation of followers of Jesus and fishers of men.

**Leadership Training:** We recognize that the best way to reach the unreached is not with specialists trained in ivory towers but with faithful men and women willing to take what they have learned and pass it on to others.



Glorifying God by working together to establish reproducing churches focusing on the unreached peoples of the world.

## Ministry Overview

People	French and North African Muslims
Language	French
Location	France
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evangelism and Discipleship</li><li>• Children and Youth</li><li>• Leadership Development</li><li>• Finance and Administration</li><li>• Church Planting</li><li>• Women’s Ministry</li><li>• Mercy Ministry</li><li>• The Arts</li><li>• Professionals in Missions</li></ul>

*World Team France’s goal is to **Mobilize** new teams, **Train** them to multiply disciples, **Equip** them to multiply communities of believers and **Support** them in taking the gospel within reach of lost people wherever they go.*



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