



Germany

A Nation of Influence

Only every second German belongs to any kind of Christian Church (traditional or free church, Catholic, Orthodox or Protestant), and membership continues to decline at an alarming rate. In traditional churches, about 5% of the members attend a worship service on Sundays, and only 2 out of every 100 Germans are evangelical Christians.

While this is statistically true for Germany altogether, a closer look at Eastern Germany shows that only every fifth German belongs to a Christian church. Over 80% believe something else or nothing at all.

World Team desires to establish four new multicultural church planting teams in Germany.

Two of the teams will work with migrants and refugees. Two other teams will serve in formerly socialist East Germany.

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Post-Christian Homeland of the Reformation

Germany, the homeland of Martin Luther and the Reformation, has become a post-Christian country and a new mission field in Europe.

Former Socialist East Germany

More than 40 years of socialism in East Germany took a toll on the church. While the church was not extinguished, it struggled to survive.

The church played an important role during the time of the fall of the wall, but the percentage of believers in East Germany is still less than half of the rest of Germany.

New church planting initiatives are few and have proven challenging to existing churches and church planting groups. World Team would like to place two new church planting teams in East Germany.

Refugee Crisis

During the refugee crisis in 2015, over one million refugees came to Germany and most of them stayed. Since 2021 another wave of more than a million Ukrainians arrived in Germany fleeing from war.

Germany's basic law grants victims of political persecution an individual right of asylum. Germany allows people from war-torn countries to ask for asylum and integrate into German society.

Work among the diaspora community demands a holistic approach with consideration for the body, mind and soul. If God has given you a heart of mercy towards those that are displaced and suffering, contact World Team to learn more about joining the team!

Engaging a Changing Nation

Germany Today

Germany is the most populous member of the European Union and has massive influence in Europe and on the global scene. It is geographically located in the center of the continent.

As a major economic and political power, Germans have developed a very high standard of living. It is home to many influential philosophers, composers, scientists, and inventors; and is known for its rich cultural and political history.

Germany's strategic position in the world could be significant for the advancement of the gospel. However, the country is largely engaged in secular humanism and materialism.

Although religious freedom is guaranteed by the constitution, Christianity is increasingly marginalized, and false religious teachings such as Islam are on the rise. The church is declining rapidly as spiritual indifference increases.

Of the 84 million people who live in the country, about 2 percent claim to be evangelical believers. Only 10 % believe that religious convictions are of any real value.

Love and Acceptance

Germans and refugees, like all people, need love and acceptance. But they often look for this in temporary, material alternatives like money, entertainment, freedom and status to fill a void in their lives. They have a longing for more, but do not know how or where to get it.

World Team desires to partner with German believers to plant reproducing churches. These churches will be led by national believers as they are equipped through evangelism, discipleship, leadership training and development and multiplication.

Ministry Overview

People	German and Diaspora
Language	German
Location	Germany
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evangelism and Discipleship: primarily focusing on young families and students• Networking: working together with evangelical churches and ministries for leadership training and to foster church multiplication• Refugees: holistic ministry meeting the needs of the body, mind and soul• Church Planting

Martin Luther said, "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

"If he has faith, the believer cannot be restrained. He betrays himself. He breaks out. He confesses and teaches this gospel to the people at the risk of life itself."

World Team desires to see a culturally relevant church planting movement in Germany. Is God asking you to 'break out' and join the team?

Join the Team!

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