

## WESTERN EUROPE AREA

(Agapé Europe)

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Area Leadership Team:

- We want **to grow**: in numbers (disciples, staff, volunteers, countries, etc.), in leadership (trust, communication, training, etc.) and in teams (confidence, cooperation, respect, etc.). Please pray for help in human form, the Holy Spirit's guidance and many good ideas.
- We want to place our **focus on cities**: What are the best ways to do this? How do we inspire the people? When is the right timing? How do we communicate it all?
- We want to start new movements on **different campuses in different countries**; pray for enough staffing and funding.

### AUSTRIA

- Please pray for Agape Austria to find two **new staff members** to take on [Gottkennen.at](http://Gottkennen.at) ([@jesus.net](mailto:@jesus.net)) and for another two to join the new CAMPUSlive team in Vienna, to be started in the autumn.
- The entire staff of Agape Austria need to increase their financial support; many have run out of **contacts** to approach. Please pray for courage, new ideas and success.
- Praise and thank God for encouraging results in GAIN-AT's **refugee ministry** in Vienna and pray for two new persons to join and support the one single staff member there.

### CYPRUS

- Official negotiations have started again between Greek and Turkish Cypriots under the auspices of the UN. This is a very critical time and a main concern in the lives of people here. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leaders on both sides and for **justice and peace** on this island.
- Pray for **the church** in Cyprus: for strengthened faith and passion for evangelism. Pray especially for the new generation of the church who are facing the issue of unemployment, that it will not affect their faith and growth.
- Pray for staff members' **five-week mission** in India in May.

### FINLAND

- **Urban ministry**: Pray for new openings and creative ideas. We have recently opened a House of Prayer right in the center of Helsinki; people can walk in there from the street – some come to discuss spiritual questions, some asking prayer for various reasons, and we praise God for the way people are starting to find the place and how various prayer groups and teams are gathering around the House. In Turku there is an after work Alfa course going on and teams regularly going to the pedestrian areas to talk to people over a cup of coffee; they have had good encounters. In Kuopio there is an opening to start outreach evenings in a restaurant. And some other new ways in different towns are in our prayers.
- We have a **busy summer** ahead: We run four confirmation camps; pray that many teenagers find the Lord. Then there is a big camp for boys and girls in Eastern Finland, several marriage camps and week-ends, holiday weeks for grandparents and grandchildren, and our two big summer festivals – to reach out to new people, for people come to faith and those who are believers to catch a vision of how to share their faith.
- Our financial situation – we feel the effects of the **general recession** in the country. Related to that we need wisdom to see priorities in the ministry.

### FRANCE

- Pray for the impact of the Holy Spirit during our summer projects July and August, two youth

sport camps (11-24 July) for 130 children, and two outreach camps on beaches in Vendée and in the South of France in partnership with Youth for Christ. Pray for Agape Campus and its projects outside of France - Luxembourg, the Euro Stint (4-5 European countries where there is no Agape Europe ministry), Belgium, East Asia and Moscow. Pray for the fruit of our retreat for leaders from all over France on **Easter weekend**; the goal is spiritual refreshment.

- Pray for the new staff and interns as they work on developing their support. Pray for the work of Agape in **Paris**, recently named “second most expensive city in the world.” However, Agape France is committed to trusting God for movements of winning, building and sending in Paris. Pray for Crescendo as we attempt to raise funds for musicians to go and teach at an evangelistic music camp in Madagascar this summer.
- Pray for the Internet Ministry as France, in partnership with Switzerland, seeks to reach the **French speaking world** (143 million). Pray that we organize the ministry with wisdom and that young people rise to the challenge on Internet. Pray for the impact of a series of testimony DVDs featuring, for the first time, French sport figure; it has just come out and is on sale through secular distributors.

## GERMANY

- May 2014: Pray for the **MyStory.me Training** in Mannheim – for many participants with **stories** to tell that will lead people to Christ.
- Pray that we would have more contact with those that are **seeking** through our website “Knowing God” [Gottkennen.de](http://Gottkennen.de) . Praise God for the encouraging cooperation through the project “GottkennenMannheim.de”
- Thank God for **DriveMunich**, where 70 students from 15 German cities have met for the past four years; a movement is happening! Pray for a good start to the summer semester - for a new opportunity for the 1,000 students in our university work to be involved.

## IRELAND

- Praise God for the momentum developing at **Trinity College Dublin**. Student leader Jason Hogan reports that their weekly on-campus event “Explore Real Life” is attracting new people, some of whom have no idea about the Christian faith but have lots of questions. Jason says, “The potential effect of such regular and widespread evangelism across Trinity is huge.”
- Pray for the **joint approach** to student ministry in Belfast, which the UK and Irish ministries are planning in collaboration with some US staff and students.
- Pray for **three kinds of new staff** members: (a) urgent need for a local administrative person, (b) new Irish staff trainees, and (c) trainers from anywhere.

## ITALY

- Praise the Lord for **three new staff** members joining the Italian ministry in the past year. Historically it has been difficult for staff to raise support among the evangelical church. Pray for continued enthusiasm to find partners to help support them, courage to ask and continued faith and trust in the Lord for His provision.
- As part of our outreach in Rome, we have a prayer goal that this year 50,000 students (of the 150,000 enrolled at La Sapienza University) will hear about our ministry. One of the critical path steps toward reaching this goal was our Awareness Week, March 10-14 at La Sapienza's main campus. Friends and ministry partners back in the States joined with us in prayer each day during the hours of the event, and God was faithful to answer those prayers in big ways: For the first time in 10 years of ministry here, the university gave us permission to host an outreach on campus. This outreach included setting up a booth in a prominent location on campus where students could engage with us through Illuminanima (Soulariam). The booth also contained fliers with upcoming events, as well as 1,000 cups bearing our Facebook

site, graciously donated by our partner campus Ole Miss. The heart of the campaign was **Facebook Video-a-Day**, and we gave out between 5,000-6,000 cards inviting students to watch the videos. Through the campaign 2,900 young people engaged with the message presented in the films, and over 60,000 were invited to access it. Another huge victory for us was student involvement. Several students caught the vision and volunteered with us during the week, both believing and non-believing students. For many, this was their first time declaring their faith on campus.

- Please join us in praying as we **follow-up with students** who are spiritually seeking, that they would be open to hearing about the opportunity to begin a personal relationship with God.

## LATVIA

- Pray for Latvia as all staff members focus on MPD in the next few months - that we would be **bold and courageous** and that God would raise up new local partners.
- Pray that God would raise up **local leaders** (new staff, volunteers, student leaders) to join in what God is doing in Agape Latvia.
- Global Church Movements is a new ministry in Latvia, currently with a staff of one. While the vision of GCM Latvia is clear, there are several possible ways of **partnering with the churches**. Please pray that God would show a clear direction for GCM, how to build a team and which materials best fit the Latvian context.

## NETHERLANDS

- We thank the Lord for the **overwhelming growth** of the ikzoekGod.nl (iseekGod) **Facebook community**; we thank Him for the 130 e-coaches. Pray for the ikzoekGod.nl team in their continuous search for new possibilities to reach people through Facebook and the website.
- Praise God for the **Inner City** Agapè team who all moved five years ago to Rotterdam to make a difference in the community; thank the Lord for moving hearts in the neighborhood. We are trusting God to bring in more laborers for the harvest within many teams in the field and at headquarters. Pray with us that men will respond to His call and that the right priorities will be chosen for the ministry.
- From July 12 to August 2, StudentLife Netherlands is organizing once again a **mission trip to Kazan, Russia** with about **160,000 students**. Please pray that God will call faithful students who will believe Him to use them to touch others from another culture and for the finances needed to go on this trip.

## PORTUGAL

- Campus ministry - we are just **starting the campus ministry** in Lisbon this year. So pray for us to see student leaders raised up there on the four campuses we are on.
- High School ministry (**Shine**) - pray for the follow-up from the March Connection events.
- Family Life – may the ministry grow in both **Lisbon and Porto**. Pray for the preparations for the Day Together Conferences. Also pray about the Four Points Outreach - for the **churches that have been trained** throughout Portugal in a strategy to reach the lost around them.

## SPAIN

- Pray for our National Director as well as the Leadership Team, that God will give them wisdom and guidance in **every path**.
- Pray for our summer projects, especially for our **pilgrim's house** in the St. James Way. Every summer about 1,000 people come to our *house* to have a coffee, spend the night and have spiritual conversations!
- Pray for our **staff**, for their families, contacts and ministry.

## SWEDEN

- Pray for the 85,000 families in Sweden who received the *Story of Jesus for Children* DVD **at Easter**. May the Holy Spirit touch the families' and children's hearts when they see the film and may they make contact with the local churches that sponsored this event, for follow-up.
- Pray for the funding need to sustain the website [www.hittagud.se](http://www.hittagud.se)
- Pray for the new student team in Lund.

### SWITZERLAND

- Praise God that His presence and direction was felt during the Jubilee and **leadership change**. Continue to pray for Boppi the new NTL and the whole NLT.
- We want to involve a lot of people in our ministry. We are looking for volunteers, new staff members and people for short projects. We believe that our **mission becomes greater**, and we want to be ready. Pray that all the staffing needs of Campus für Christus Switzerland would be met as soon as possible.
- We are planning a **big event (Explo) at the end of 2015**. We need the right staff, location, theme, i.e., we want to hit *the* topic of the time.

### UNITED KINGDOM

- Praise God for two students who recently came to faith through Agapé Student Life in the **North East (UK)**; pray that they'd grow in their knowledge of Christ and their relationship with Him. Praise God for a student who recently came to faith at **Anglia Ruskin University** in Cambridge; pray for protection as she gets grounded in her new faith.
- Praise God for Agapé Student Life's recent **Fireseeds conference** in the UK; give thanks for how it impacted students; and pray for continued growth of Agapé Student Life movements as a result. Pray for more students to get involved with Agapé Student Life so that movements can grow and more students have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.
- Pray for FamilyLife in the UK as they seek to strengthen relationships and families around Christ; pray that they would be able to help those who are struggling and point them to Jesus. Pray for First Acts, who work with **immigrants and asylum seekers** in the UK; pray for continued opportunities to share the gospel with these people and for wisdom in conversations.