



WESTERN EUROPE AREA (Agapé Europe)

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Area Leadership Team:

- Different leadership teams are challenged through changes; we pray for the right young leaders to join the National Leadership Teams. We are planning to start a new **next generation training** for future leaders; pray for wisdom in the planning.

- In regard to MPD, we want to support countries with clear plans, but we don't want to overtax the teams. Pray God may give us the **right balance**.

- We just had our Agapé Europe **Leadership Forum**, where we met with all the NLT's. Pray they returned home encouraged

to fulfill the Great Commission.

AUSTRIA

- Austria is Catholic. Few people in this country still go to church, most don't. Over the last years churches have lost thousands of their members. There is a great need for spiritual revival. Pray that the different churches and denominations will work closer together to reach our country. A really exciting event will be the coming **ChristDay on May 25**. Pray that God gives us unity and a great love for each other, so that we can reach our country with the gospel.
- Austria has about 300 000 students, most of them know nothing or very little about Jesus. **Campuslive**, the Austrian student ministry, wants to reach many more students than they are reaching at the moment. Therefore they need more staff and also more students willing to share their faith with colleagues.
- The Austrian youth ministry AiA has many young adults associated with and involved in the ministry. We are very thankful for them and we thank the Lord for all the young people who last year gave their life to the Lord. Please pray with us that in **this year's camps** many will accept Jesus into their lives.

CYPRUS

- Pray for the people of Cyprus as they face unemployment and financial distress and, because of that depression, disappointment and general negativity. Pray that God will intervene for the good of this nation and turn this around by **softening the hearts** of people and turning them towards God and His unfailing love and grace.
- Pray for the **spiritual and political authorities** of Cyprus, that God will guide them to govern with His fear and wisdom doing the best for the nation. May God give religious leaders a spirit of revelation to understand the Word of God and teach the truth of the gospel so that people become free of religious bondage and tradition.
- Pray for the believing church in Cyprus, and for Agapé Cyprus, to remain strong in the faith, to not be influenced by the world, to not compromise and with boldness to give the testimony and to really be the **perfume of Christ** on this island

ESTONIA

- Pray for the Estonian government. Pray for our president and our new parliament. Pray that political and spiritual freedom would continue in our country. We are thankful that our staff has open doors to share the gospel and minister to parliament members and politicians. Please pray that Estonia would not be known as the most atheistic country but **the country that turns to God**.
- Please pray for the student ministry in Tallinn and Tartu. There is a **student outreach today** (28.04.2015) in Tartu. Pray for open hearts and minds of the students. Pray for our student leaders to

be strong and courageous as they reach out in their faculties and universities; pray for new believers. Pray for an evangelistic camping trip on June 12-14; that students who join would trust Jesus.

- Praise God for the team in Estonia. We are thankful for each staff, who has dedicated their life to share the message of salvation in Estonia. We are thankful for the new staff joining the ministry, for the **many open city gates** to reach Estonia for Christ. Please pray for wisdom and joy, courage and strength, protection and health and that we would be filled with the Spirit and be His witness in Estonia.

FINLAND

- We praise God for a good start in launching a new **personal evangelism** teaching L10T – based on Luke 10; please pray for a fresh vision for personal evangelism to be ignited in hearts of many here in Finland; pray for love and boldness to share one's faith; pray for God's guidance as we organize a seminar on evangelism taking place June 12; and pray for open hearts and creative ways to share the gospel.
- We praise God for a good start in launching the MyStory.me **website** in Finnish; pray for more people to upload their testimonies on the site; and pray for creativity to promote the site.
- Praise God for our youth and student ministry. Pray especially for the teenagers coming to our three **confirmation camps** this summer; this is very important time in their lives. Pray that many young people would come to know the Lord and would be firmly rooted in Christ.

FRANCE

- France is experiencing a **new awakening**, especially among young people. The evangelical church is growing very quickly, with a new church being planted every day. As the French newspaper Le Figaro has written, it is growing faster than Islam, and this growth is happening through conversions! We are particularly blessed by immigration as those coming from Africa and Asia are bringing the hope of Jesus to France. At the same time, France is going through many challenges when it comes to unemployment. As well, with the killings in January, France is coming to grips with the spiritual void that often gets filled by extremism. In particular, please pray for the work among ethnic churches.
- Please pray for our ministry in Paris, as we seek to build spiritual movements all around the city. **Paris is the center of France** in so many ways, and we are trusting God to bring hope and faith in all segments of the city. Our student ministry, Agape Campus, is the basis of our work here, and is developing French-led, multi-national movements that are a blessing to the nations. Please continue to pray for our work among young professionals (Agape Young Professional and the CAC), artists (Agape Art and Crescendo), international students (Agape Chinese) and the poor (Agape Street). Please also be in prayer for work among the Muslim population of France. As well, Agape Family continues to develop solid work of evangelism and discipleship among families and couples.
- Pray for God's continued work among our **new staff and interns** in France. They are bringing life and hope to many French young people who are so desperately in need of Jesus.

GERMANY

- Now is the time that students determine whether or not they will **volunteer to work** in the student movement; pray for many courageous people to want to help change the universities spiritually.
- We are wanting to sow seed for the Harvest these next five years (Agenda 2020). It is important that we have synergy and work together, with simplicity and efficiency, Spirit-led concentration on the essentials. We pray that the **hindrances would be swept away** to make room for much fruit.
- We have invested a lot in the area of capacity. We pray that we **put it to good use** and that it would free us up to do our underlying service of evangelism and discipleship.

GREECE

- Please pray for our newly established **Community Center** in the middle of Athens, evangelizing among Muslim immigrant population. It has already been a success but it needs to be expanded and developed for even more effectiveness. Please pray that the Anciently Closed door of the Orthodox Church in Greece will remain open for us, so that through The JESUS Film Project and our Connectedness Ministries will reach the level of cooperation we pray for and the hearts of the people for a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Please pray for our **Youth and Student ministries** in the three major cities in Greece (Thessaloniki, Athens and Ioannina) to develop even more and bring the fruit we all expect to celebrate for the glory of our Lord!
- Please pray for our continuing Ministry Partner Development effort in Greece to raise local support for our staff and ministries to be successful for **the next year**, the same way it was the past one.

IRELAND

- The Irish ministry was involved in sending copies of the **JESUS Film for Children in Irish**, in time for Easter, to all the primary schools that teach through the Irish language. They also sent a copy to every bishop and already have received “thank you’s” from six bishops. Pray for all those little minds now seeing and hearing the story of Jesus, many for the first time clearly.
- A group of believers, who are recently **retired senior officers** in the Irish Army, have proposed that they re-group one more time to join up with our staff for a season of evangelism in a chosen field of ministry in Ireland. They have been serving in U.N. peace keeping roles in various countries. These men have maintained a track record of winsome, ardent winning witnesses.
- Thank God for an excellent relationship with the chaplain at the **National University of Ireland** at Galway, which has allowed us easy entry for exploratory evangelistic visits there. Pray for a group of Irish students who will walk the Camino de Santiago (N. Spain) along with Irish staff and volunteer workers, June 20-30. Pray for great spiritual conversations to arise during these 10 days together.

ITALY

- Pray for Christ-centered, vision-filled students, who have a heart to share Christ with their peers and who want to lead with us; we have campus teams in **Bologna, Rome and Florence**. Pray for our project with refugees in Rome, that we would see more refugees come to faith in Christ and grow as disciples.
- Pray for our project in **Malawi**, that people in Italy and in Malawi would come to know Jesus through this project and become multiplying disciples. Pray for our project in **Sardinia** with the **JESUS** film, that the people of Sardinia would respond to the gospel, and volunteers would be encouraged to take more steps of faith in reaching out to those around them.
- Operations/Capacity Team: Praise God for providing a new office for us, after an eight-month search, that fits both our budget and needs. The journey was full of ups and downs, so we are very grateful to God and trust and believe that this office is truly His provision for us. Secondly, we would like to ask for prayer for the current team and growth and additional help. Our current team is overwhelmed, and there is too much work for the small team. Pray that the Lord would **provide the right people** to fill the needed roles and for encouragement, hope, patience and courage for the current team as they wade together through deep waters.

LATVIA

- Pray for us as we start using **"MyStory"** as an evangelism tool - that many Latvians would write and post their stories with God and begin having significant conversations with those who respond to their story.
- Pray for laborers - that God would **raise up Latvians** who want to serve with Agape Latvia in some way, as staff, volunteers, interns, or partners.
- Pray for visibility and good PR - that Agape Latvia's vision and values would become more well known and that evangelism and discipleship resources will be used by local believers/churches to bring the gospel to every corner of Latvia. Pray for **initiating of movements at new locations** and new universities; pray for the student leaders to be blessed by the Holy Spirit to have determination and energy for their roles.

LITHUANIA

- Praise the Lord for good relationships on **the Agape team** and for encouraging progress in MPD.
- Pray that the Lithuanian **internet evangelism** ministry, ieskauDievo.lt (searchingGod) would reach Lithuanians in the country and beyond. Praise the Lord for 24 e-coaches that are connecting with

seekers. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as e-coaches walk along side of seekers.

- Praise the Lord for a new intern and new believing students. Pray the student movement would be established in **Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipeda** and that the Lord would raise the right student leaders and keep bringing students to Christ.

NETHERLANDS

- Pray for God's anointing on the **person He chose to use to lead** Agapè Netherlands in the coming years. Please pray for him as he seeks to invite MPD partners into the work of God's Kingdom.
- @lead is a training program from AiA NL for young leaders to train them in character and competencies. Please pray for this **next generation of leaders** who will be answering the call of the Lord of the harvest.
- The **Dutch internet ministry** has several sites and Bible courses related to knowing God online. Thank the Lord with us for the growing number of people who land on these sites and pray that they will be open to Jesus' good news. Pray for the many online e-coaches who help the seekers discover and experience God's love.

PORTUGAL

- Please pray for wisdom as we as a National Team are re-working details of **the new staff process**.
- Pray for believing students to grow in passion in their faith and sharing it with others; thank God for allowing our high school ministry to be in **three schools in Porto**; pray for more doors to open.
- Pray for all details to come together for the **FamilyLife Day Together** conference, and pray for continuing good connections with leaders in the Catholic and Protestant churches.

SWEDEN

- Praise God for student leaders in Uppsala and Lund who are owning the vision of reaching their campuses. Pray that they will continue to grow in **student-led leadership**.
- Join us in trusting God for and praying for God to **raise up volunteers and staff** as well as the needed funds.
- Praise God that one year after Story of Jesus for Children was distributed to 94,000 families, that the website for this is still seeing **more than 30 visits per day!** Pray for children to trust Christ as a result of watching the *JESUS* film.

SWITZERLAND

- A Vision Day for women involved in CCC as well as Women Breakfasts are being held May 21. Mira de Boer from Holland will inspire us for the continued development of our **women's ministry**. We are open for God to reveal new ways and possibilities.
- In the coming months, **FamilyLife** is on the go with many married couples: there is a sailing trip with couples on the Mediterranean Sea, an Impulse Day with a particular denomination, a Weekend to Remember for engaged couples and a several day seminar for married couples. Pray for God's presence at each of these events.
- Pray about an **urgent need for more administrative workers**: Explo, the conference at the end of 2015 expecting 6,000 people in attendance, is keeping all of our staff busy. We believe that it will release a strong movement, personally in the lives of the participants but also in our churches - not because Explo can do this but because God wants to do it. Pray for wisdom in preparing for Explo 2015, for good partnerships with others and energy and power for all staff involved in the planning as they continue with their normal jobs as well. In 2016, a large national campaign, Jesus Is, will be carried out; finances are coming together and partnerships are being formed; but pray that God would continue to be at the core of this and will continue to show what He wants us to do in light of this campaign.

UNITED KINGDOM

- At the start of May, the worldwide directors of the **Global Aid Network** (Agapé's humanitarian aid partner) will be together for their annual conference in Birmingham. Please pray for deeper relationships to grow between the offices as they support each other in their work to demonstrate God's

love to hurting and needy people.

- Please pray for **FamilyLife's 'A Day Together' seminar on 23 May** in South Bucks. Please pray that many relationships would be strengthened. Pray that believing couples would put God at the heart of their marriages and that not yet believers would be drawn to Jesus.
- Towards the end of term (late May/early June) many of our Student Life societies hold **Project PETE – Post Exam Training in Evangelism**. This is a week of training and experience in evangelism. Pray for a fruitful week where students learn a lot and are able to share the gospel with many students.