

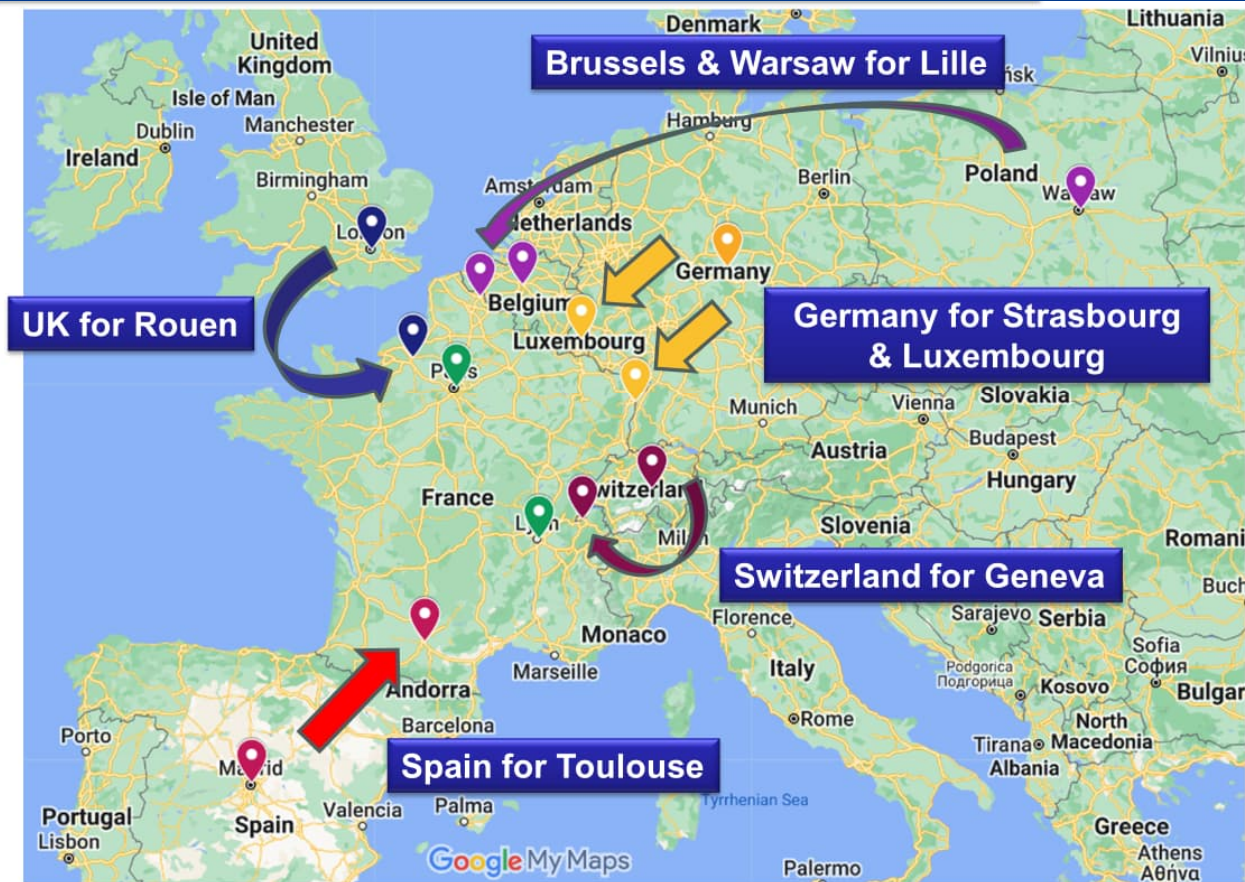
A report on  
the Special Gospel Move in France during the Olympics  
and a Call for  
Migration to Strengthen the Lord's Testimony there

July 2024

## The Result of Much Prayer and a Blended Work

- There has been much prayer by the coordinating team beginning in 2021.
- The entire recovery prayed for this time, and as the gospel teams were formed, they joined themselves in WhatsApp groups and met regularly to pray for their time in France.
- Due to the prayers involving the entire Body, we firmly believe that this special gospel move will have a significant impact in France as it did with the special gospel moves in the respective countries during the London Olympics in 2012, during the refugee crisis in Germany in 2016, and during the refugee crisis in Poland in 2022.
- There is a definite sense, as shown by the response of the people, that the Holy Spirit is moving according to our petitions to the throne that the Lord would change the atmosphere and attitude of the French people toward God and His economy.

# FRANCE 2024: SPECIAL GOSPEL MOVE

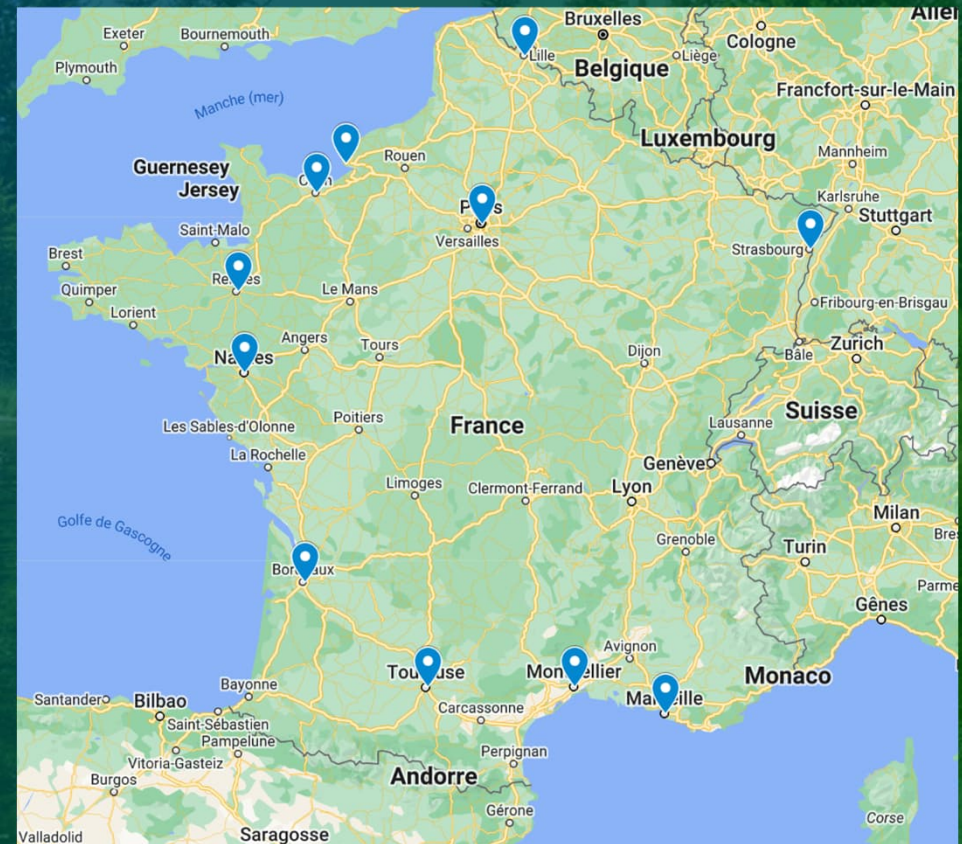


It is a move in France, but not just by and for the saints in France, but an unprecedented and truly blended move of the Body with wider implications than just France. Therefore, we expect the Lord's blessing.

# Torch Relay Gospel Trips

Concluded trips are highlighted in yellow

Southwest	<b>TR 1</b>	6-11 May	Marseille
	<b>TR 2</b>	11-15 May	Montpellier
West	<b>TR 3</b>	15-20 May	Toulouse
	<b>TR 4</b>	20-25 May	Bordeaux
Normandy	<b>TR 5</b>	25-31 May	Caen / Le Havre
Brittany	<b>TR 6</b>	31 May – 8 June	Rennes / Nantes
Northeast	<b>TR 7</b>	24 June – 1 July	Strasbourg
North	<b>TR 8</b>	27 June – 8 July	Lille and Brussels
Greater Paris	<b>TR 9</b>	11-17 July	Paris



Statistics from the pre-Olympics Trips to Lille  
and TR-1 to TR 6

2402 Bibles were given out

536 People personally contacted

88 Follow-up appointments

121 People prayed to receive the Lord

52 New ones that attended seminars

May the Lord gain those whom He has prepared and gain many more during the upcoming Torch Relay and Olympics gospel trips (please see next slides) and raise up new lamp-stands where He wills to have them.

Summary of all Trips TR 1 - TR 6

# Precious Anecdotes from the Gospel Trips so far

## **Hunger and Thirst of the Young People in France**

**One day during distribution in a span of 20 minutes there were around twenty French young people who came to the table in small groups. All the French speakers on our team were busy in conversations so I was at the table doing my best to engage one of the young people by showing them the footnotes in the Bible and hoping that a French speaker would be freed up soon. What stood out to me was that a lot of them are young, wanting to know about the Bible and God, and seem to have nowhere to go for fellowship.**

## **Hunger and Thirst of the Young People in France**

**Two teenage girls came to the table. We read through the Mystery of Human Life and they prayed the prayer to receive the Lord. After several minutes, they came back with 3 of their friends. They said that they had read the tract with their friends and that their friends had also prayed to receive the Lord. They came back to the table to receive Bibles.**

# Precious Anecdotes from the Gospel Trips so far

## **Hunger and Thirst of the Young People in France**

**One young woman came to the table and told us that, “when I woke up that morning, I prayed and told God that I need a Bible. And now I have found this table.**

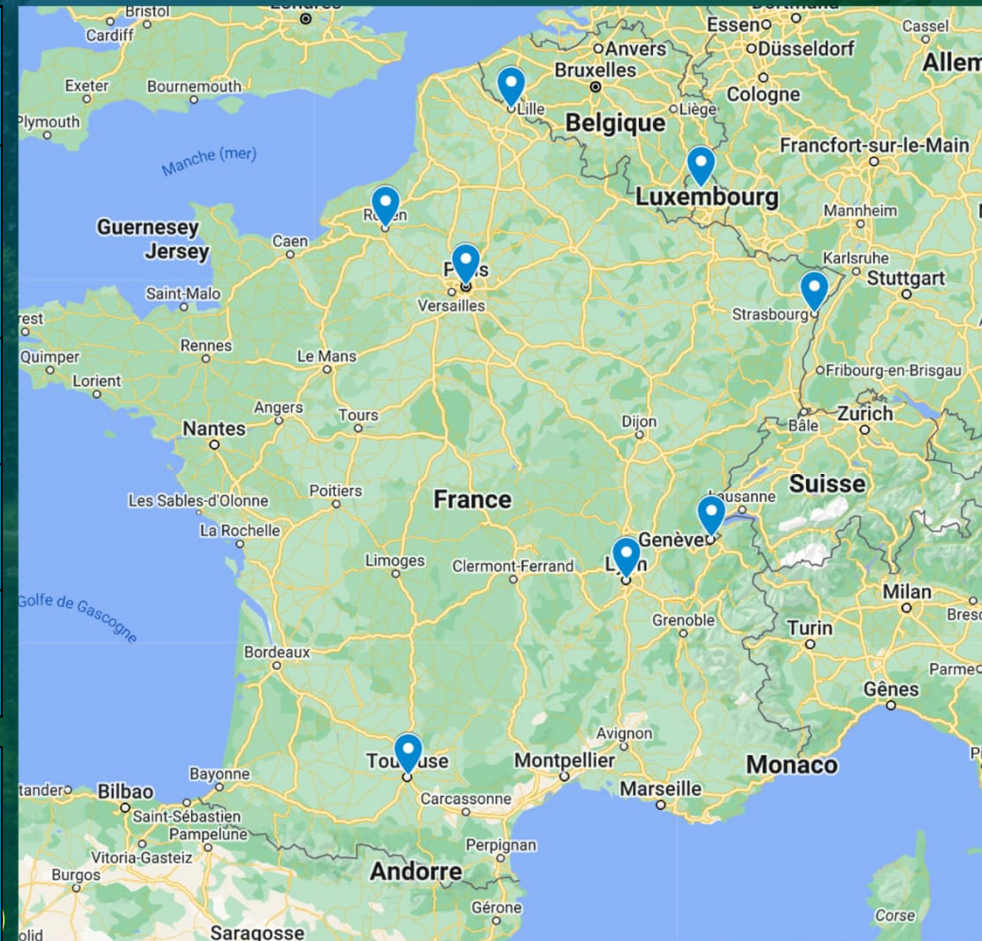
## **Labor by abiding in the Lord**

**One day, at the end of the distribution, as we were waiting for the cars to go back home and singing hymns, a man passing by came back and watched us for a while. He told some saints there that he felt a particular atmosphere, that “he smelled a fragrance of Christ.” The Lord really showed us that when we are one with Him and one with one another, there is really an expression of Christ being manifested and visible to people around us.**

# Olympics Gospel Trips

<b>OL 1</b>	21-31 July	Paris <sup>1</sup> , Lille, Rouen, Geneva <sup>2</sup> , Lyon, Mertzig <sup>3</sup>
<b>OL 2</b>	31 July – 9 August	Paris, Lille, Rouen, Geneva, Strasbourg, Mertzig
<b>OL 3</b>	10-19 August	Paris, Lille, Rouen, Mertzig
<b>OL 4</b>	20-29 August	Paris, Lille, Rouen, Mertzig
<b>OL 5</b>	31 August – 9 September	Paris, Lille, Toulouse, Mertzig

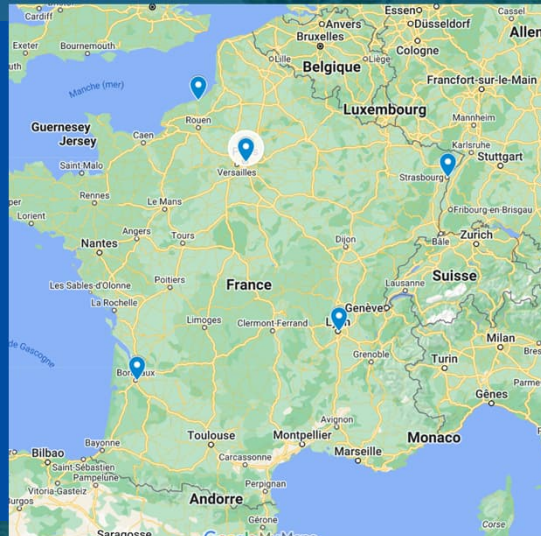
NOTE: 1-Centre (2 sites), Nanterre/La Défense, Versailles, & Massy/Palaiseau.  
 2-Geneva, Switzerland.  
 3-Mertzig, Luxembourg.



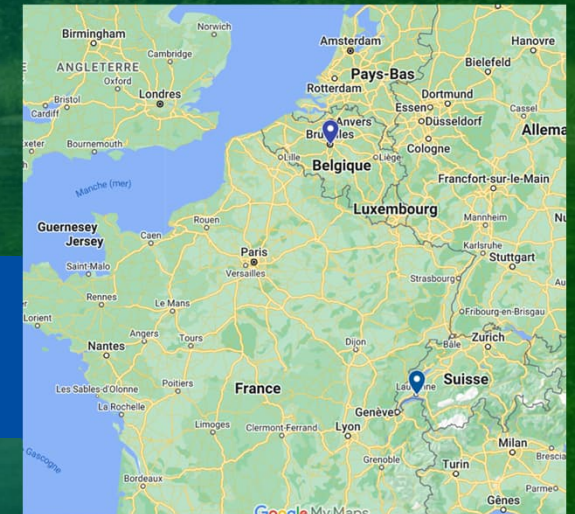


# The Churches in France and French-Speaking Churches

- Paris - 100 saints meeting in 4 districts
- Bordeaux - 25 saints
- Lyon - 45 saints
- Dieppe - 15 saints
- Strasbourg - 25 saints



- Lausanne, Switzerland - 20 saints
- Brussels, Belgium - 50 saints



## A Strong Burden for Migration to France

Some need to tell the Lord that they will go to Europe for His recovery...we must not treat this lightly. We must receive the Lord's leading with much consideration. We should not say that we cannot go because we are not strong enough...There are many useful [saints]...who have gained much of the Lord...but the situation does not afford much opportunity for the full development of the saints' capacity...Therefore, we must spread by migration. If some remain in the United States, they will not be very useful, but if they go to Europe, they will become useful. (CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 1, Elders' Training, Book 11: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (3), ch. 7)

“In April 1925, after I was saved, I consecrated myself to the Lord, saying, ‘Lord, I do not want the world anymore. After I finish my studies, I will go with my Bible from village to village to preach the gospel. I am willing to do this even if I must live on tree roots and drink from mountain brooks.’ That was my consecration. However, the Lord has had mercy on me. I never had to eat tree roots or drink mountain water. Furthermore, He did not lead me to go from village to village but rather from continent to continent...Sixty years ago I was only a young student. I was twenty years old, and I gave myself to the Lord, never expecting that He would use me, a Chinese young man, to spread His recovery to the six major continents...

On every continent doors are opening to the Lord’s recovery. However, we are short of people and cannot meet this need. We all must wake up in order to see our true condition. The work...must have an epochal change so that we may meet the Lord’s need. We must all realize this need and receive the burden to pray for it.” (CWWL, 1985, vol. 2, “The Vision, Living and Work of the Lord's Serving Ones”, ch. 1)

”The time is short. The Lord is coming soon...before His coming back, He needs to complete the building of the church...Where is the fulfillment of His word in Matthew 16 that He will build His church?...For the sake of His coming back, the Lord must build the church...Now I want to say strongly that...the Lord Jesus must build His churches in Western Europe...Praise the Lord that our eyes have been opened to see the need of the building of the local churches! In...France...there is such a need...You need to say, “Lord, burden me to go to Paris for the church life...” If you are faithful to the Lord... and willing to be burdened, even five or seven could move to...cities [needing] a shining lampstand. Paris needs one!...The Lord Jesus is coming as the Bridegroom for the bride. But where is the bride in all of Western Europe?

...What is the use of merely studying the Bible, attending conferences, and listening to messages? The Lord needs churches. Young people, the Lord needs churches, and you must bear the burden for this...The Lord is calling for this. Who will go to Paris?...Oh, the Lord is calling!...The Lord is calling!” (CWWL, 1977, vol. 1, “The Kernel of the Bible”, ch. 18)

“The Lord is calling”...to pray, to give, and to GO!

Judg. 5:16—In the divisions of Reuben / There were great searchings of heart.

Judg. 5:15—Among the divisions of Reuben / There were great resolutions in heart.

Dan. 11:32—But the people who know their God will show strength and take action.

2 Pet. 3:12—Expecting and hastening the coming of the day of God...

## Ways to “Go”

- ❖ As a student (some as “professional students”) on student visas—to serve the Lord.
- ❖ Taking a job or doing business with working visas—to serve the Lord.
- ❖ As a retiree, or on a non-lucrative visa—to serve the Lord.
- ❖ As a full-timer—to serve the Lord.

*(The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, ch. 4, by Witness Lee)*

# Burdens for Prayer

- That the existing churches will be strengthened by the gospel teams.
- That the Lord will raise up new lampstands in Marseilles, Toulouse, Montpellier, Caen, Nantes, Lille, Mertzig (Luxembourg), and Geneva (Switzerland).
- That by summer 2025 there will be a team of 20 full-time serving ones in Paris to take care of the Lord's needs throughout France.
- That many students, families, and mature saints will within the next couple of years migrate to France for the Lord's interest.

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