



# European Christian Mission



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# WHO IS ECM?

European Christian Mission (ECM) longs to see gospel renewal in Europe. Once the centre of Christianity, it now has the smallest number of Bible believing Christians in the world.

Our vision is to see the peoples of Europe transformed by the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our workers partner with local believers to equip, connect and multiply followers of Jesus through discipleship and church planting across Europe.

To see how you can partner with us in this work visit [ecmnewzealand.org](http://ecmnewzealand.org).



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# ABOUT

## OUR VISION

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## OUR MISSION

To **equip, connect** and **multiply** followers of Jesus through discipleship and church planting across Europe.



### 270+ WORKERS

Our workers are Christ followers committed to sharing the love of Christ in Europe



### 26 COUNTRIES

We currently work in a diverse range of cultures and people groups across Europe



### 100+ MINISTRIES

From church plants to ministries of compassion we seek to shine light into the darkness

*European Christian Mission globally*



Our heart is to **see the people of Europe transformed by Jesus Christ**. We do this through making disciples and planting churches.

## “Why Europe?”

The answer is simple. There is a real need for gospel renewal there, for the reaper to be overtaken by the ploughman, for new wine to drip from the mountains and flow from the hills (Amos 9:13-14) and the land that once sent field workers to us here in New Zealand. How can we not have a heart to see the gospel renewed there, to see hearts turned to Jesus?

## “How can I help?”

We need those who are prepared to **PRAY**. You will read further on of the opportunity to support us in prayer. Our *Partners in Prayer* are our valued team keeping us, our workers, and the ongoing work in Europe, covered in prayer.

We need people who can sacrificially **GIVE**. We need both servants and financial supporters who can sacrificially give and support the ongoing work in Europe, not just for the field workers we send but also in the raising up and equipping of local, “first culture” workers. Through our partnerships with local churches and other agencies we have a vision of multiplying Europeans reaching Europeans.

And lastly, we need those who are prepared to **GO**. You may not know where or when, but if God is putting it on your heart, have a chat with us. The task is big. The workers are few.

Join us in prayer, giving or going so that we can send and support, to see Europe transformed by Jesus Christ.



**Féy Cotter**  
National Director, ECM New Zealand

# OUR HISTORY

1904

1904 Estonia. All night prayer meeting. God called Ganz Raud to reach Europe.



1905 Russian Revolution and the First World War forced Raud to leave for the United States.

1920 USA. First ECM Office Opened



1923 55 Workers  
1927 81 Workers. 250 volunteers

1939 Ireland. Office Opened  
1940 Scotland. Office Opened



1943 Junior Branch of ECM formed 'Young Helpers for Europe'  
1948 Le Foyer Fleuri, Cannes Ministry to Orphans

1964 Roger & Alison Crawshaw represented ECM NZ for 30 years



1971 First Workers sent from NZ to Europe. Eskelien de Ridder and Wim & Mourné Mijnen

???? Who will pray, give, go, send?



TODAY



# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

## A place of rest and salvation Basque Country, Spain.

Six years ago, the Aldanas and the Webbs arrived in the Basque Country, Spain with the hope of planting a church, when the mayor made a quick remark about the possibility of a small guest house for Camino pilgrims.

Fast forward to 2024, and you find a small church plant and a fully furnished guest house with space for 12, having welcomed its first pilgrims. Karina and Mauricio Aldana and Carolynn and James Webb serve in the town of Zalla, which lies on the Camino Olvidado, a route of the Camino de Santiago. Every year, thousands of people embark on this historic pilgrimage. The reasons for each pilgrim's travels

are as many as there are pilgrims. Many are searching for something greater than themselves. Some are grieving. Others are hoping for renewal. It is not a tourist destination, but a journey with serious purpose and often deep spiritual motivation.

At the *Casa Camino Antiguo*, these pilgrims are able to find rest, a clean shower and the warmth of Christian hospitality. Because of the nature of the pilgrimage, conversations can quickly move in the direction of the gospel. You don't need to ask more than, "Why are you on this journey?" to get a glimpse into their life and be able to share a bit of truth.





## Jesus in a Jazz Club Berlin, Germany

“Well, the album is out on Spotify and the launch concert was a wonderful success. Thanks to those who invested into this project. I am so encouraged that as missionaries in Berlin, God is giving us opportunities to go into the world’s spaces to bring the gospel, to be his representatives.

“It was a wonderful night! It was quite incredible to play music from the psalms to a secular audience in Berlin. It was very well received. The owner of the club absolutely loved it and invited us back next year before we could even ask him. He said there was an atmosphere with the band that he just hadn’t experienced before.”



**‘I can’t believe I was praising God in a jazz club’ (audience member)**

**‘We were actually worshipping the Lord on stage’ (Will, Trombone player)**

*Whom Have I in Heaven But You* is an album project conceived by Ali and Richard who are pastors and musicians seeking to bring the gospel to people in the city of Berlin. Their desire is that the beauty and power of God’s word be heard by many in order that some may hear the gospel and come to faith.





## Service to Salvation Borodianka, Ukraine



**“Sasha joined as a helper, but through simple acts of service, she encountered the gospel in action—and made a life-changing decision.”**

When a new year begins, we look forward to reaching the goals we set. In Borodianka, Ukraine, the team had a number of hopes for 2024 which focused on reaching out to children, young people, families and the military.

And they succeeded in many ways through 90 children’s meetings, two baptisms, a summer camp with 100 attendees, and retreats for military personnel.

But often, even when we are most focused on our target audience, God is at work among the helpers. Local churches received much help from the local community, and one such helper was Sasha.

“During this year of service, I have received wonderful blessings

from God,” Sasha said. “I was filled with the courage to make a very important decision to accept Jesus Christ into my heart.”

It was through simple acts of service with believers that Sasha was able to not only hear the Gospel, but see it in action in her own community.

Her transformation is a testament to God’s work through ECM’s support and the local believers who continue to serve in the midst of the crisis caused by the war. Praise God for the many lives that have been changed through the believers in Borodianka. Let’s pray that many more people, like Sasha, put their trust in our Saviour, Jesus Christ in 2025.





## Disciples who make disciples

### Turku, Finland



Pyry and Ani Winter are Finns serving in Turku, on Finland's west coast. Recognising that future generations may not find God in the established church, they are focusing on disciple-making movements. These are intended to inspire believers to share Jesus within their social spheres and consistently live the Kingdom ethic.

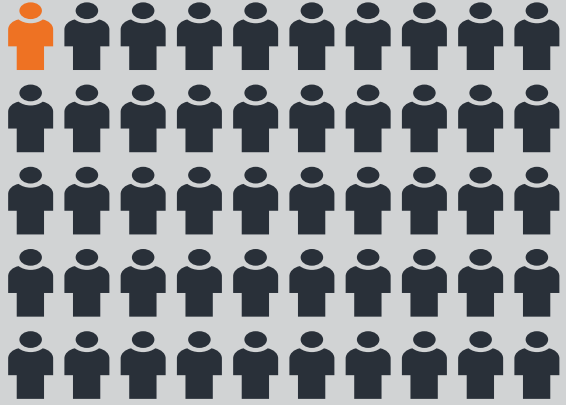
God has given Pyry and Ani a deep love for people, and crystallised their vision for making disciples who make disciples throughout Finland and to the whole of Europe. This led to the establishment of a robust Finnish disciple-making network, including active teams in seven cities across the country. Everyday Finns are being trained to make disciples within their relational networks. The Winters provide coaching and training to leaders in Austria, Portugal, and Slovenia. God regularly provides new opportunities for further expansion of the ministry vision.

**Their network of young leaders returned from a trip to Turkey that had been almost a year in the making.**

**"More than just learning history or theology, something shifted in us. Our time together deepened the bond within our team—we laughed, we prayed, we cried, we dreamed. There was a tangible sense that the vision we carry was being refined and refocused. We weren't just studying Paul's strategy; we were asking, "What does this look like for us—here and now?" -Pyry**



LESS THAN  
3 IN EVERY  
**100**  
EUROPEANS HAS A  
PERSONAL FAITH  
IN JESUS CHRIST



ECM Globally:



**65%**  
WORK CROSS-  
CULTURALLY



**35%**  
WORK IN THEIR OWN  
HOME COUNTRY

ECM New Zealand:

**70+**



**PARTNERS IN  
PRAYER**

**FIELD WORKERS**  
individuals/families

**7**



Sent or preparing to go  
with ECM New Zealand

# PARTICIPATE

## PRAY



Prayer powers God's mission to Europe. Become a *Partner in Prayer* & receive monthly prayer points from our field workers and office staff and be invited to join our monthly online prayer gatherings.

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## GIVE



Giving sacrificially out of what God has blessed you with enables the work of raising up, sending and supporting the sharing of the gospel amongst the peoples of Europe.

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## GO



With the smallest number of Bible believing Christians in the world, Europe needs workers from all walks of life. How has God gifted you and where is he calling you? Chat with us today!

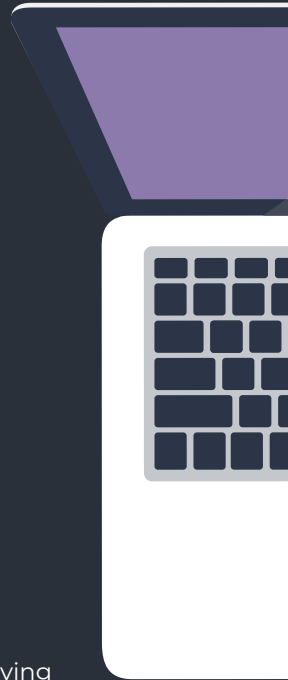
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## SEND



When thinking about God's mission to Europe, focus must extend beyond the role of the worker on the field. It must extend to both the role of support and raising up more workers. Both are needed in order to carry out God's redemptive plan. We need churches, agencies and bible colleges who will partner with us in the raising up and sending of workers.

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# YES!

I want to play my part to see the  
peoples of Europe transformed by  
Jesus Christ.

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