



THE JOHANNESSENS

Fostering Church
Planting in **FRANCE**



WHY FRANCE?

In a nation of 68 million people, **only 1% know and follow Jesus**. Most have never personally met a Jesus-follower, and there is a desperate need for missionaries who embrace the call, understand the culture, and effectively share the gospel. The average French person will live their whole life and never hear an accurate gospel message. France is home to Europe's highest Muslim population and there are 40 spiritual mediums for every pastor. God has called us to help plant churches and to share with others the incredible need to make disciples in a place with so few of his followers.

Southern France is at a strategic moment with the national movement and more open than ever to see leaders equipped and churches planted. We have an opportunity to respond to the spiritual hunger that is growing throughout the country.

Will you help us respond to this great need?



OUR MINISTRY

After helping send others for so long, it's now our turn to go! We are honored to partner with the French church to foster church planting. We want to mobilize French believers to reach their secular and Muslim neighbors for Jesus.

We are going as career missionaries with AGWM and in partnership with the French national movement. Our aim is to establish churches in communities that lack vibrant Christian witness. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to hear a loving and accurate gospel message from a Christ follower. Our passion is to see the Church planted, watered and mobilized to reach their neighbors and the nations.

"The Johannesen family has been a blessing to our church for 10 years and it's a joy to send them out as some of our best! ***I hope others will invest in them as they've invested in our church!***"

- Rob Ketterling, Lead Pastor - River Valley Church

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ABOUT US

Since 2008, we have served in various pastoral roles in Minnesota and Iowa. Most recently as missions pastors at River Valley Church in the Twin Cities. Before that, we served for seven years as youth pastors at New Hope Assembly in Iowa. We met and graduated from North Central University and Jesse has an MDiv from Bethel Seminary. We have a call to disciple, teach, and mobilize the church to live out the Great Commission.



All three of our children are excited and looking forward to using their own gifts to carry out the Great Commission. **Emma**, our oldest, has her own call to missions. She is creative, passionate, and outgoing. She has a heart for children's ministry and endeavors to do things with her whole heart. **Davey** is thoughtful, friendly, and has a great sense of humor. He's a builder and a tinkerer who loves to see how things work. **Lottie** is driven, determined, and confident. She draws people into her cause and operates as a natural leader.

PARTNER WITH US

"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."

2 Corinthians 4:15

"We've been blessed to partner with Jesse and Renee for the past 16 years. **They have excelled at every assignment God has given them.** We're extremely excited for them as they pursue their call to missions."

- **Mark Dean**, Superintendent - MN District



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Know someone who would be interested in our ministry?
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*"**Jesse and Renee are coming to southern France at such a strategic moment.** The Johannesens bring years of experience in local church ministry and missions and will be such an asset in seeing missional churches planted and leaders equipped."*

- **Mark & Dalene Good**, Area Directors - Western Europe

