# Global Outreach France

"A People Living in Darkness
Saw a Great Light!"

Matthew 4:16
Harvesters Class
September 18, 2022

#### GO France

#### Agenda

- >Introduction
- ➤ Culture & Current Events
- > Religion in France
- > How GO France began
- ➤ Perimeter and French Ministry Partners
- ➤ What you can do?

#### When we think of France...



#### The Eiffel Tower - 1889



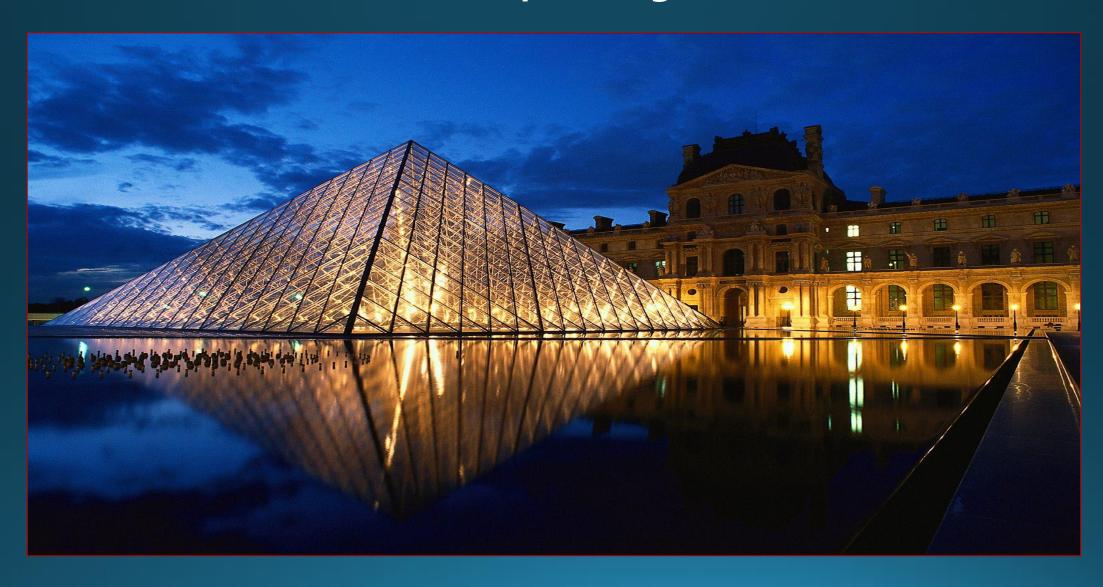
#### L'Arc de Triomphe



#### Le Mont-Saint-Michele



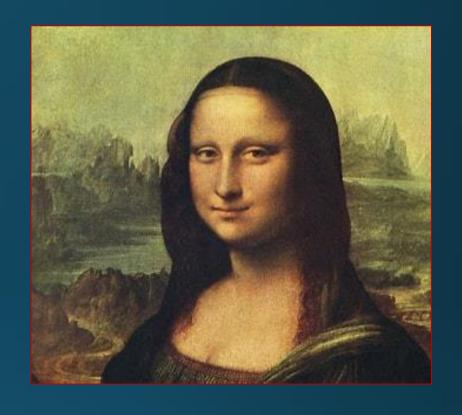
#### The Louvre - famous painting?



#### The Mona Lisa

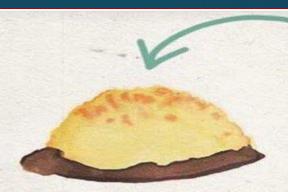
Small: 30"X21" on wood

Leonardo de Vinci painted her over a period of 10+ years.



➤ Over 6,000 paintings in the Louvre, but 90% visit her first!

# Often confused...



#### macaroon [mah-kə-ROON]

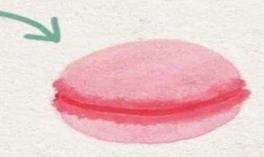
- Coconut-based: made with shredded coconut, egg whites and sugar
- Easy to make
- Crunchy and chewy texture

# Macaroon or macaron? Let's clear this up once and for all!

#### macaron

[mah-kə-ROHN]

- Almond-based: made with almond flour, egg whites and sugar
- Difficult to make
- Delicate meringue texture





[mak-ROHN]

- The President of France

#### Culture

#### Food, Fashion and Wine

- ➤Over 400 types of cheeses!
- Wines are world renown from the Loire and Rhone Valleys
- French food: Quiche, Bouillabaisse (stew), Cassoulet (meat/bean soup), Soufflé, Crepes, etc.
- Fashion Capital of the World: Louis Vuitton, Hermes, Chanel, Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, etc.

#### Culture

- Liberty, Equality and Fraternity
- Secular Humanism-50% atheistic and agnostic
- >4<sup>th</sup> Largest atheistic country in the world!
- Considered un-friendly by most tourists, but not really!
- Very family oriented and isolated (walls and last names)
- >Unions are powerful and schools are strict
- ➤ Highest suicide rate in Europe

#### France today

- President Emmanuel Jean-Michel Frédéric Macron
  - EU flag was prominent at his inauguration
  - Seen as an elitist by most French
  - Globalist





**President Macron** 

- Combination of President, Prime Minister & Parliament
- Local government—The Mayor (very powerful)

#### Current Events

#### **Yellow Vest Movement**

- November 2018
- protest against high taxes
- >Yellow Vest required by gov't for all motorists





- >Growing Muslim and refugee populations
- > High Welfare benefits for poor and immigrants
- > a point of contention, high taxes

#### Recent legislation: Anti-Separatist Laws

In an effort to crack down on radical Islam, the French government has put forth a series of revisions to the French law separating church and state:

Anti-Separatist Law #1

Any donations over €10,000 from outside the country must be declared to the government.

#### Anti-Separatist Law #2

Home Schooling is outlawed.

- Children start public schooling at age 3
- > No home schools allowed to prevent separation
- > All children to be taught secular humanism

### Anti-Separatist Law #3

Churches must register with local authorities, instituting a more rigorous examination of the places of worship.

### Anti-Separatist Law #4

The police/prefecture/local authorities, will have the authority to revoke a place of worship's status (shutting them down) if they deem that messages within the place of worship are threatening public order.

#### "Anti-Separatist Laws" Concerns

The French Government is effectively moving itself squarely into the position of judgement and decisions on the organization, content, and functioning of religious worship.

The obvious concern is when public pressure or discontented individuals lobby the local government to shut down churches for "hate speech" or dislike of a church and its pastor.

Minister of Interior: "evangelicals are a very important problem"

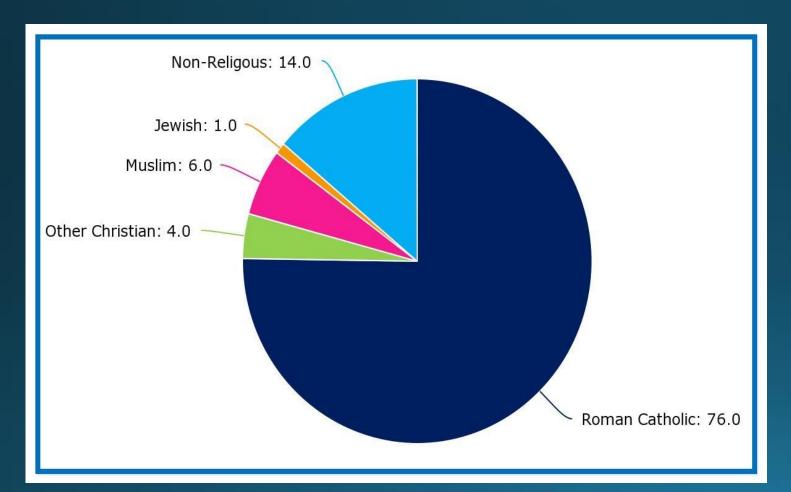
A church may be denied a building permit by the town mayor.

> What is the predominate religion?

> What is the fastest growing religion?

Majority of the French are Roman Catholic, atheist, or agnostic and are hostile to the evangelical church.

Fastest growing religion is Islam



➤ Evangelical— < 1%, 50K churches, avg 35-50 members

>35K cities/villages
without an Evangelical
Church

- The Occult is dominate
- ➤ Mediums, Faith Healers, Registered Occult professionals earn as much as a medical doctor!
- ➤ More occult workers than evangelical pastors, 120K+

#### **Evangelical Churches**

- Evangelical churches often viewed as a cult group, meet in a small storefront, and will be the only one within a in 5-10 mile radius
- >1 per 30,000 Compare to the U.S. (Perimeter Church)
- Le Conseil National des Evangéliques de France (CNEF) 2010
- >1/10,000 Campaign
- ➤ New church every 10 days

### Why GO France?

Cotober 2015: Matthew 4:15,16 "...the people living in Darkness saw a great Light; the people sitting in the Shadow of Death, a Light dawned upon them."

➤ Sharing the vision - beginning of Perimeter ministry for France

#### **Goals for GO France**

Connect to French churches and mission groups

- ➤ Perimeter Church France Prayer Team
  - currently 200+ members
  - the most requested need by French pastors!

#### L'Église Protestante Evangelique de Ternes , West Paris

ÉDOUARD NELSON

Préface de Georgina Dufoix

Plaidoyer pour la véritable liberté, égalité, fraternité



Vivons-nous à la hauteur de nos idéaux ?

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Edouard Nelson, Church Planter (now deceased)



Laura, Lucie, Nicolas, Samuel, Alex

L'Eglise Saint-Lazare/Opéra, arr. 9, Paris au Cinema Les Cinq Caumartin



Etienne & Laurence Koning, Sarah-Line, Etienne, Eve-Marie, Niels



Bryan & Carly Koffman, Piper, Eloise

L'Église de la Plaine, arr. 20, Paris
Corner of 11, 12, 20th District, 'Nation'



Harry & Eliza Noël, Peter-Isaiah, Manuella



Julie McCay, World Team

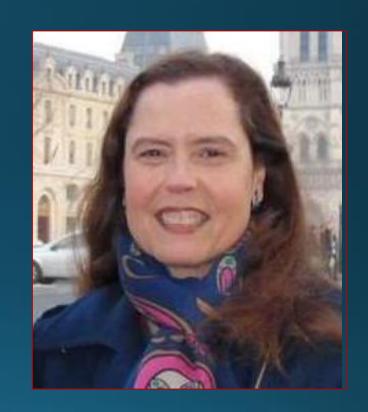
#### Suzy Grumelott

World Team, Paris

Chapelle de Nesle, arr. 6, Paris

Leads 'Paris Project' & women's ministry

30+ year veteran of French ministry



Alex & Suzanne Sarran

L'Église Lyon Gerland Réformée Évangélique

PCA Ordained Church Planter



Suzanne, Violette, Timothee, Matthieu, Vallouise, Etienne, Augustin

Pete and Ruth Mitchell

Mission to the World (PCA)

- ➤ Marseille church plant
- Church Planting, Toulouse



Ruth, Roger, Pete, James, Mary Ellen, Charlie

#### Davidson Jean-Rejouis, Katie

Mission to the World (PC)

- Church Planting Team, Toulouse
- ►Intern in Aix en Provence
- ➤ Now Perimeter Staff—LOLMD

Katie, Davidson, Asher, Levi, Sarai, Esmé,

#### **Donald Cobb**

NT Professor: Jean Calvin Seminary in Aix en Provence,

Paris, North Africa



Donald, Clair-Lise, Lucus, Dimitri

#### Michael & Elizabeth James

The Free Evangelical Seminary, Vaux Sur Seine, west of Paris Fund Raiser and former Business Manager







#### Jeff & Véronique Kim

**EPC Missionary** 

Christian School: The Life School, St. Paul Tois Château

European Leader for Christian Secondary Ed.



Jeff, Veronique, Victor, and Anna Grace

Jémémie & Marilyn Déglon

**Thierry & Mary Augaud** 

L'Église Le Mée sur Seine



# **Ministry Partners**

Benoit & Caroline Engel church planting - 16<sup>th</sup> arr



Benoit, Caroline, Gabriel, Samuel, and Daniel

# **Ministry Partners**

Corneille du Plooy

L'Église Réformée Evangélique de Berre: Marignane Vitrolles

UNEPREF reformed denomination

Life on Life



Thomas, Lucie, Corneille, Sébastien, Claire, Sophie

#### Perimeter Church's GO Leadership Team for France!



Kathy DeMartino, Harry & Kay Cooksey,
Kathy & Bob Clarke, Randy Schlichting, Doug Weber, Davidson Jean-Rejouis

## GO Leaders' trip February 2020 Highlights



Wednesday's lunch with Etienne & Lawrence Koning and Bryan Koffman



Thursday dinner with the Nelsons



Thursday's lunch and afternoon at the seminary in Vaux Sur Seine



Friday lunch with Kaulanjans and dinner with the Engels and Suzy



Saturday lunch and tour with Harry Noel and Julie McCay



Sunday worship at Chappelle de Nesle and lunch with Foucachons

## GO Leaders' trip March 2022 Highlights





GO team worshiped at Chapel de Nesle and Evangelical Protestant Church of Ternes. We hosted lunch with church staff and families.



Perimeter hosted Paris metro pastors' meeting and luncheon. The time focused on fellowship, encouragement, needs, struggles, and prayer.

Visiting with individual pastors and missionaries, discussing their needs and possibilities for Perimeter Church to "come alongside" them in their ministries. Discussions centered on leadership/elder training, discipleship ministries, and outreach opportunities for the future.









Men's Prayer Walk around Paris

## GO Leaders' trip June 2022 Highlights

Paris Prayer Connection sponsored by World Team France



Team leaving to pray for churches and projects in Paris



Meetings learning about the needs of French churches and their pastors.



Spend time praying in groups.



Perimeter Communications interviews with pastors



Harry Noël, L'Eglise de la Plaine—20A



Benoit Engel, 16<sup>th</sup> arr. Church Planter

### Paris Pastors Meeting - June 2022

- ➤ South France/Paris
- Pastors interested in Life-on-Life
  Missional Discipleship
- ➤ Joining LOLMD Zoom group in fall of 2022



## **Augustin Tharsis**

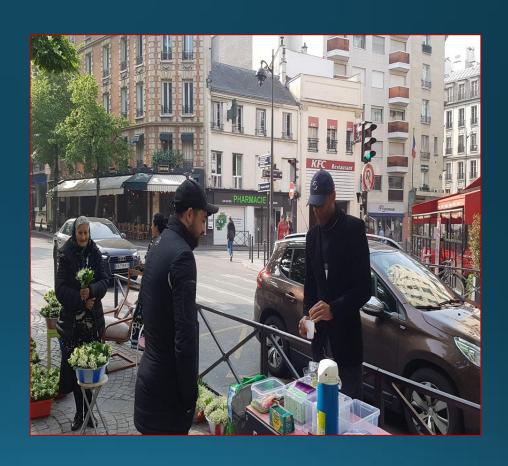
World Team France Evangelist, Disciplemaker, LOLMD





# Augustin Tharsis Street evangelism





Café Table "Take a pause, it's free!"

# Augustin Tharsis Street evangelism



Raising funds for Urban Arrow bike to transport ministry materials





#### Perimeter Church Global Outreach France

- ► Prayer Team—200+
- >Churches/Missionaries—pray for regularly with prayer letters
- Life On Life\*—the means of building the church in France
- ► Zoom Discipleship with French Pastors and wives
- France Ministry Team—a plan to promote collaborative ministry effort with French Ministry Partners
- ►GO Journeys\* to France 2023
- \*Future ministries—Start Small, Think BIG, Grow Deep

# **GO trip October 2022**



Kathy DeMartino, Kathy Clarke, Mandy Lee, Harry Cooksey, Doug Weber, Davidson Jean-Rejouis

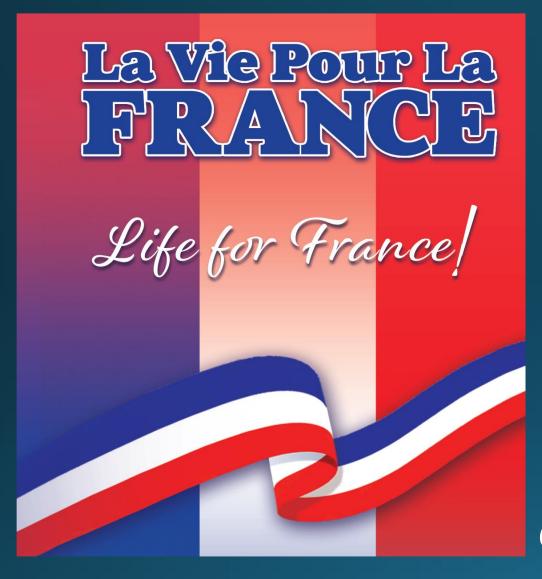
- ➤ Meeting with five+ French pastors to plan for 2023
- ➤ Prayer walks with pastors and churches for their neighborhoods
- ➤ Beginning Life-On-Life discipleship with pastors

#### Join us!

#### ► Pray for:

- Preaching and teaching of the Word
- Pastor, wife and family relationships
- Peace in the church and good relations with neighbors/co-workers
- Growth in the church
- Great Commission to spread through Life on Life Missional Discipleship and XYF

> Donate to Perimeter "Global Outreach France"



"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; the people dwelling in the shadow of death, a light has dawned upon them!" Matthew 4:16

Merci beaucoup! Ru Revoir!