# A SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP

2024 Summer Training, Anaheim, CA

## THE BURDEN FOR FRANCE



The Burden for France: Borne out of the Special Gospel Move During the 2024 Summer Olympics in France

- For the Special Gospel move, there has been much prayer by the coordinating team beginning in 2021.
- The entire recovery has been praying for this time.
- The gospel teams are formed into WhatsApp groups to meet and pray even before they arrive in France.
- Due to the prayers of the entire Body, we firmly believe that this special gospel move is having and will have a significant impact on France as it had 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.

#### 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 and are seeing the Lord's blessing.

So far, all the gospel teams have witnessed a new phenomenon in France not seen before, that the people are more receptive to the gospel in general. In particular, the young people and college students are unprecedently open and eager to receive the Bible and desirous to know about God. There is a definite sense, as shown by the response of the people, that the 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.

## A Corporate Testimony

#### 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	TR 6	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



## Olympics Gospel Trips

OL 1	21-31 July	Paris <sup>1</sup> , Lille, Rouen, Geneva <sup>2</sup> , Lyon, Mertzig <sup>3</sup>	Cardiff	Cassel ODüsseldorf Cologne Francfort-sur-le-Main
OL 2	31 July – 9 August	Paris, Lille, Rouen, Geneva, Strasbourg, Mertzig	Guernesey Jersey Saint-Malo Versailles	- Laton 4
OL 3	10-19 August	Paris, Lille, Rouen, Mertzig	Quimper Lorient Nantes Nantes Dijon	oFribourg-en-Brisgau Bale Zurich
OL 4	20-29 August	Paris, Lille, Rouen, Mertzig	Les Sables-d'Olonne Poitiers France La Rochelle Limoges Clermont-Ferrand Lino	Sanne Suisse
OL 5	31 August – 9 September	Paris, Lille, Toulouse, Mertzig	Golfe de Gascogne Bordeaux	Milan Bresc O Gênes
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	Pre-TR	TR1	TR2	TR3	TR4	TR5	TR6	TR7	TOTALS
Category	Lille	Marseille	Montpellier	Toulouse	Bordeaux	Caen	Nantes	Strasbourg	
Bible distributed	2,402	712	314	880	424	166	300	354	5,552
Personal contact	124	78	61	142	78	45	28	87	643
Follow-up Appointments	12	4	9	10	5	2	3	4	49
Prayed to receive the Lord	69	5	2	11	7	25	25	43	187
Attended Seminar	0	17	0	17	14	3	4	17	72
Home Meeting	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
LD Meeting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

May the Lord gain all of these whom He has prepared and to gain many more during the remaining TR trips and the OL trips, and to raise up new lampstands in these cities.

## Results from the pre-TR and TR1-7 Trips

#### Precious Anecdotes from the Gospel Trips so far

One day in a span of 20 min. about twenty French young people 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 the young people by showing them the footnotes in the Bible. I was impressed that a lot of them are young and interested to know about the Bible and God and seemed to have nowhere to go for answers.

We read with 2 teenage girls the Mystery of Human Life, and they prayed 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.

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One young woman came to the table and told us "when I woke up this morning, I prayed and told God that I needed a Bible. And now I have found one. At the end of the distribution one day, as we were waiting for the cars to go back home, we were singing hymns. A man passed us by then came back and watched us for a while. He said that he felt a particular atmosphere, "a fragrance of Christ." As we are one with the Lord and with one another, there is really an expression of Christ being manifested and visible to people around us.

#### 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



To Reap the Fruit the Lord Has Given Us and to Raise UP New Lampstands, there is the Need for the Lord to Thrust Out Workers, Hence a Strong Call 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!

**PRAY:** ...whether you should go...and for those who go...

- Give: ...to support those who go...
- Go: ...to disciple all the nations...for the establishing of churches...

## The Ways to "Go"

- As a <u>student</u> (some as "professional students") on student visas—<u>to</u> <u>serve the Lord</u>.
- 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 are strengthened by the gospel teams.
- That the Lord would raise up new lampstands in Marseilles, Toulouse, Montpellier, Rouen, Caen, Nantes, Lille, Mertzig (Luxembourg), and Geneva, Switzerland.
- That by summer 2025, there would 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.

...[having] great searchings of heart...Judg. 5:16... ...in the spirit regarding migration...

...[with] great resolutions in heart...Judg. 5:15...

... in the soul for migration...

...[and] show strength and take action...Dan. 11:32... ...by presenting our bodies a living sacrifice to migrate...

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