



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: AUGUST 30, 2020

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EASTERN EUROPE

With its cities filled with towering cathedrals and a history of famous Bible scholars, Europe might appear as a continent already reached with the good news. But in this day and age, centuries of shifting religious ideology has led to mistrust of organized religion, and generations of Europeans who grew up with little or no true gospel influence are apathetic or antagonistic toward Christianity. With only 1% identifying as evangelical Christians, countless Europeans don't have an authentic relationship with Jesus.

Jacob Kirchner, who serves in Eastern Europe with the International Mission Board, says that most people he interacts with are either culturally Christian or atheistic.

Jacob's team works with nationals in Eastern Europe to develop a culture of evangelism, especially among those ages 18 to 35. Along with the local church, they also disciple believers and train them to effectively reach their communities for Christ. By supporting the Cooperative Program, our church enables Jacob's team to purchase Bibles and other ministry resources.

Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will stir the hearts of Europeans to desire a genuine relationship with Jesus. Pray for Jacob's team as they disciple new believers. Pray for the team to experience unity as a group and with national European workers. Ask God to bring clarity of vision for a potential new church plant and to guide the team's further strategic decisions.