

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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ONE REAL FAITH

Since moving to Paris, France 10 years ago, ITeams missionaries Todd and Jenny Burkes have lived in a heavily immigrant district of the city. With a focus on church planting and ministry to urban minorities, their hope is to see groups of disciples set free by the gospel to engage their own communities with freedom, healing, and reconciliation. Todd shares a very specific example of what it means to dive into the world of making disciples in an international, post-modern context:

Throughout the evening John made a point of explaining that he is not a believer at all, but he was very involved in the discussion – which centered on Abraham and trust. He was especially touched when we stressed that we - like Abraham - are to be a blessing to our world... and we can't do so very well if we are bound up in wounds that keep us in a self-protective mode.

After the meeting we had a snack time and then a few of us stayed on to watch an episode of television show *Lost* that touched on trust. We talked more about it all, the Biblical parallels, etc., as we watched and afterward. Then we talked some more in the subway on the way home. It was the kind of natural contact we are hoping for in putting these meetings together.

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They get to see that they will still be real people, and that following God is a constant discovery, a constant challenge. That even those who've been doing it for years haven't got it all figured out. That we're all in need of our Father in order to become what we were meant to be.

make a difference in our world.



"We identify with the lostness of the world. We ourselves are utterly lost apart from the grace of Jesus Christ."

One Sacred Moment

Annette stood in front of me, tears flooding down her cheeks. "God really touched me when you spoke," she said. "Thank you for telling us about your life when you were bad... and how you found peace with God."

"Christ has paid for all your sins," I assured the repentant 22 year-old. "Receive his forgiveness. Take shelter in the peace of God." It was a sacred moment.

Then I prayed with Annette, asking God to use her significantly for His glory in the days and months ahead. This university student was one of the 45 young people who attended the church in Grenoble. It was a rare opportunity, and I was grateful for the chance to share from my life story how I'd discovered peace with God, as well as the peace of God... and the God of peace.

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- » We want to build deep and long-term. We are driven by our values for the work of the Holy Spirit through incarnational ministry, permanent transformation of lives and communities, and a commitment to the local church.
- » ITeams work in France spans refugee ministry, church planting, urban/ethnic minority ministry, youth ministry, mobilizing and resourcing the church in mission, ministry to children, and ministry to the economically disadvantaged
- » Presently there are 25 long-term ITeams missionaries serving in France.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP CONSULTANT (PARIS, FRANCE)

Help develop alternative worship services designed for the café/ministry-center.

DISCIPLE-MAKER (PARIS, FRANCE)

Dive into the world of making disciples in this international, post-modern context. We put into practice the idea of incarnational living, taking the time to understand and communicate properly with our world. We focus on being disciples and what that means in this context.

SHORT TERM STAFF, CAMP CHAMPFLEURI (GRENOBLE, FRANCE)

Work alongside long term ITeams missionaries by serving guests at the camp. Duties include cleaning, serving meals, and occasional grounds work.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

ITEAMS USA GENERAL FUND

A gift to the general fund at ITeams-USA helps provide resources to create new and innovative ministries such as those bringing the hope and healing of the gospel to people in France and throughout Europe.

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ONE LIFE-DEFINING MOMENT

Upon returning to France after a brief furlough in August, John and Anna Pavey helped to launch a new ministry that reaches out to the 10,000 native English speakers in the town of Grenoble. Called the **International Church of Grenoble**, it is the only contemporary evangelical service in the town available for this group of people. **Most have moved to Grenoble for professional reasons**, as the city is one of France’s centers for high-tech industry. Away from home, these expatriates experience **a great need** for fellowship and Bible teaching. The Paveys have also found that those who are not believers are often more **open to spiritual things** when living abroad.



Together with two other ITeams missionaries, John and Anna Pavey help lead the new International Church of Grenoble

The church opened its doors to the community for the first time in mid-September. John shared with us a bit about the gathering:

“We were blessed to have over 60 people in attendance! Several of the families are new to Grenoble, and we had never met them. Other families have been in town for a while but have not been attending church anywhere. We began our morning with coffee and croissants. Then we had a time of singing and prayer. We were impressed by the warmth and enthusiasm present, as we shared in fellowship and worship together.

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