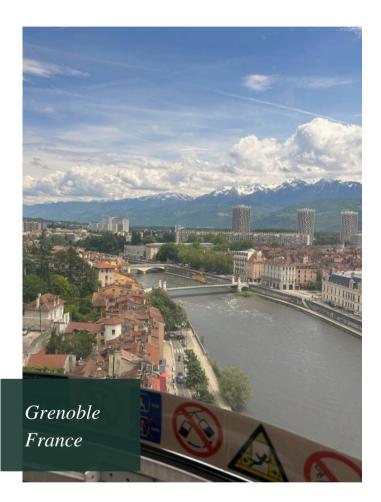
XA MISSION TRIP 2025



"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS..." MATT 28

So you're thinking about going overseas with Chi Alpha this summer on a mission trip? I bet you have a lot of questions. Will it change my life? Will it be the most fun and exciting adventure I've ever been on? Will I share the Gospel with people who have never heard it, walk away with lifelong friends, and a closer relationship with Jesus? Yes, yes, and yes. If that was all you needed to know, read no further. However, if you need more information, we've got you covered. As you read through, let nothing stand in the way of God's calling for your summer.

QUICK FACTS

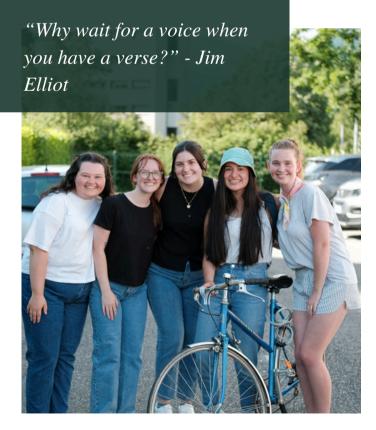
Location: Grenoble, France and Uterecht, Netherlands Dates: May 10-26 Cost: TBD



AM I CALLED?

The first question that you are probably asking yourself is this: "Is God calling me to missions this summer?". The short answer is: YES! The longer answer is that Jesus, before departing from his disciples, gave them a pretty great commission. In Mark 16:5 he says, "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."" Matthew 28 records it like this: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit". Acts 1:8 puts it this way: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Are you called? You bet! Jesus' entire strategy to spread the gospel hinges on our obedience to go into all the nations and share his message.

"But what about the mission field here?", you may ask. It is true that there are plenty of people in the US, even at the University of Alabama, who need to hear the message of Jesus. You don't have to go overseas to be missional. So why do we do it? Because Jesus called us to be his witnesses in Jerusalem (where we are), Judea and Samaria (moving beyond just our home) *and* to the ends of the earth. We must obey the full commission of Jesus, not just part of it.



We often think of calling as Jesus having to call us away from our plans to be missional. But his calling couldn't be more clear, we must be missional. The only question we have to ask is the Lord now is "Where?". Whatever you do this summer, it should be centered on the mission of God. So pray with confidence that God is calling you into his mission.

Verse to consider... Romans 10:14 "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?"

FRANCE

France considers themselves a post-christian country. The majority of people will claim Catholicism but most are secular. Many students are skeptical of organized religion. However, new age religions are becoming increasingly popular and the younger generations are open to spirituality in general. We will be partnering with a team in Grenoble in the French Alps. The team does many different things from leading an international church to a coffee shop outreach but we will spend most of our time with the college ministry. We will host outreaches and events in hopes of engaging french students and getting them plugged into the community of believers.





THE NETHERLANDS

We will be with a team in Utrecht, a 30 minute train ride from downtown Amsterdam. The spiritual climate is similar to France, often the message of Jesus is met with a lack of interest or apathy. We will spend most of our time on the University campus in Utrecht, meeting students and sharing Jesus with them. We will also spend time serving at a local dutch church.

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DATES

The approximate dates for the Europe trip are May 10-26. That includes travel and will be about two weeks on the ground. That may sound like a long time now, but you will find yourself at the end of the trip wondering where the time went. By the way, you won't have many opportunities to stay in another country for a full month outside of college. The trip is early enough in the summer that many students can still do an internship or summer classes after returning.

COST

The total cost of the trip is TBD(\$3,000-\$4,000). Before you think "I don't have that kind of money", you are not expected to empty your saving or cash out your 401k. The cost of the trip is all-inclusive. Flight tickets, lodging, food, immunizations, travel insurance, it is all covered. The total cost of the trip is raised through support. You will be provided with training, resources and plenty of accountability throughout this process. Romans 10:14 says "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?". Before we ever set foot on foreign soil, you will have already seen the miraculous provision of God for this trip. For now though, just keep in mind that there should be nothing that keeps you from obeying God's call to missions. And if he has called you, he will send you.

