

Europe

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We currently have five countries that comprise our European region. Those countries are Czech Republic, France, Portugal, Romania, and Ukraine. We are also in the process of beginning work in Poland.

Even though these countries are part of Europe, they each have distinctly different cultures, languages, and religious and political backgrounds. Czech Republic, Romania, Ukraine, and Poland have similar cultures and backgrounds due to the fact they are former Soviet Union countries. Their history is steeped in communist, atheistic culture mixed with strong Orthodox or Catholic religious culture. This unique background can make work in these countries slow and difficult. It takes time to build relationships and gain trust in order to share the gospel.

France and Portugal are Western European countries that don't have the oppressive history or background of their Central and Eastern European neighbors, but they have their own difficulties stemming from years of the decline of Christianity and the rise of a secular society. In both instances, we basically are dealing with people who give no thought to God or spiritual things.

The work in Portugal, Romania, Ukraine, and Czech Republic is decades old with Romania and Ukraine having both American missionaries on the field as well as native missionaries for several years. The work is thriving in these countries and many people are responding positively to the gospel. Portugal has a large network of native pastors and churches that are growing and having a positive impact on their culture. France has been a difficult location for us. Our current missionary, Sean Pasley, and his family are making great inroads into French culture and are an active part of a community and church. Their commitment is long term and they are taking the time to learn the language and culture, and they are taking the appropriate steps in order to make a lasting impact with the gospel.



Prayer Requests:

- Each country in our European region
- The American missionaries serving in Romania and France
- Our national and Changemaker missionaries in Portugal, Romania, Ukraine, and Czech Republic

Praises:

- The success of the churches in Romania, Ukraine, Czech Republic, and Portugal, in reaching their countries for Christ
- The commitment of these churches to sharing the gospel and starting new churches
- The work in France and the great strides already made in building relationships and ministry

American Missionaries

France	Sean & Kendall Pasley
Romania	Cristian & Vanessa Martinez Sara Filimon Candra Barnett Bryan & Pam Risner

Key ChangeMakers

Czech Republic	Milan Bulak
Romania	Bogdan Bilav Dani Bagosi
Ukraine	Sasha Grebenyuk
Portugal	Marco Gaspar

