



What team will I be joining?

You will be joining an OM team. Over 5,400 people work with Operation Mobilisation (OM) in over 110 countries to bring a message of hope to the peoples of the world. Our purpose is to motivate and equip people to share God's love with people all over the world. OM seeks to help plant and strengthen churches, especially in areas of the world where Christ is least known.

Where will I be going?

You will be going to Hamburg in Germany. This country was broken by the horrors of the second world war, but found new life in the economic boom of the 1960's and 70's. This has made Germany into one of the strongest economic powers of the 20th century. In Germany a church building can be found in almost every village and town, in many villages the local church is the largest and most beautiful building, but most of these churches are empty and unused. 33% of Germans are registered as Catholic, 34% as Protestants, but most of these "Christians" are only Christians in name and the true figure is thought to be more like 4.1%. In reality Atheism, Esotericism and Materialism are the growing 'religions' in Germany. OM began working in Germany in 1972. There is a large team at the head office and some smaller teams in other parts of Germany. Since 2005 OM has had a team working in the city of Hamburg in Northern Germany. This team is the first contact point for churches in northern Germany that wish to support or be supported by OM. The team does this by holding seminars and workshops and joining with the churches in northern Germany in missionary activity.

What will I be doing?

Many people consider that God, church and Christianity is irrelevant and out-of-date, especially in Northern Germany and Hamburg. This has left Hamburg and the surrounding regions in a spiritual wilderness. Yet at the same time the OM team working there is witnessing a growing interest in faith and spiritual matters with plenty of opportunities to share Christ! We want to move with you into action to put some of the lessons you learned at Mission-Net into practice. The outreach will take place in a socially troubled district in Hamburg. We will work in partnership with a local church which has a vital ministry to children and youth in that part of town. In your week with us we will run there a special evangelistic programme in a youth café. We will spend time in places where young people meet and seek to share about our Hope in Christ. For this relationships are essential, so a big emphasis of our ministry is on relationships. Team members can use sports, music, arts, and other skills or creative ways to draw closer to the people in that community.

Who can join?

Anyone from the age of 17 who is a committed Christian and is able to maintain simple conversations in German or in English. No previous experience is needed, as orientation will be provided. Participants should be in average good health and able to walk a reasonable distance without difficulty. Each participant is responsible to obtain appropriate emergency health and medical insurance. We are able to take individuals or groups. We can also take married couples.

Where will I be sleeping and eating?

You will probably be sleeping in the church hall, so be prepared and bring a sleeping bag and mat. Food will be provided and we need to be informed in advance of special dietary needs (vegetarian, etc..)

How do I get there?

We will arrange one-way group travel on Monday 13 April from the mission-net congress in Germany to your team in Hamburg. For bookings made by the end of January 2009, we anticipate it costing around 35 Euros for the one-way travel. We can give you information about cheap travel options for your return trip.

Do I need a visa?

Nationals from the EU and EEA do not require a visa. For all other nationalities, we can provide information about the visa procedure.

What are the exact dates?

Monday 13 April to Sunday 19 April 2009

It will start immediately after the mission-net 2009 congress and you will travel from the congress to your team on Monday 13 April. Departure is on Sunday 19 April in the afternoon or evening. We can arrange an additional night's accommodation at a surcharge, if it is more convenient for you to leave on Monday 20 April.

How much will it cost?

125 Euros per person + travel costs

When do I need to apply?

By Monday 9 March 2009 at the very latest. It is advisable to apply earlier as spaces are limited.

How do I apply?

You need to apply through the mission-net website:

<http://www.mission-net.org/>

First register for the Congress and then for your IN2 team option. Go to the 2009 section and click on REGISTER NOW

Any questions?

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