



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 Switzerland, a country with a population of only 7.5 million in the heart of Europe. As small as it is, Switzerland is a multiethnic nation with three official languages - German, French and Italian. West European churches have become increasingly secular. More and more people are leaving the official protestant or catholic denominations and many who stay are nominal Christians. Only about 4% of the population claim to be evangelical Christians - the same percentage as Muslims in Switzerland! OM Switzerland has a team in Zürich that focuses on the hopelessness in the Inner City. With its 364,000 inhabitants, it is Switzerland's biggest city. Although quite small compared to other European cities, it is very cosmopolitan and international. Tourism and banking are very significant sectors of the economy. Over the last few decades many middle class citizens have left the inner city to live on the outskirts and this has included many of the city's Christians. Now, close to 100 nationalities live within a few square miles. In some of the city's schools, 80% of the children are foreigners. While today immigrants and the sex industry shape the face of the inner city, many of the churches are struggling, some are even shutting down. The OM team trains people to live their everyday lives with Jesus Christ in an urban and secular environment and develop their vision for God's Kingdom. The aim is to show and to proclaim God's love and hope to the hopeless in the inner city, to those marginalised by society, and to help establish churches among them. We work alongside churches and people who choose to share their lives with some of the most despised of in our society: immigrant kids, teenagers, families – most of whom are Muslims or Hindus - drug addicts, alcoholics and prostitutes. For more information, check out the website www.ch.om.org

What will I be doing?

You will join an international team of up to 20 people working alongside a mission-minded church and reaching out to its community. The OM Staff will plan the programme in consultation with the churches. As the schools in the area will still be on their Easter holiday break there are a lot of possibilities. If you share your hope, God can change the hearts of Swiss people. Be aware, it will have an impact on you! We are planning teams in at least two separate locations:

- Zürich: You will be working alongside the OM team building on the established relationships and ministry in this needy inner city in order to share the hope of Christ in a holistic way.
- Romandie: The French part of Switzerland adopted a lot of the lifestyle from France. We have an OM office in this part of the country who can help to set this team up.

Who can join?

Anyone from the age of 17 who is a committed Christian and is able to maintain simple conversations in German or English. No previous experience is needed, as orientation will be provided. We are able to take individuals or groups. We can also take married couples and families.

Where will I be sleeping and eating?

You will probably be sleeping in the church hall, so come prepared to rough it and bring a sleeping bag and mat. (The 'Tessin'-Option would be in tents, but using the infrastructure of a hotel) 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 Switzerland. For your return journey, we can give you information about cheap options available. There are low-cost airlines that operate to most countries in Europe.

Do I need a visa?

Nationals from the EU and EEA do not require a visa. For all other nationalities, enter with a tourist visa will be no problem. In case of difficulties we will provide an invitation letter. 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.

How much will it cost?

150 Euros per person + travel

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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