

What is mission-net all about?

mission-net has at its heart a two-fold agenda:

- a bi-annual pan-European congress and
- a desired movement among European young Christians

which is commissioned by the European Evangelical Missionary Alliance and European Evangelical Alliance.

mission-net is primarily made for people aged between 16-30 who are willing to consider a Christian missional lifestyle which allies spiritual expressions of the faith and practical contributions to the society's common good.

In April 8-13, 2009 we held the first mission-net congress with about 3,000 young people from 47 different European nations. This first congress took place in Oldenburg (Bremen), Germany. The purpose is to encourage a responsible lifestyle as Christians in every aspect of life. This can be expressed in becoming involved in various areas of public life.

At the congress we practically showed ways in how to be active citizens and to demonstrate God's love. The young participants were encouraged to write letters to the EU with the help of Micah Challenge. We collected clothing for Latvia and donated money to a Ugandan and a Latin American youth project. The participants also went out in Oldenburg and cleaned parts of the city, visited the elderly people's homes and played soccer with kids on the street.

After the congress people were encouraged to join short term service trips in various European nations to put into practice what they had learned at the congress.

The next mission-net congress will be held in the New Year season 2011/12.

In the meantime the participants are encouraged to get involved in Christian networks at the local and national level. Many young participants left the mission-net congress with a totally fresh look at their place in society. Our hope is to see this experience repeated and multiplied in the coming years.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of **mission-net** is to inspire a missional lifestyle among European Christian youth. We seek to accomplish this goal by;

1. Encouraging existing and promoting new '**mission-net** movements' on a national and regional level across Europe.
2. Encouraging mobilisation and 'hands on' experience through facilitating and networking mission opportunities for young people at local, national and international level.
3. Bringing Christian young people together through a pan-European **mission-net** event for mutual encouragement, teaching, training and mobilisation.

3 Key Words

Inspiration - Living in personal relationship with God, which inspires others to live for God

Movement – Encouraging purposeful and lasting relationships amongst people, which leads to missional lifestyles

Mobilisation – Creating practical opportunities to be part of God's mission through His church, both locally and globally