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rom cover to cover, the Bible is full of faithful people who were minding their own business

when they were called upon by God to step out of their comfort zone and reach their world for Him. We can think of Esther, Abraham, and Joseph in the Old Testament. The New Testament includes Peter, Paul, John, and of course Jesus.

This list can include many from our day, as well. One of those is Augusto Fiuri, a man born and raised in Brazil. His parents came to the Lord under the missionary ministry of John Abel. Eventually, Augusto's grandparents, and Augusto himself came to faith. As he walked with the Lord, he became a lay pastor with the AFLC of Brazil.

Sensing a need to better provide for his family, Augusto immigrated to Switzerland, found work, and moved his family to Geneva. There they worshiped and found fellowship in a Portuguese-speaking Brazilian congregation.

The congregation had spiritual life and a desire for outreach, and Augusto was soon

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asked to help minister to the congregation. When the congregation's pastor returned to Brazil, he was asked to lead the congregation. He explained to them that he was Free Lutheran. They replied, "We have observed your life and your family, and we want to be what you are." Augusto became the pastor, while continuing to work full-time at his secular job. Because he was serving the congregation, the AFLC of Brazil ordained him.

Pastor Fiuri senses that God has placed him in Europe for such a time as this. Switzerland and greater Europe is in great need of the gospel, and Augusto feels called to bring it to them. With that in mind, he and his congregation have requested affiliation with the AFLC in Brazil and the US through the World Missions Committee. Their vision is to reach out from Switzerland into Europe.

Members of the World Missions Committee have been very interested in the work in Switzerland, with the possibility of reaching Europe anew with the gospel. Above all else, committee members desire to make sure that this is God's will for the AFLC before proceeding. The Scriptures are littered with people who thought

they were doing the right thing, but they were not patient enough to make sure they were doing God's will. Therefore, the committee is bringing this opportunity before the AFLC for prayer and guidance through this year's annual conference.

As you pray for wisdom and seek God's will, it may be helpful to have more information. A brief history of this situation and possible plans for the future can be found on the AFLC World Missions website ([aflcworldmissions.org](http://aflcworldmissions.org)). Click on the link in the center of the page labeled "Switzerland/Europe Information."

Will you download information, examine it, pray, and come to the conference prepared to help us determine God's will? Our committee members are not looking for a blanket endorsement of this opportunity, but the wisdom of knowing the will of God.

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