

**Europe/Switzerland**

We have received a request from a church in Switzerland to affiliate with the AFLC. They are pastored by one of our pastors from Brazil. It is their desire to reach out into Switzerland and Europe with help from the AFLC USA and Brazil. At this time they desire:

- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ To become recognized as an AFLC congregation, by the AFLC and the Swiss government
- ◆ Some financial aid as they begin
- ◆ Missionaries to help them with the goal of reaching Switzerland and Europe

**Planning to facilitate AFLC Ministry in Europe/Switzerland**

- ◆ Prayer - We must all seek God's will in this
- ◆ At any point the World Missions Committee can determine, "This is not God's will."
- ◆ The AFLC Annual Conference can determine, "This is not God's will."
- ◆ If it is God's will, we must make plans to carry it out using the resources of money and people He has given us.
- ◆ What are the goals and needs:
  - Europe is in need of the Gospel!

**Fact finding trip-May 15-17, 2015**

Paul & Becky Abel  
Dell & Karen Palmer  
Bridy & Monica Croy

Our major concern, the pastor is Free Lutheran from Brazil, but is the congregation Free Lutheran.

\*Trip is described in length in Director's Trip journal

**World Missions Committee (WMC) - June 16, 2015**

Periodically send Craig Johnson and Paul Abel to teach and build up the Swiss congregation, get a sense of their like-mindedness, and seek the cooperation of the AUSA.

**WMC - Sept. 14, 2015**

With regards to Switzerland/Europe

- ◆ Set the course
- ◆ Keep in contact with the missionary candidates
- ◆ Craig Johnson and Paul Abel will travel to Switzerland as soon as possible
- ◆ We will evaluate the situation upon their return

**Planning**

- ◆ Two Missionary Candidates will be ready to receive calls in the Spring of 2016.
- ◆ The mission department office began developing plans to be ready if it is determined that we desire to go forth with ministry in Switzerland/Europe. These plans were developed in consultation with Dell Palmer, Kevin Olson, Jon Nelson, Wendie Jackson, Matthew Ballmann, Brandon Marshner, Jon Langness and Paul Abels. The plans are in a draft stage and are ongoing in the document, "Planning for the Possibility of AFLC Mission Work in Switzerland/Europe"

**Is this God's Will?**

Most importantly we must discern if it is God's will. The Bible has many examples of people who did seemingly noble things without discerning if it was God's will first. A prime example of that is Joshua and the Gibeonite deception. Verse 24 states that they acted, "but they did not inquire of the Lord."

Everyone involved in this possibility must be in prayer asking, is this God's will. As we started the planning we asked, is the Committee praying, are the prospective missionaries praying, and are we praying?

**WMC Meeting Dec. 4-5, 2015 Vision and Goals**

**This is not God's Will Stop**

**Continue the Course**

Planning for Paul Abel and Craig Johnson

- ◆ What will be taught
- ◆ What will be required
- ◆ See planning page

Set next WMC Meeting early enough to call missionary

**Possible Temporary Financial Help**

This will help them stay in their looking and continue with ministry as they have been.

**January 2016  
Craig Johnson and Paul Abels Travel to Switzerland**

**Spring WMC Meeting**

**This is not God's Will Stop**

**Not Ready**

We are not sure we are like minded. Another trip, or more time is needed to shore up additional items until we know whether this is God's will or not.

**We can Associate with Them**

We are likeminded and feel comfortable going forward with association.

**Missionary Candidates**

**Inform the AFLC with an Ambassador Article**

- ◆ Establish the request
- ◆ Ask for Prayer
- ◆ Briefly describe the plan. Let them know where they can find the full plan online.
- ◆ Request that they help us know God's Will at the Conference.

**Call for another Field**

Where do we send others?

**Do not call**

**Tentatively Call for Switzerland/Europe**

**Seek Guidance and Wisdom**

**This is not God's Will Stop**

**This is God's Will - Continue**

**Reassign Newly Called Missionaries**

**What will the Ministry be Like?**

Ask questions about the three ways of working:

- ◆ Determine the positives
- ◆ How would it work?
- ◆ How could we best use the missionaries
- ◆ What is the long term outlook?

**Missionaries**

Could we enlist Paul and Becky to lead this for 2-3 years.

- ◆ Brazil will become less dependent
- ◆ Matthew Abel could assume some of the responsibilities in Brazil
- ◆ Paul and Becky know Brazilians, the language and have a wealth of experience to get this started
- ◆ Deployed in late 2016

**Swiss Church**

**Swiss Church Reaching Europe**

**Europe Association Including Swiss Church**

**Missionary Candidates**

Possible Time Table:

- Call - Spring 2016
- Graduation - Spring 2016
- Deposition - Europe will cost more
- Commissioning/Orientation - Annual Conference - 2016
- Planning for ministry 2016
- Language training 2017
- Learning culture and continued planning 2017
- Carrying out plans 2018 forward

**Agreements**

- ◆ Development and approval of a Working Agreement
- ◆ Development of Job Descriptions for Missionaries