

Who will go for Us?

Portfolio Isaiah 6:8



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French Connection:

- Saint Louis is named after French King Louis IX.
- The city flag of Saint Louis bears the fleur-de-lis as a symbol of our French heritage.
- Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau are the founders (1763).

Jason E. Evans



A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9

Bon jour!

In this portfolio you will discover where I desire to serve God and why.

I was born in St. Louis, MO, on June 2, 1977. I am the youngest of two children born to Eddie and Izetta (Sue) Evans. My sister, Kim, along with my parents still reside in the Saint Louis area.

Presently I live in Dallas, TX. I graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary in May 2004 with a Master of Theology in the area of Urban Ministry.

Currently I am on staff and a member at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship (Dr. Tony Evans, pastor) as the Family Support Coordinator for Project Turn Around. Before this position I worked as a mentor for Project Turn Around.

Before moving to Dallas in August 2000, I attended University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou). I graduated with B.A. in History and a religious studies minor in May 2000. During my five years at Mizzou I served at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. I was active in the college ministry and Christian Education ministry there.

My first ministry experience occurred while a member of Central Baptist Church, in Saint Louis, MO. It was under the pastorate of Pastor Ronald B. Packnett, that I accepted my call to Christian ministry in the Summer of 1993. Since then I have served in the areas of Christian Education, Youth Ministry, and preaching duties at Central.

My first experience with Christ occurred when I was six years old. One summer day my mother shared the gospel with me. It was there in my parent's kitchen that I accepted Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. I have served Him since then and He has led me to this point.

Why France?

I was led to France by a series of events that occurred between October 2002 and November 2003.

In October 2002 I met Tillie Tiller, a member of TEAM, who serves in Chad. She introduced me to the *need* in France while she was visiting Dallas Seminary.

The following year in March 2003, I met Bill Boggess, a church planter in Paris. He personally invited me to Paris to see the *need* in France.

In June 2003, I went to France and experienced the *need* for Christ in that country. I was asked, "was I willing to leave

America and serve God in France?"

That question was answered when I read Acts 16:9-10. God gave me an extreme burden (passion) to serve God in France, by going to "help" them. Through faith and prayer I believe this passion will become a reality.



What I believe

There seven essential beliefs that I hold as a Christian.

1. I believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and that these three are one God (John 1:14; 2 Cor 13:14; Heb 1:1-3; Rev 1:4-6).
2. I believe in the inerrancy and inspiration of scripture (Mark 12:26, 36; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21).
3. I believe in the full deity and humanity of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:30-35; Phil 2:5-8).
4. I believe in the spiritual lostness of humanity (Gen 1:26, 3; Ps 51:5; Rom 3:10-19).
5. I believe in the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ and His physical resurrection from the grave (Acts 2:22-24; 1 Tim 2:6; 1 Pet 3:18; 1 Cor 15:1-4).
6. I believe in salvation by faith alone in Christ alone (John 1:12, 3:16, Gal 3:22; Eph 2:8-10).
7. I believe in the visible physical second coming of Jesus Christ (Ezek 37:21-28; Matt 24:15-25; Rev 20:1-3).



***"The salvation we claim should be transforming us in the totality of our personal and social responsibilities."* -
Lusanne Committee for
World Evangelism**

Philosophy of Ministry

My philosophy of ministry reflects the vision statement that Dr. Tony Evans has set for Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship. Our vision statement reads, "Discipling the Church to Impact the World."

Based upon this vision, my philosophy of ministry is to

develop saints to do effective ministry in the communities that they live in. This is accomplished through preaching, teaching, evangelizing, and discipling through God's word. It is my hope that believers would know their giftedness and identity in Christ so that they would do

holistic ministry. Holistic ministry is one that demonstrates that Christ through His church can meet both the spiritual and physical needs of all people.

History of TEAM

The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) began with the vision of a young Swede, Fredrik Franson, who immigrated to Nebraska in 1869. Franson, as he grew in Christ, sensed a need for more training went to Chicago in 1876, with the hope of meeting D.L. Moody. Franson was able to work with Moody and was trained by him to be a counselor. In 1879, Franson went to Utah to evangelize 30,000 Swedish immigrants and Mormons who migrated from Utah.

In 1881 Franson left for Sweden to minister. While serving in Europe he heard Hudson Taylor challenge people to go to China with the gospel. Upon hearing Taylor speak, Franson had a vision of creating mission sending agencies into various European countries. When Franson, arrived back in America, he was motivated to create a class that trained people for cross-cultural missions. His first class was held on October 14, 1890, the official birthday of TEAM. The early name for TEAM was "The Scandinavian Alliance Mission." This name reflected Franson's and reflects TEAM's vision to bring churches together into an alliance enabling even small congregations to have a part in sending out missionaries.



Some of the newest appointees of TEAM going through Phase 2 training at TEAM headquarters in September 2004.



A night view of the Pont du Normandie "Normandy Bridge" as it stretches over the Sienne River in Normandy.

The Need in France

Nearly 61,000,000 people live in France. Catholics make up over 76% of the population. The majority of these Catholics are nominal Catholics, meaning they are Catholic in name only. It is written that in actuality only 8% of Catholics in France are practicing Catholics. On the other hand Evangelical Christians only comprise 2% of the French population. To understand the scope of this problem consider the region of Normandy in Northwest France. Normandy alone has 3.4 million people with only 50 evangelical churches. So about 0.1% of the population is found in an evangelical church, an average of 15-25 people per church.

As you can observe, just in Normandy alone the need is great. Now imagine all of France facing the same predicament. The World Christian Database is predicting that the Christian church will steadily decline in France by the year 2050. In fact, they have stated that the church growth index for France is *negative seven percent*. Furthermore, there are more occult workers in France than there are native Christian workers in France.

So is there a need? Yes, when \$41 Billion is spent on occult practices a year. Yes, when 81% of French people live together prior to marriage. Yes, when 1 of 2 women abort. Yes, when 1 of every 3 people live alone. The need is for spiritual renewal through Jesus Christ our savior. Only new life in Christ can restore the sanctity of marriage, the value of life, and blessing of fellowship to a darkened France.

TEAM's Work in France

For 52 years TEAM has worked in France. TEAM planted its first church in 1958 in Vitry, France, South of Paris. By 1998 there were 22 churches in the Paris area. As of 2002, there were 30+ churches in the TEAM family of churches. These churches have formed the

Alliance of Evangelical Churches in France (AEEI).

Currently, TEAM has ministry initiatives in Paris, the region of Normandy, and the cities of Lyon, Grenoble, Marseille, and Nice.

Mission strategists estimate that

France needs at least one evangelical church per 10,000 people. Therefore, at a minimum, 6,000 new churches are needed. At the current rate of 35 new churches a year, it will take 120 years to reach this goal. TEAM is working to bring this goal to fruition.

"Relationships stretching from sending churches to local communities around the world put us in the very center of what God is doing in global outreach today."

***Charlie Davis,
Executive Director of
TEAM***

My Vision for France



Honfleur, France

My vision is to see God use me as a vessel to help plant reproducing churches in France. I pray that in August 2005 I will be able to begin language school in either in Paris or Albertville, France. It is my desire to be a part of church planting teams either in Paris or in southern France, in the Rhone Alps region. I look forward to being involved in evangelism, church planting activities, and especially teaching and training Christians. However, until that time my home is in Texas. Living in the city of Dallas preparing to go to France.

I am ever mindful of the words of Christ that he will build His church and the gates of hell will not overpower it (Matthew 16:18). With this promise I am compelled to carry out Christ's commission to build the church, being empowered by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20 & Acts 1:8).

My Vision Statement: Evangelizing the lost to Establish churches that Equip the saints to do the work of ministry.

Desired Result: French churches that reproduce churches that reproduce churches that reproduce...



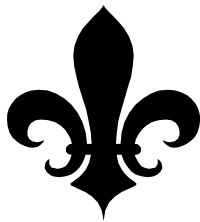
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“We will work together to reproduce the body of Christ wherever the most people have the greatest need.”
TEAM Mission Statement



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Fleur-De-Lis



The busy Champs Elysees in Paris, France, at dusk with the Arc De Triomphe in the background.



One of many crucifixes found in the Notre Dame in Paris.

All throughout this portfolio you have seen the fleur-de-lis “flower of the lily”. It is a symbol that I am very familiar with. Everywhere you go in Saint Louis you will see the fleur-de-lis. It was not until I went to France when I made the connection of the meaning of the fleur-de-lis and its meaning to Saint Louis. The fleur-de-lis is associated with the royal house of France. In French legend it symbolizes perfection, life, and light. Historians argue that either King Louis VI or King Louis VII first wore the fleur-de-lis on his shield. The English later used the symbol in their efforts to legitimize their claims to the French throne. Today the fleur-de-lis is a symbol of French nationalism and pride. For Saint Louis it is symbol of our French heritage.



Considering Partnering with me...

Prayer

My greatest need is ongoing prayer support. If you are interested in praying for me on a daily basis contact me via email or postal mail and I will place you on my prayer mailing list.

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak for the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.
Colossians 4:2-4

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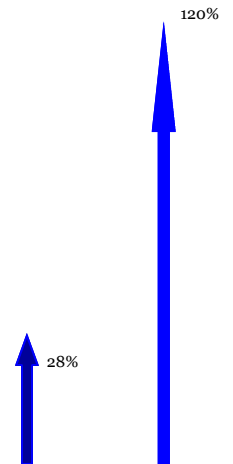
I am trusting God to raise up people and churches to partner with me for France. If you or your church are interested in this ministry to France please contact me.

I would appreciate the opportunity to visit with you in person and to share the specifics of this ministry.

Make every effort to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; make sure they have what they need. Here is another way that our people can learn to engage in good works to meet pressing needs and so not be unfruitful.
Titus 3:13-14 NET



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