



EVERY NATION

# SWITZERLAND CHURCH PLANT





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# SCOUT REPORT

November 2023



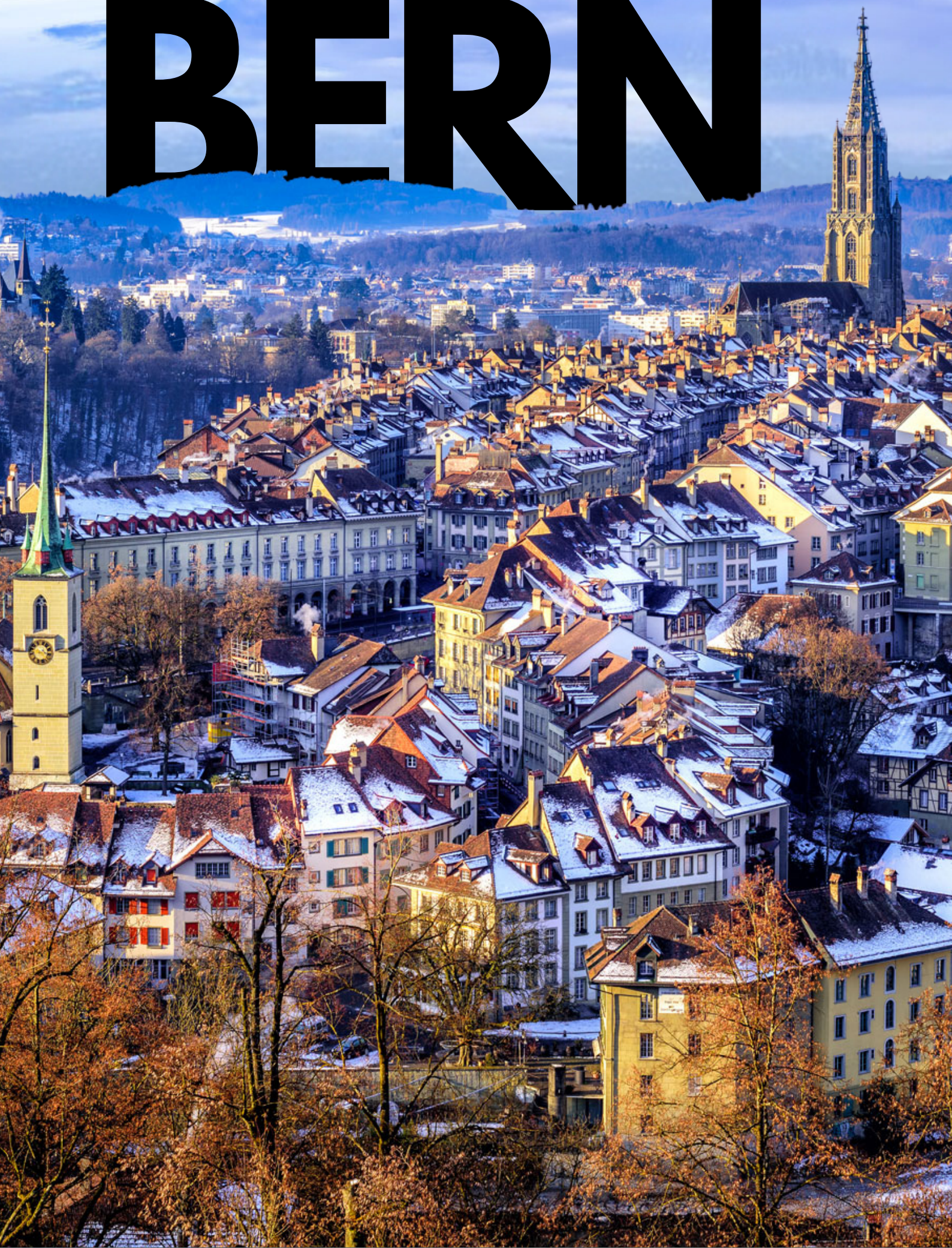


**THANK YOU  
FOR PRAYING**





# LOCATION BERN



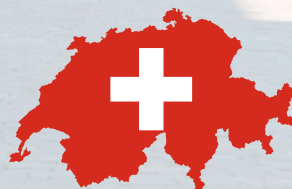


## **Bern, the capital city of Switzerland**

**One of the key objectives of the scout was to determine the location of the church plant. We have a very definitive vision to plant churches across the nation and into the bordering nations, but we had a clear sense to start in the German-speaking part of Switzerland.**

### **Bern:**

- **4th largest city in Switzerland**
- **2nd largest student population in the German-speaking region.**
- **Centrally located with quick access to the rest of the country**
- **Great opportunity for reaching both campus and community**







# CONNECTIONS





**On arrival, we joined a house church gathering and this set the tone for our whole trip.**

**We went into the Gospel of John and specifically looked at the references to Jesus being the light. This stood out:**

**“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through Him. He was not the light but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.” - John 1:4-9**

**This passage was a powerful reminder that in a world searching for light, a true light exists: Jesus Christ.**

**During our time at the house church, one of the ladies gave us a 5 Francs coin as a prophetic gesture. The inscription on the 5 Francs coin - DOMINUS | PROVIDEBIT - translates to "God will provide."**

**In their prayer over us they also made this declaration: “We welcome you to Switzerland.” And this “welcoming” was what we felt during all of our meetings. An openness and an invitation to come to Switzerland.**





**During our 10-day journey through Switzerland, we traveled to various regions including Bern, Zurich, St. Gallen, and Lausanne. We were thrilled to witness the hand of God in all of our meetings and encounters, which helped us build strong connections with several local leaders and groups.**

**Here are some of the highlights of our trip:**

- We connected with the leaders at the YWAM base in Lausanne, the leader of Campus for Christ based in Zurich, and the leader of 24/7 prayer overseeing Switzerland. We felt a strong connection with each of these groups and are excited about the opportunity to work together for the sake of the Gospel.**
- Bob, an elder in an international church in Bern, opened up time to show us around the city and provided us with insights into the spiritual climate of the area.**
- We had the privilege of meeting with John, Markus, and Micha – leaders of different churches. They generously shared their knowledge about the spiritual climate of their cities and the challenges and opportunities they face.**
- We were invited to a Thanksgiving dinner with the ICG Christian group in St. Gallen, where we had the chance to hear firsthand experiences and feedback from Christian students on campus.**
- Finally, we had many wonderful connections with families inviting us for dinner, individuals meeting for a coffee and just the same spirit of hospitality and “welcoming” into Switzerland.**

**We are grateful for all of the connections we made and the opportunities that lie ahead for us to work together and spread the Gospel.**



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**CHANGE THE CAMPUS  
CHANGE THE WORLD**





**"There is a generation of young people waiting for the Gospel."**

**This is the word I felt, not just for Switzerland, but for Europe. Young people are searching for meaning and purpose - for the light to guide them. There are many false lights, but we have the opportunity to share with them the true light!**

**Eventhough evangelism was not a key part of the scout, we managed to have conversations with students about spirituality and the general view students have. We genuinely felt an openness and in some conversations a curiosity.**

**"The harvest is plentiful!"**

**There is an immense excitement in our hearts to reach the campuses across Switzerland and the world-class public rail infrastructure makes this such a great possibility. We are dreaming about student-led campus ministries across the nation.**





**One of the key points in campus ministry is:  
Reach a student, reach a family.**

**This could not be more true in Switzerland. With students coming from complete unbelieving homes where they might not even have a reference to Christianity, the opportunity to reach students and equip them to share the Gospel of Jesus with their family, their friends is just incredible. Imagine this picture with us - a generation of young people coming to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and then being the missions force back into their own families and communities!**

**The potential to change the world through campus ministry is immense, but the task is also significant.**

**Though there is much work to be done, the opportunity to spread the is equally great.**

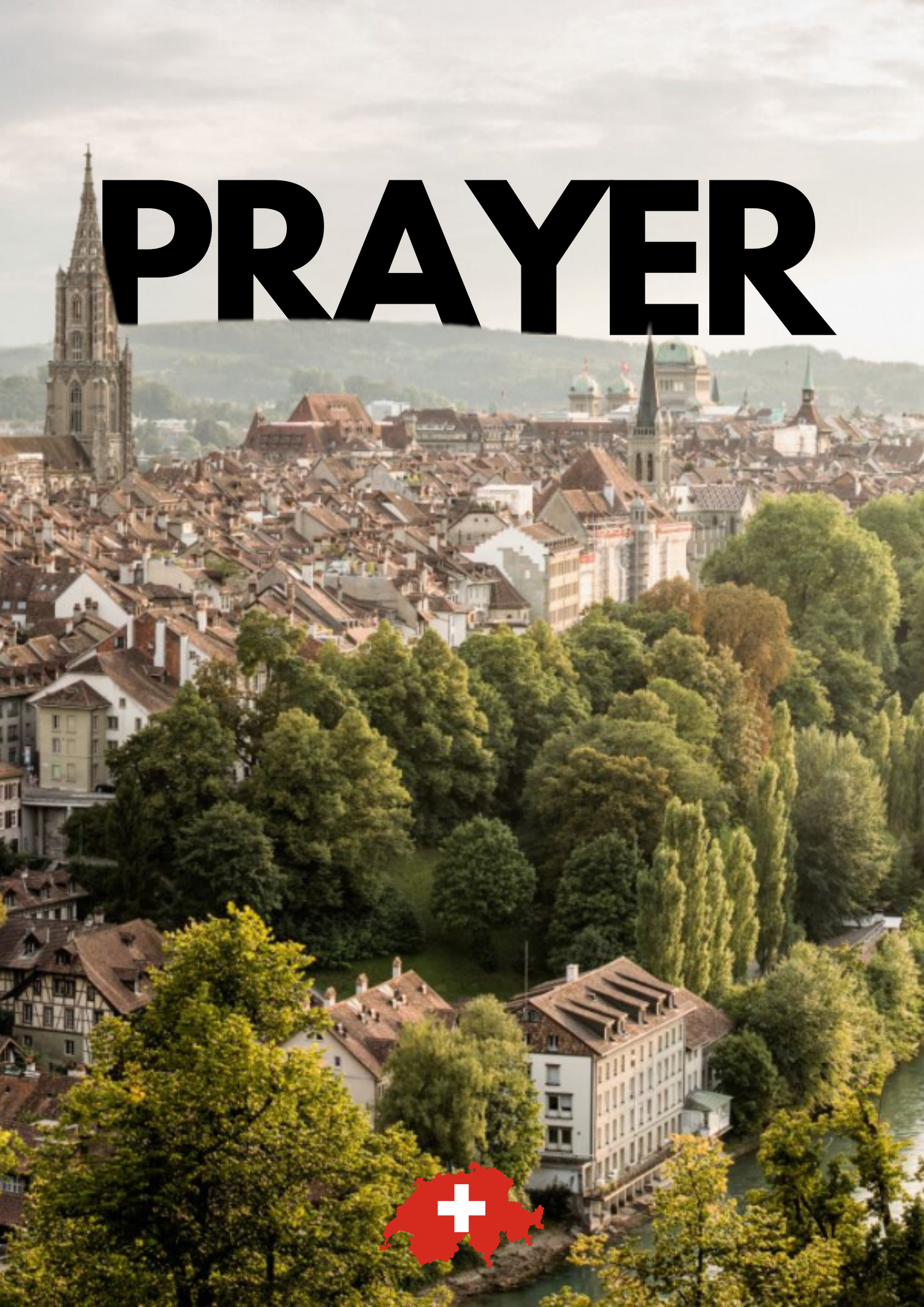








# PRAYER





# FINANCES

**We need to raise our support for Switzerland. You can imagine the barrier to entry finances can have, but one of the words we received during the trip is that money is an idol in the nation. And the caution is that we should not bow to that idol. God is the owner of a cattle on a thousand hills, there is nothing too great for Him, and there is nothing that does not belong to Him.**

**We are also exploring avenues to generate resources from within the country through business.**

- **Please pray for our support raising.**
- **Pray that God will give us supernatural vision, ideas and strategy into possible business opportunities.**
- **Please connect us with people who might be interested to partner with this vision.**





# WAY OF ENTRY

We are trusting God for a way to enter the country.

For Riëtte and myself, we will have to find avenues to get a work visa. For Harry and Wendy - Wendy is a Swiss citizen and Harry is busy with his passport application.

Pray for God's hand of favor and again His supernatural leading in opening the right doors.

# LANGUAGE

Pray for grace and the gift of languages over us that we will be able to learn the language quickly.





# TEAM

I am trusting God for the right team and preferably not just a team of South Africans. Please pray with us that God will stir this nation and this vision in the right people's hearts.

Specifically, we are trusting for

- A campus missionary
- A worship leader
- People who feel called to relocate as marketplace ministers - working in their respective industries and supporting the church plant through building relationships and making disciples.

# THANK YOU

Thank you for standing with us as we trust God to come and do a great thing.

Jaco, Riëtte, Harry & Wendy















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