

JPense : Answering Questions and Changing Lives in France



The JPense events are evangelistic events geared to attract seekers and skeptics to hear the truth of the gospel and reasonable arguments for the existence of God and belief in Jesus. JPense directly translates to “I’m thinking about it.” The events take place in Nantes, France.

We have noticed that although many people in France claim to be atheists, they really have never thought deeply about existential questions in life. Sadly, most of these same people have not had the opportunity to hear sound arguments about why they can rationally believe in God. At JPense, we share the gospel by answering difficult questions and using apologetics to give reasons for our faith. Here are some examples of themes we have used in the past:

- *How can I know God exists?*
- *If God is good, why is there so much suffering in the world?*
- *Does science disprove the Bible?*
- *Who was Jesus?*
- *Does every religion lead to God?*

People from many different backgrounds come to listen to the live music, a testimony, and the theme of the evening. Many of them are non-believers, under the age of 40. We are so thankful that God is using JPense to open people’s hearts to Him! It has always been very difficult to invite French people to church, and this has become a new and innovative way to share the gospel with those who desperately need it. Little by little, the Lord has grown the ministry and is sending more and more people to these events.

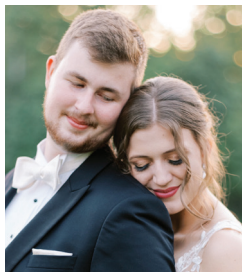
We remember how it completely changed Maxime’s life. We met him just a few months before and talked to him about faith during short conversations. He came to a JPense event not knowing what to expect. He was so stressed; he dressed up and was relieved to see that people were wearing casual clothes. The theme of the event he attended was about suffering, which was his major “argument” against the existence of God. At the end of the evening he said, “I get it. Tonight has answered my biggest question about God!” The next day he invited us to have lunch with him, and he asked us: “How can I become a Christian?” Many other people have told us it has changed their lives!

We plan on having another event in October as long as it is permitted by the health officials. It will be the 20th JPense event! Praise God!

—Joel Teague, IM missionary to France



FAMILY HAPPENINGS



Alejandro and Breanna Johnson were married on July 24!



Tim and Kristi Johnson began as “Missionaries in Residence” at Welch College last month. Classes began on August 24.



Daniel and Shelby Culwell will return from Japan in October for their Stateside assignment.



Shannon Little will return from Japan in October for her Stateside assignment.



On September 15th, **Anna Postlewaite** will begin middle school in Pleven, Bulgaria. She was accepted into a special class that focuses on Bulgarian language and literature. Of the 85 students who applied to be in this class, she received the highest score on the Bulgarian test. What a testimony to God’s grace!



ETEAM 2022 APPLICATIONS DUE

With great anticipation, we are looking forward to ETEAM 2022. Our prayer is to be back to a “normal” number of teams and high school students in June of next year. We want to continue to see the ETEAM experience become foundational in the journey of students who will invest heavily into the work of IM on a global level. ETEAM has often been the catalyst for students as they become globally minded teachers, healthcare workers, ministry partners, businessmen, missionaries, and more. We are thrilled to continue to see students step out of their comfort zone and lean into God’s calling to GO. ETEAM applications are live on our website and are **due by October 1, 2021**. It’s time to jump into the adventure and apply for ETEAM 2022 today! bit.ly/GOETEAM. If you have any questions, reach out to Hanna Mott at hanna@iminc.org.



NINE CMP MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022

College Missions Program (CMP) is an opportunity for college students to experience sharing the gospel cross-culturally and gain an understanding of what God is doing through IM around the world. Through CMP, students partner with IM missionaries to work and minister alongside them for two to ten weeks (depending on the trip), gaining on-the-field experience for different aspects of missions. We are offering nine different CMP opportunities in Summer 2022 and would love for YOU to be part of it! Apply or learn more about these opportunities online bit.ly/IMCMP2022. **The deadline to apply is October 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, reach out to Leslie Nichols at leslie@iminc.org.



THP NEEDS HELP IN JAMAICA

If you’re interested in bringing help, hope, and healing to the world around you, consider serving with



The Hanna Project in Jamaica on November 1-10, 2021. We need team members, especially men, to serve through construction on the local school. The cost of the trip is \$2,100. To learn more or apply, visit hannaproject.com or contact Danny Gasperson (danny@hannaproject.com).



NAFWB CONVENTION UPDATES

During the 2021 National Association of Free Will Baptist (NAFWB) Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, Clint Morgan shared the IM business report, giving updates from some of our partner organizations around the world. Brother Carlisle Hanna was honored through a video recapping his life and ministry of 70 years. Cheri Ham was also recognized on stage for her 24+ years of serving with IM, Inc. During the annual Wednesday night missions service, FWB missionaries and partners were honored and prayed over in the missionary walk before the denomination.

WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING SET FOR AUGUST 28

After vote and approval at the National Association of Free Will Baptist (NAFWB) Convention,



World Missions Offering

the World Missions Offering (WMO) has officially been moved to the month of August instead of April of every year. **The 2022 WMO will be held on August 28.**

Stay tuned for more information about next year's theme and other resources you and your church can use to promote for giving on this designated day.

MISSIONARY STATUS UPDATES

The IM board met on Sunday, July 18, 2021, during the National Association of Free Will Baptist (NAFWB) Convention for a called summer session. **Jonathan and Michelle Chereau** will serve another "two-year internship" in France as leaders at the St. Sebastien church. **Daniel and Shelby Culwell, Jack and Ashley Ketteman,** and **Daniel and Kate Speer** will transition to career missionary status to serve in Japan. **New Life Church Planting Fund** was established as an IMPact Project for the New Life Church re-plant in Sapporo, Japan, with the Bishops and Speers.

NEW IM WEBSITE

The new IM website has officially launched! Take a look at all of the new features and design by visiting iminc.org. We are excited to continue developing and utilizing this digital space to share the stories of our missionaries and ministries taking place around the world as they reach the lost with the gospel.



STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Several IM missionaries are currently on Stateside Assignment raising funds and support. Opportunities to meet and speak with churches and organizations are greatly appreciated. These services inform church members of each missionary's ministry so they will know how to specifically pray and partner with them.

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PRAYER FOCUS

- Many IM missionaries are trying to return to their fields. Some are trying to raise funds and support to return, while others are waiting on countries to open due to COVID or waiting on required documents. We encourage you to contact them and invite them to speak and share about their ministries. Pray for them as they wait, fill out paperwork, and meet with officials. They need your partnership to return to their fields and continue sharing the gospel with those who have never heard!
- Pray for the missionary kids who recently started back to school. Pray for the students who started new schools due to relocating for Stateside assignment or beginning classes in college or university. Pray they will each have a good year, grow in knowledge, and build friendships.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MISSIONARIES

Shannon Little, Japan



Shannon Little serves on a church planting team at Good News Chapel located just outside of Tokyo, Japan. Shannon oversees the children's Sunday School program and the English program. Through English conversation and Bible study in Japanese, Shannon has the privilege of sharing God's love to people who have never heard the name of Jesus before. Most Japanese people have never entered a church before and have never met a Christian. Shannon will return in October for her Stateside assignment.

Adam & Carol Duncan, Ecuador

Adam and Carol Duncan serve in Ecuador, working with partner organizations, Jungle Kids for Christ and the Antioch



Missionary Alliance, to make disciples and plant churches. Carol is a nurse practitioner and is working to build relationships in the 34 villages of the Napo Province—which have no ongoing Christian influence—through medical care and community health evangelism. Adam is working to disciple men, who are the least reached population in the five villages where there are churches planted. Through this outreach and discipleship, they hope to train national pastors and plant churches in the Napo Province and beyond. They are currently on Stateside assignment and anticipate a March 2022 departure to begin language school in Quito.

Your partnership in the gospel yields dividends around the world in lives changed and churches planted. If you'd like to discuss ways to see that impact continue long-term, call 1-877-767-7736 for information on Planned Gifts or Estate Planning.



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