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Sean and Kendall Pasley serve in Chambéry, the capital city of Savoie, in southeastern France, near the Swiss border. Their long-term mission is church planting, a process that requires years of deep investment in relationships and community life.

## Ministry Focus

Sean has had the opportunity to preach in multiple churches, becoming part of a regular preaching rotation. While their ultimate goal is to plant a church, they recognize the necessity of building relationships before the gospel can be shared effectively. In France, gospel conversations typically come after years of trust and friendship.

## Main Goals

The Pasleys are committed to:

- Evangelism – Engaging in long-term, relational gospel conversations.
- Church Planting – Laying the groundwork for a doctrinally sound church in their region.
- Community Integration – Becoming a known and trusted presence in their city.

## The People They Serve

The French people are highly skeptical of religion, often viewing Christianity as either a mindless tradition or a crutch for the weak. Many assume that faith is irrational, and they resist the idea of absolute truth. Culturally, they value philosophical discussion over practical application, making it challenging to encourage an active, lived-out faith.

The French also tend to be private and socially reserved, making deep friendships difficult to establish. Leisure and personal enjoyment are highly prioritized, sometimes at the expense of spiritual growth.

## Challenges

- Breaking Through Skepticism – Convincing people that faith in Christ is a rational and necessary decision.
- Encouraging Active Faith – Many French believers engage with Christianity philosophically, but not practically.
- Patience in Gospel Conversations – It takes many conversations over a long period to even discuss spiritual matters.
- Cultural Aversion to Absolutes – The French view exclusive truth claims as extreme, making it difficult to proclaim Christ as the only way to salvation.

## Spiritual Landscape in France

- Only 2% of France's 69 million people identify as evangelical Christians (including groups like Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons).
- The CNEF (National Council of Evangelicals in France) aims to establish 1 church for every 10,000 people, but the country is far from reaching that goal.
- In Savoie, there are only 12 Protestant churches, and only 2 that Sean considers doctrinally sound.

## Religious Climate

- Catholicism – Once dominant, now largely cultural or mixed with charismatic movements.
- Islam – France has the largest Muslim population in the EU, with a growing influence, particularly among immigrant communities.
- Secularism – The French identity is deeply secular, making religious belief a private, often ridiculed matter.

## Long-Term Commitment

The Pasleys are dedicated to a lifetime of ministry in France. They pray that their sons will also serve in French-speaking Europe, recognizing that meaningful gospel work in France takes decades of faithful presence.

## Pray for the Pasleys' Ministry

- That relationships will lead to gospel opportunities.
- That hearts would be softened to the truth of Christ.
- That French believers would embrace active faith and discipleship.
- That a new, biblically sound church would be planted in Chambéry.

