

Luxembourg: FCSA

the international fellowship of evangelical students



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Luxembourg is one of only two countries in Europe that has a university but does not have a national student movement yet. But, like the 12 spies in the book of Joshua, we are "exploring the land." And here is part of the report back: "Luxembourg is one of the richest countries in Europe... It seems to be perfect, like Cinderella's enchanted castle. But when I was back home, I thought: 'Yes, ok,

Luxembourg, but YOU NEED SOMETHING DEEPER...' But, as we spoke to Christians in the country, you could tell they were also concerned about spreading the hope of Jesus. And I thought: 'People speaking about God, worried about the country they live in. Isn't it simply wonderful?' Sometimes we have to 'break our mould,' to go beyond what we see and walk with God, otherwise how can things change around us?" (Francesca, student – GBU Italy).

Praise the Lord that there are already three people (a student and two graduates) who we are aware of that are ready to go in and "take the land" for the sake of Jesus.

FACT FILE

General Secretary: none

Population: 491,775

Capital: Luxembourg-Ville

Major language:

Luxembourgish, French, German

Major religion: Roman Catholic (87%)

Number of students: 4137

Number of students in FSCA: 1

InterAction team: no

Give thanks for...

- The willingness of João, Françoise and Jacques to start Bible studies in Luxembourg
- The unity between these three and the way they are working together

Pray for...

- New students and friends with

hungry hearts to come along to these meetings

- Continued encouragement and perseverance to keep going
- More Christian students to join this fledgling group
- Wisdom in balancing ministry to local and international students.

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IFES Europe: In 2007 the Central European and Western European regions merged to form one region—Europe, headed by Martin Haizmann, the regional secretary and a team of 7 other associate regional secretaries. The European region is made up of 40 countries, stretching from Ireland to Eurasia and from Iceland to Malta. Although often thought of as a Christian area, Christianity has been steadily declining throughout the region as mission focus has shifted elsewhere. But praise God that although secularism and Islam thrive, gospel work is happening across Europe. 38 countries have IFES movements, and each day students and staff are reaching out with the good news of Jesus. Please pray for boldness and grace as they hold out the Word of life.



PRAYER across Europe:

- Pray for the European General Secretaries Consultation 11-15 May in Germany. Pray that this would be a great time of renewal and capturing the vision for the next year.
- Pray for Student Leadership Formación 25 July-8 to be a great time of fellowship and equipping student leaders across Europe for the year ahead.

PRAYER for IFES around the world:

- David Bahena, staff based in Mexico, writes: 'Please pray with us for [the swine flu situation]. Pray for those who are making decisions, for people to not give in to panic and for the spread of the virus to be stopped.'
- Pray for strength for students in Eurasia to remain faithful to Jesus and to be encouraged in spite of persecution.

