



FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Equipping the Church to transform the nations

Annual Report 2020



“THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE
THE SAME. AND NEITHER WILL
YOUR CHURCH.

THIS IS A TIME OF
OPPORTUNITY. IT IS A TIME TO
RETHINK YOUR CHURCH.

IT’S A TIME TO SHED ‘THE
WAY WE’VE ALWAYS DONE IT’
MINDSET AND MOVE INTO A
NEW AND EXCITING FUTURE.”

THOMAS RAINER, CHRISTIAN POST

EQUIPPING CHURCH LEADERS TO MAKE FRUITFUL DISCIPLES... ON A LARGER SCALE THAN EVER BEFORE



“With the coronavirus and changing technology, we have an unprecedented opportunity right now to expand this message to every country around the world.”

Dr. Neil T. Anderson

Welcome to an exciting report of what God did around the globe through Freedom In Christ in 2020! We hope it will inform you, encourage you, and inspire you. You'll find exciting reports from every country with a Freedom In Christ presence interspersed with additional articles.

You'll learn of exciting developments that have already happened, from open doors in Africa, to new pioneer teams in Latin America. We think you'll be amazed at everything that's going on - we certainly are anyway!

You'll also learn of future plans. The conviction we have is that our Almighty God continues to say words to the effect of, “You ain't seen nothin' yet!”

Speaking personally, this was the year where we felt God convict us that we were not taking seriously enough our calling to “equip the Church to transform the nations.” He impressed upon us that He is absolutely serious about it! And He encouraged us to grasp afresh that absolutely nothing is impossible in Him. We've lifted our expectations even higher and are preparing every aspect of the ministry for a quantum leap forward that we believe will put us on a totally new footing and see us equipping hundreds of thousands more Christian leaders.

Thank you for your interest, prayers, and support. Thanks too to our amazing national leaders and their teams, to our gifted Leadership Team, and to our wise International Board who keep us heading in the right direction.

Steve & Zoë Goss
International Directors

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The latest translation of the Freedom In Christ Course to be published is the Tamil version.

Residents of a drug rehab centre in Colombia going through the Freedom In Christ Course.



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QUANTUM LEAP FORWARD

When we launched our FreedomStream service (where churches can enable members to watch our discipleship videos online) three years ago and developed a prototype online platform for our Transform program 18 months ago, we had no idea that the coronavirus crisis would force practically every church to move online. But God knew.

And He gave us a “Quantum Leap” vision, to create a state-of-the-art online learning platform that will enable church leaders, leaders of freedom ministries within churches, and ordinary Christians to take the message of Freedom In Christ “from head to heart” and into their nations.

We are delighted that Steve Becker has become our Platform Manager. Steve is a highly strategic, entrepreneurial project manager who loves our message and has worked at a very senior level in the corporate world.

When it is developed, we expect the new platform to have a very significant positive impact on the effectiveness of churches in bringing transformation to the communities

and cities where God has placed them. It will revolutionize the whole way Freedom In Christ operates by enabling us to equip a far greater number of people than ever before and providing a whole new way of publishing and distributing our discipleship resources.

Find out more and help us fund development:
freedominchrist.org/quantumleap

“The Quantum Leap Platform will radically increase our ability to equip the Church globally. All the pieces are in place. The current crisis shows clearly why it is needed so much and has also served to prepare the Church for new ways of discipling the nations.”

Steve Goss, International Director

FREEDOM IN CHRIST COURSE TRANSLATIONS

Afan Oromo	Farsi	Polish
Albanian	French	Portuguese
Amharic	German	Russian
Arabic	Hindi	Shona
Brazilian Portuguese	Hungarian	Sinhalese
Bulgarian	Indonesian	Spanish
Burmese	Italian	Swahili
Simplified Chinese	Kinyarwanda	Tamil
Traditional Chinese	Kiswahili	Thai
Croatian	Korean	Urdu
Czech	Latvian	Welsh
Danish	Malay	Yoruba
Dutch	Norwegian	

SPONSOR A TRANSLATION OR PRINTING!

Usually a translation of the Freedom In Christ Course is what enables us to get started in a new country. The translations on this page are already finished but there are many others needed. If our prospective leader has to do it themselves or rely on volunteers, it can take years.

It costs from around \$6,000 to have a professional translation done but it enables us to get started so much sooner.

To find out what languages are currently awaiting translation or printing, please email office@freedominchrist.org



AFRICA



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: HOWARD (& AILEEN) OSTENDORFF

- There has been further development on the opening of the ministry in Zambia. Alick Phiri has applied to be the national representative and has completed most of the requirements.
- A potential applicant has been found in Rwanda. The Kinyarwanda Discipleship Course has been published and the Steps should be out soon.
- There has been significant relationship building and training in Sierra Leone with two denominations. Howard, Ibrahim and Raffie led three training events for leaders.
- Lisa Travis has helped with the development of Freedom In Christ in Liberia along with Ibrahim Dikko.
- Visit to Mozambique by Samuel and Helcio from Freedom in Christ Portugal to teach The Freedom In Christ Course Africa version in Portuguese (photo on next page).



Potential new countries



GHANA

A potential representative has been identified.



RWANDA

The Kinyarwanda translation of the latest Discipleship Course has been published and the Steps should be out soon. Howard is working with the pioneer representative who is on the Transform programme.



ZAMBIA

Alick Phiri has applied to be the national representative and has completed most of the requirements. He is functioning as the local contact and plans to go through a personal Steps appointment in the near future. There have been three introductory training events with a high level of interest.

OTHER NEWS

NEW AREA DIRECTOR: Ibrahim Dikko

Howard and Aileen took up the role of Area Director on the basis that they would be working towards being able to find an African replacement. They sense the time has now come for this to take place so from May 2021 Ibrahim Dikko (pictured right with his wife Zainab) will take over as Area Director for Africa. Ibrahim has served on the International Board as the African representative for the last few years and has been very active in teaching at training events alongside Howard in Niger Republic, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Ghana.

Below: Ibrahim and Howard with the Ghanaian team.



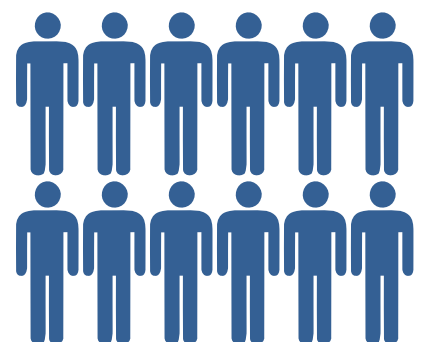
Right: Samuel and Helcio teaching The Freedom in Christ Course in Portuguese at an event in Mozambique.

ETHIOPIA



Population

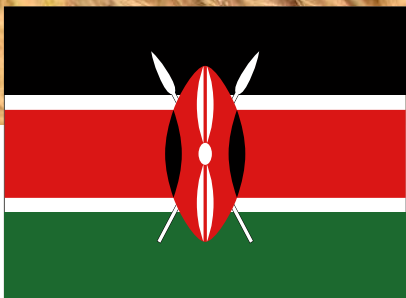
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MILLION



National Leader:	Zemen Endale
Christians in the country:	64% - 46% Orthodox (since 370 AD) and 18% Evangelical (since 1900 AD).
Religious situation:	Christians in Ethiopia face persecution from radical Islam, the government - and sadly, even from each other.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course has been translated into Amharic and Afan Oromo (not yet printed).
Highlights in last 12 months:	Three terms of 21 days training in Sululta. More than 200 hundred leaders have been trained.

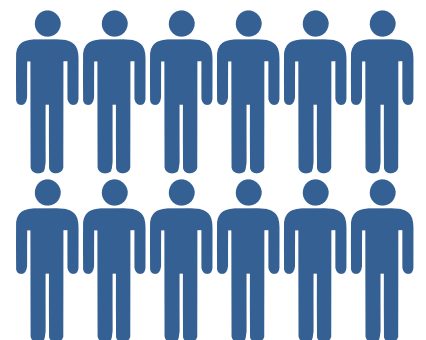


KENYA



Population

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MILLION



Interim Coordinator:	Caroline Kihanda
Christians in the country:	80%+
Religious situation:	The nation is very receptive and sensitive to God, however also traditional values are a stronghold in the people's hearts.
Resources available:	Freedom In Christ Course; Grace Course; Freed To Lead.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Church members taking key leadership roles in discipling through the Discipleship course; open doors to new churches to do the Freedom In Christ courses; a local Kenyan, Emmanuel, taking leadership of Freedom In Christ as the country leader.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Raising financial support.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We are very lucky to have youth leaders who are connected to the Executive Director and would love to take their youth through the material.

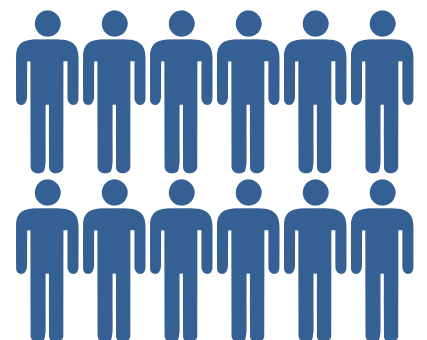


LIBERIA



Population

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MILLION



National Leader:	Christine Norman
Christians in the country:	85.5%
Religious situation:	The church has been present but a lack of training and finances due to war and economic issues has hindered the growth of the church and the depth of spiritual development.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course, Steps To Freedom and The Grace course can be ordered from Nigeria.
Highlights in last 12 months:	<p>We were introduced to Bethel church Liberia by Lisa Travis and were to train the leaders in Monrovia but it was shifted to Ganta, where we trained about 110 participants in September. Of these, 97 of them qualified for the certificates. They were mostly women who were hungry for the word of God. There were some great testimonies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A girl of 7 years was delivered from witchcraft. She confessed to have been manipulated by her late father to kill her mother. • A man forgave his own brother who was instrumental and participated in the killings of their family members during the war. • An angry past church member forgave his pastor.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Helping change the mind set of pastors to understand the need for Freedom In Christ.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Tage Swallie has worked with youth for several years using the truths of the Discipleship Course.

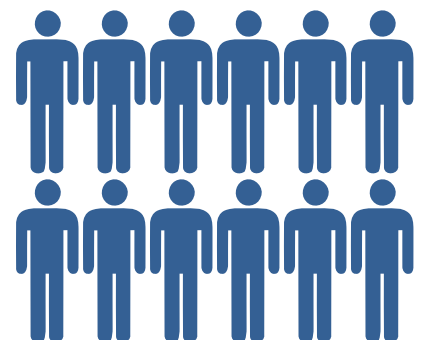


NIGERIA



Population

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MILLION



National Leader:	Reverend Samson Oluwadamilare
Christians in the country:	48.3%
Religious situation:	Causes of religious violence in Nigeria are: religious intolerance, religious fanaticism, militant preaching/evangelism, poverty, and wrong religious orientation.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course is available in English, Yoruba and Hausa; Grace Course; Freed To Lead; Making Fruitful Disciple's Course; Setting Your Marriage Free; Helping Others Find Freedom in Christ; Transforming Discipleship event.
Resources in development:	The Grace Course (Yoruba); The Steps to Freedom In Christ (Yoruba); The Freedom In Christ Course (French).
Highlights in last 12 months:	Transforming Discipleship event for 26 pastors and church leaders in Tabligo, Togo. Transforming Discipleship event for 52 pastors and church leaders in Kontagora, Niger State, North Central Nigeria. Teaching the inmates in Ife Prison, Ile ife, Osun State and Ogbomosho Prison farm center, Ogbomosho, Oyo State the Freedom in Christ message.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Raising the right people to lead the Ministry in states where God is beginning to open the doors. Getting donors who will give to support the ministry, and personal support for Samson.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Develop the Living Free In Christ Conference for the younger generation.

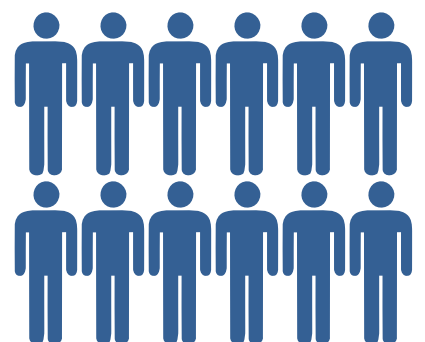


SOUTH AFRICA



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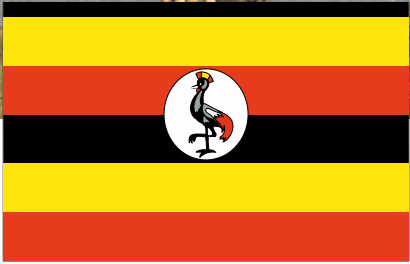
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MILLION



National Leader:	Reverend Jonothan and Sandy Christie
Christians in the country:	81%
Religious situation:	Islam is growing in South Africa. There are areas where Christianity is mixed with traditional African belief systems. The Gospel can still be openly proclaimed.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course, Freedom In Christ Youth Course, The Grace Course. All the new resources are available in South Africa.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Getting a Freedom In Christ Course running in the farming community where Jono and Sandy are serving the Lord, within the Methodist Church of South Africa.
Plans to reach younger generations:	There have been schools using the Freedom In Christ Youth Course, and they want to encourage them to use the new Lightbringers material.

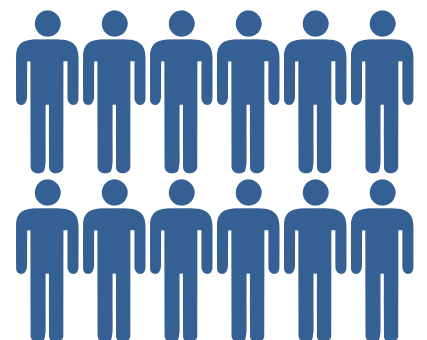


UGANDA



Population

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MILLION



National Leader:	Josh Shaarda
Christians in the country:	84%
Religious situation:	Majority of the population claims to be Christian but many are nominal. Traditional African beliefs are still followed by many Christians, though practiced in secret. Understanding of the Bible is minimal in rural areas. Islam is aggressively trying to expand throughout Uganda.
Resources available:	The simplified Freedom In Christ Course as a primary tool; Setting Your Marriage Free; Victory in Christ - a simplified study of Victory Over the Darkness; Freedom from Bondage - a simplified study of The Bondage Breaker; Discipleship Counseling. The Freedom In Christ Course, Victory Over the Darkness and The Bondage Breaker are available. However, due to illiteracy and lack of electricity these materials are seldom used.
Resources in development:	Simplified materials based on The Grace Course and Freed to Lead.
Highlights in last 12 months:	God has expanded the prison ministry. Eleven people now minister in five prisons on a weekly basis. Some prison officials and a judge have begun to acknowledge the transformation in the lives of inmates. God opened the door for radio ministry at a second radio station. Even during covid lockdowns, this ministry has continued to teach many people. God continued to expand the reach of Freedom In Christ in Uganda. Church leaders have been touched by the truths and by the steps to freedom. They voluntarily share the message with others. Monthly prayer meetings for FICM Uganda have begun.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Covid regulations has limited the mobility of trainers and stopped us from gathering in groups or entering prisons to teach. Identifying qualified people to lead Freedom In Christ Ministries Uganda: additional board members, a Ugandan national leader and a board president.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Leading The Freedom In Christ Course in a local high school each week. A couple of trained youth in Freedom In Christ are teaching it to others. About half of the people we are training in prisons are under 30.



A PERSONAL JOURNEY FOR LEADERS INTO GREATER FREEDOM, FRUITFULNESS AND DISCIPLE-MAKING

Freedom In Christ specializes in equipping Christian leaders worldwide to be all that God is calling them to be, and releasing them to make the greatest possible Kingdom impact on earth.

In our experience, it is leaders who personally connect deeply with the core Biblical principles of identity, freedom, and transformation that withstand the schemes of the enemy and go on to make a real difference by becoming leaders who grow nation-transforming disciples of Jesus.

TRANSFORM is a ten-month program (conducted online in small groups with two face-to-face retreats) which encourages leaders first of all to “take off their leader’s hat” and experience the message of Freedom In Christ for themselves.

Now in its third (and final) pilot year, over 300 leaders from 50 countries are taking part. In 2021 it will be launched “for real” and opened to a wider audience.

“TRANSFORM has been the best investment I’ve made in my own growth as a leader in a long time.”

“TRANSFORM totally changed my life.”

Ministering out of rest



TRANSFORM

with  FREEDOM IN CHRIST

THREE YEARS OF PILOTS

Participants work in small “hubs” of eight or so people, meeting together regularly electronically and, where possible, once or twice face-to-face on retreat.



GLOBAL

The core Biblical principles at the heart of TRANSFORM apply universally. The Transform programme is currently running in Europe, Africa, Asia, North America and Latin America with teaching in English, Albanian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

QUANTUM LEAP

We anticipate an exponential increase in the number of Christian leaders who experience TRANSFORM as its reputation spreads and as our Quantum Leap online learning platform is developed.

“TRANSFORM is a journey where you dive into truths and are deeply challenged to be more like Jesus.”

CONSIDER JOINING TRANSFORM 2021

[FREEDOMINCHRIST.ORG/TRANSFORM](https://freedominchrist.org/transform)

ASIA & AUSTRALASIA



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: STEPHEN CHEAH

- Representatives have been appointed for Malaysia and New Zealand. The representative for Australia stepped down in December 2018.
- Bishop Mano Daniel, Chair of our India Board, is keeping the India office going since Isaac Manogarom stepped down as Director. We were so sad to hear that Isaac succumbed to Covid during the year and died, aged 50.
- Ongoing Chinese translations (both Simplified and Traditional Chinese) of The Freedom In Christ Course, The Grace Course, Freed To Lead, The Discipleship Series are being carried out by a partner ministry focused on resourcing the house church movement in China.
- The Korean translation of The Freedom in Christ

Course is now completed and is undergoing design layout in preparation for publishing.

- We are working with a local Malaysian Christian book distributor to ensure resources are available within the South-East Asia region.
- The Tamil translation of the Freedom in Christ was published.



Potential new countries



TAIWAN

Taiwan Campus Crusade for Christ is keen to promote the use of our resources.



MYANMAR

A potential National Representative has been identified and is in training.



SOUTH KOREA

A potential National Representative has been identified and is working on a translation.

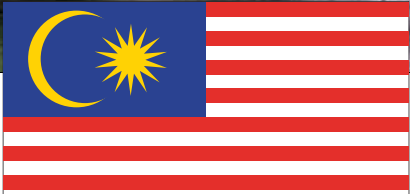
OTHER NEWS

Potential New Countries And Activities

- The Myanmar (Burmese) translation work is being undertaken by Naing and his wife Pam (right) and is in the final stages of editing and revision.
- In Thailand the Thai translation of the new Freedom In Christ Course is complete, with discussions on the next steps with the Evangelical Church of Bangkok. We are actively looking for local Thais with a passion for the Freedom message. Work continues with missionaries in Chiangmai in northern Thailand also.
- Foreign missionaries are using Freedom In Christ resources in India, Philippines, and Vietnam.
- A UK church who planted a church in the Philippines are spearheading a Tagalog translation of the Freedom In Christ Course.
- A member of the New Zealand team is working with a local Papua New Guinea contact who is keen to teach the Freedom message.
- Resources are available in Singapore and churches are using them.
- 22 participants from Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore and South Korea are participating in this year's TRANSFORM journey for leaders.

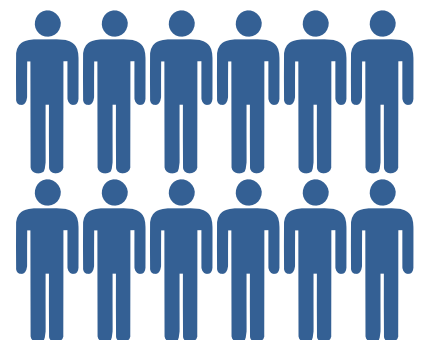


MALAYSIA



Population

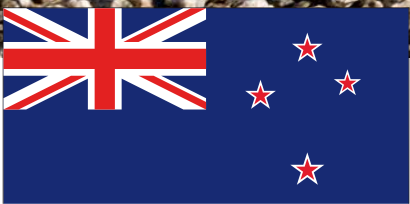
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MILLION



National Leader:	Stephen Cheah
Christians in the country:	9-10%
Religious situation:	<p>Islam is the dominant religion with more than 60% of the population. The next largest group is Buddhism/Taoism (20%). Hinduism makes up about 6% of the population.</p> <p>Constitutionally, Malaysia is a secular country with Islam as the official religion, and practices freedom of worship. However laws do not allow non-Muslims to proselytize to the Muslims, and it is almost impossible to convert out of Islam.</p>
Resources available:	All are available.
Resources in development:	Have gone through all courses except the 2017 Freedom In Christ Course and The Lightbringers.
Highlights in last 12 months:	<p>Conducting Making Fruitful Disciples when invited by churches.</p> <p>Making Resources available locally at affordable prices in co-operation with a local Christian book distributor.</p>
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Reaching out to the indigenous church who form the biggest segment of the Malaysian church.
Plans to reach younger generations:	No specific plans aside from making the resources aimed at the younger age groups available.

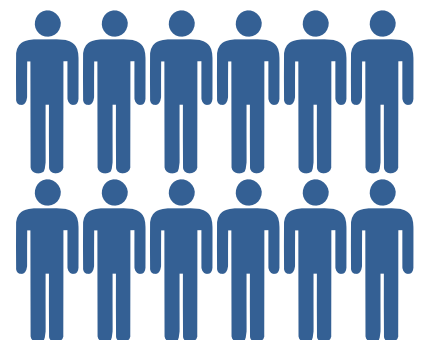


NEW ZEALAND



Population

5
MILLION



National Leader:	Stuart Turner
Christians in the country:	25%
Religious situation:	Stable. New Zealand is a diverse country with general harmony amongst faith groups and ethnic cultures. However, as with most western countries the Christian faith has been marginalized by society and media.
Resources available:	All courses are available here.
Highlights in last 12 months:	I have been encouraged by the response of leaders that have led courses and by feedback: 'This has reinvigorated my Christian faith.' (Age 83). 'God has been doing business with me.'
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Time, finances, open doors.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Promotion via social media, promotion to youth leaders.





BRINGING THE FREEDOM MESSAGE TO THE MIDDLE KINGDOM

Amazing Stories

China is the world's biggest mission field and faces severe restrictions on religious freedom. Many organizations send missionaries in secret in order to bring the Gospel to its 1.2 billion people and to equip the Chinese Church to bring the message of God's love to their own people.

The official church recognized by the Chinese government has to swear allegiance to the Communist Party, so many small independent house churches operate unofficially and in secret. God has placed the burden of equipping these house churches (also called the "underground church") with a number of Christian ministry.

A leader of one of these organizations was introduced to us by a Freedom In Christ team member because they were looking for a model such as the Freedom In Christ approach to equip the underground church.

Their vision is to distribute it, along with other key resources, on an SD card, a tiny memory card that can be put into a mobile/cell phone. It is accessed using a specially-developed non-internet dependent app. Resources on the card include Bible versions, a Bible commentary, worship

songs and videos, sermons, and Christian books. The SD card can be freely copied once in the hands of Chinese Christians.

God had impressed upon them that they were to produce and distribute at least a million of these SD cards in China.

Stephen Cheah, our Asia Director, met with them and shared our vision of equipping the Church to transform the nations. "Coincidentally" we had just finished translating the Freedom In Christ Course into Chinese but had no idea how to get it into the hands of the Chinese Church!

We became partners with this ministry and they not only wanted to include our materials but they embraced the Freedom message for themselves. Their staff have gone through our courses and have some amazing testimonies.

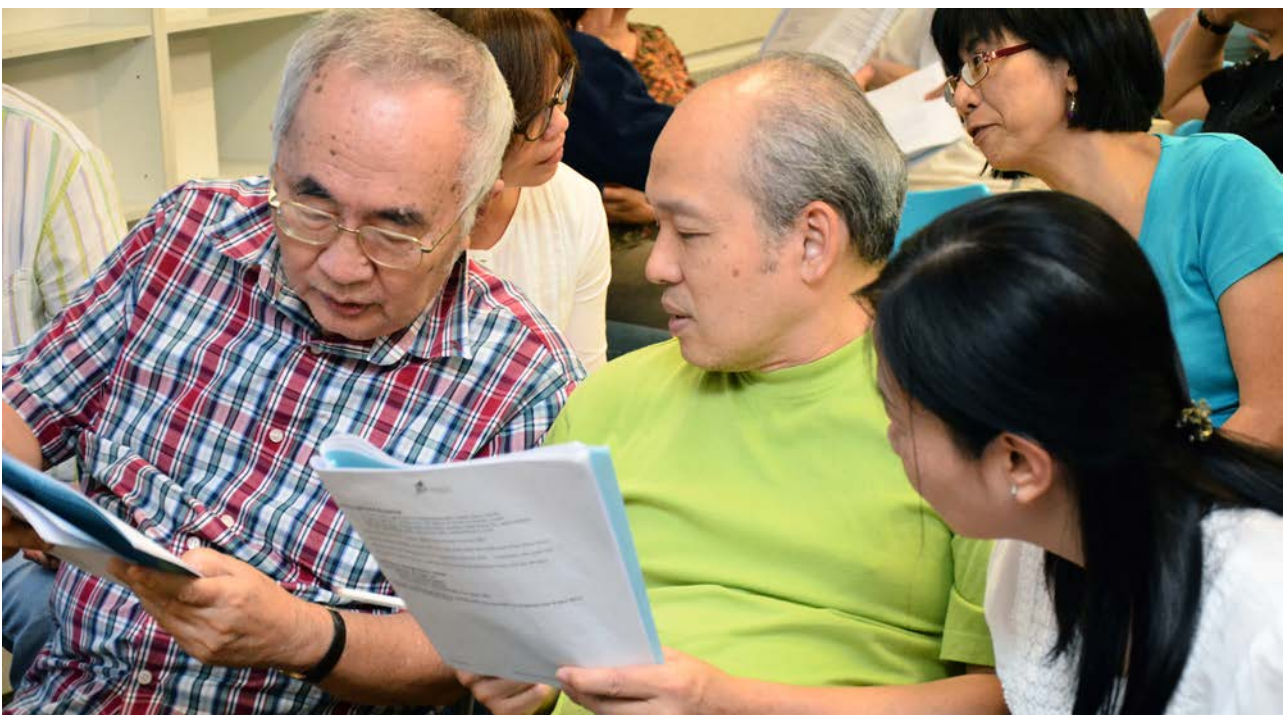
They have now translated not just the Freedom In Christ Course but all of our key resources for distribution on the SD card and have already distributed over 100,000 of the cards in China. There is evidence that each one is copied multiple times once it arrives. We feel so privileged to play a part in serving the Chinese Church.

FREEDOM IN CHINA



Steve and Zoë Goss with leaders from the Chinese underground church in 2013 at a theological seminary in Seoul, Korea.

The amazing partnership described on the previous page means that we now have key resources translated into Chinese and they are available for us to distribute to the Chinese diaspora around the world. They are available via print-on-demand platforms such as Amazon and are already being used in many nations. Stephen Cheah says, “Isn’t our God simply amazing? Our responsibility is to be faithful and obedient to all that He has called us to, and the rest is His responsibility.”



EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: PETER MARIS

- Europe Area Retreat in Albania - attended by 42 delegates from Europe and the Middle East.
- We have an approved national leader or leader in training in 23 countries.
- New National Coordinators appointed for Poland and the Czech Republic
- There is some form of Freedom In Christ activity and several translations in progress in 19 countries.
- The launch of the second pilot of TRANSFORM, Freedom In Christ Ministries International's 10 month personal transformation leadership programme. Alongside leaders from around the world we had 30 leaders from 10 European countries participating in the programme including a retreat in Albania.

There are very encouraging connections and opportunities developing to see Freedom In Christ introduced into:

- Austria
- Egypt
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- The Russian speaking church.

Potential new countries



BULGARIA



DENMARK



ISRAEL

OTHER NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Peter Maris as our new Area Director for Europe, pictured above with his wife Annemarie. He takes over from Carolyn Jackson.

Steve Goss, International Director, says, “Carolyn has done an absolutely outstanding job in leading the Europe Area and also our developing work in the Middle East. She hands over a vibrant, growing community to Peter and Annemarie. I’ve known Peter and Annemarie since 2012 and have seen them do a fantastic job in developing Freedom In Christ in the Netherlands and also in Albania, as well as serving as Assistant Area Director in Europe. I can’t think of anyone better suited to taking over the leadership of our largest area. I’m very excited to see what develops!” As she stepped down from the role, Carolyn Jackson said, “Since 2015 it has been my privilege and joy to serve as Area Director and play my part in a such wonderful team of godly men and women.”



Based in the Netherlands, Peter and Annemarie have three grown-up children. Until 2009 Annemarie worked with people with special needs and Peter was head of a sales department but they gave up their jobs to go as missionaries bringing humanitarian aid to Albania.

A year or so later a French missionary gave them a copy of the Freedom In Christ Course, saying, “It will be helpful in your work for the Lord but it is not necessary to make it your ministry”. It made a great impact on them and they found themselves telling many Albanian pastors about it. Peter then felt called to translate the course into Albanian and made contact with Freedom In Christ Ministries.

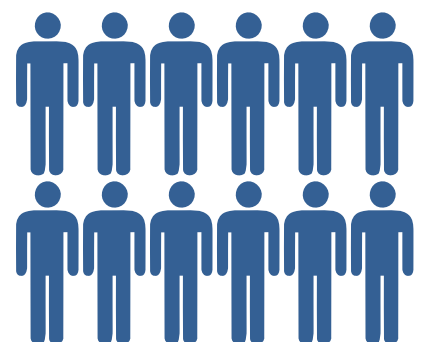
Steve Goss invited him to a gathering of Freedom In Christ people from around the world in 2012 where he met Jan and Nellie Kits who had started Freedom In Christ in the Netherlands. Some years later, they asked Peter whether he would succeed them and so, after seven years in Albania, Peter and Annemarie returned to the Netherlands in 2018. They left behind a fully-functioning office in Albania under the leadership of Pastor Arjan Larashi.

ALBANIA



Population

3
MILLION



National Leader:	Arjan Larashi
Christians in the country:	1%
Religious situation:	Albania has been in a communist dictatorship for 46 years. In 1991 we started democracy! Since then the Gospel has spread across Albania. Most of the population are atheists or nominal Muslims. Nearly 8% are Catholics, 6% Greek Orthodox and 1% Evangelists (Protestants). There is a small active population of Muslims who attend the mosques (around 4%). There is freedom in religious believing in Albania but there is a pressure from the other Muslim countries, like Turkey, on the Government to support more Muslim religion in Albania.
Resources available:	We have translated The Freedom In Christ Course and the Grace Course into Albanian. Soon we will have completed the Freed to Lead course.
Resources in development:	We are working with the Freedom In Christ Course and The Grace course.
Highlights in last 12 months:	We will publish the third discipleship course in Albanian "Freed to Lead" soon. The executive team of Freedom In Christ Ministries Albania foundation is getting stronger. We are holding seminars and spreading the message of Freedom in the country and out to Balkan countries too.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Establishing a strong Freedom In Christ Ministries team ready to transfer the courses in the churches and in the Balkans. Transformed leaders ready to transform the others and the country too.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We will support pastors and leaders to use the Freedom In Christ courses for their youths.

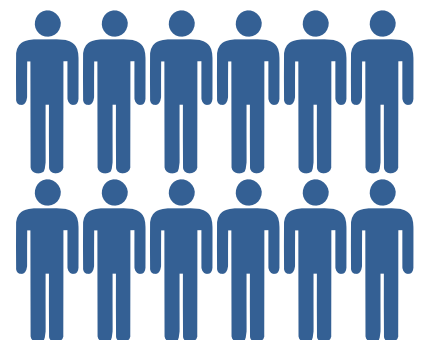


CZECH REPUBLIC



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MILLION

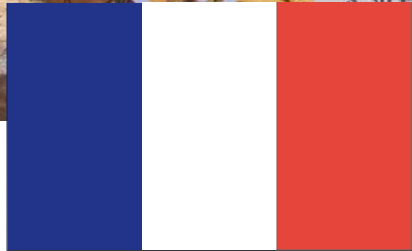


National Leader:	Petr Kacha
Christians in the country:	20.6% (according to the census in 2011) but that includes Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and nominal Christians. The estimated number of evangelical (bible believing) Christians is 1 - 2%.
Religious situation:	The number of religious people is very low and is still dropping. The number of Muslims and other religions is very small.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course.
Resources in development:	Finishing translation and publishing of: The Grace Course; Freed To Lead; and the Marriage Retreat.
Highlights in last 12 months:	A conference with Steve and Zoe Goss in March 2020 in Prague. Publication of the Freedom In Christ Course Backing of KMS (Christian Mission Society), an established and well-respected Christian organization with many years of experience and excellent contacts.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Spreading the courses around the churches in the Czech Republic. Starting the Transform program with church leaders across the local churches. Translation and publishing of other courses.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Translation of <i>disciple</i> .



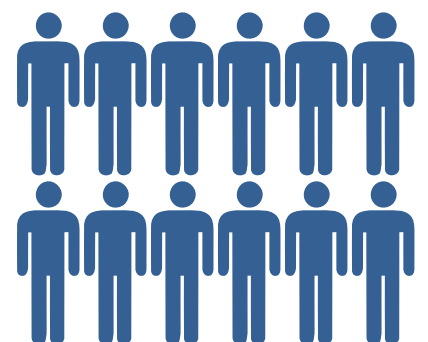


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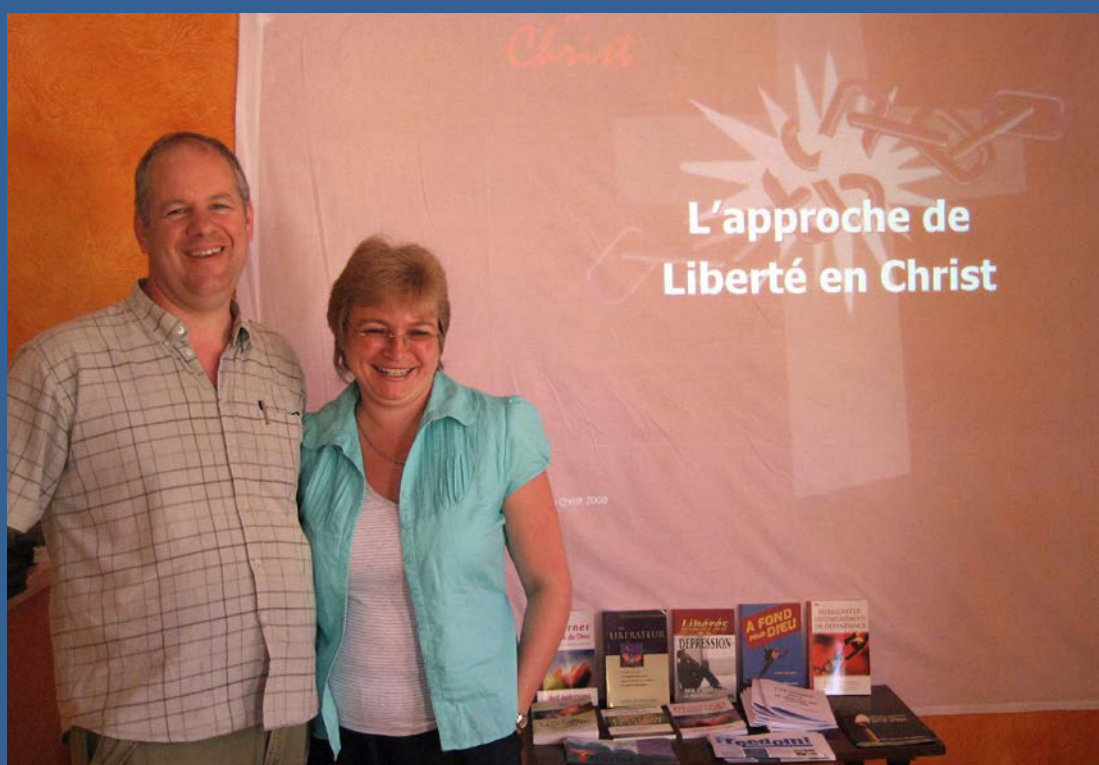


Population

65
MILLION



National Leader:	Tim Baynes Clarke
Christians in the country:	1.6% Protestant and 32% Catholic but only 13% practicing - at least one mass per annum.
Religious situation:	Protestantism is growing amongst the evangelical churches but otherwise secularization is the main trend and also encouraged by the government.
Resources available:	12 of Neil Anderson's books have been translated in the past - not all are available new but some secondhand. The Freedom In Christ Course and Steps were published in 2016.
Resources in development:	The four Discipleship series of books by Steve Goss are in the final stages of preparation; Making Fruitful Disciples and Helping Others Find Freedom In Christ events are ready we just have to complete work on the participants handouts; The Marriage course is ready for use; Setting the Church Free is being prepared.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Large gift to help publish the above developments; Use of The Discipleship Course for youth organized by the National Council of French Evangelicals.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Preparation of a simpler Discipleship Course for video use.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Already being done see above!

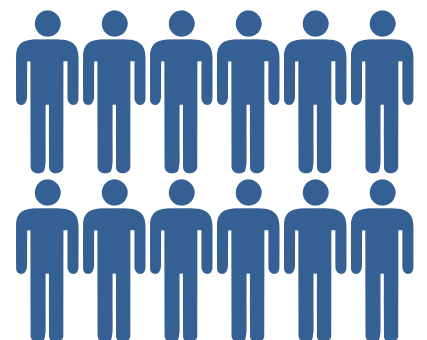


GERMANY



Population

83
MILLION



National Leader:	Roger Reber
Christians in the country:	Nominal Christians according to statistics of 2018: 54% (Evangelical 26%; Catholics 28%).
Religious situation:	Affluent and indifferent. There's yet to this day a clear line between Evangelicals and Charismatics.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course (Leader's and Student Guide), The Grace Course.
Resources in development:	The above as well as Neil T. Anderson's basic books, the Steps, the devotional (Daily in Christ), Discipleship Counselling, Walking in Freedom, Biblical Guide to Alternative Medicine.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Our message is more and more well received by leaders: they attend our seminars and are willing to integrate it in their teaching. We had very good sales this past year. We have a great core team and it works very well, given the fact that we all do this next to our regular jobs.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Wisdom to choose what seminars and courses to offer with our limited time at hand. Wisdom in choosing further members for our team. We are praying and looking for a suitable national leader.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Arthur Leichner the president of the trust, has connections to Youth with Christ Germany and we are hoping/looking for a youth organization to partner with us for this.

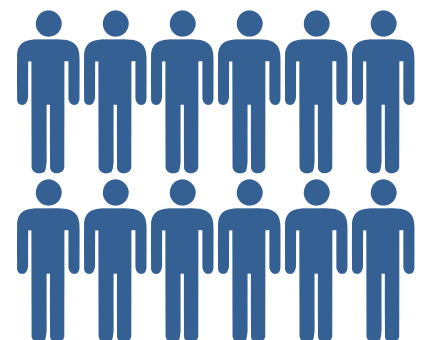


HUNGARY



Population

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MILLION



National Leader:	Antal Zoltán Vizy
Christians in the country:	53.8%.
Religious situation:	Catholic: 72.4% Orthodox: 0.2% Calvinist: 21.5% Lutheran: 4.1% Baptist: 0.4% Charismatic: 1.4%
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course, Walking in Freedom.
Resources in development:	The Grace course and the Youth course.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Identity in Christ was a key issue to discuss and share testimonies. Personal contact is necessary as very few people would attend conferences in Hungary. There are many discipleship materials in Hungary but the Freedom In Christ Course is more effective primarily because of the way it highlights, more than others, our relationship with God.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	To reach church leaders in a personal way. To develop more relationships with church leaders who are using the Discipleship Course regularly. To strengthen co operation and communication in the Freedom In Christ team and to create time alongside my expanding secular job.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We will create relationship with some youth organizations.

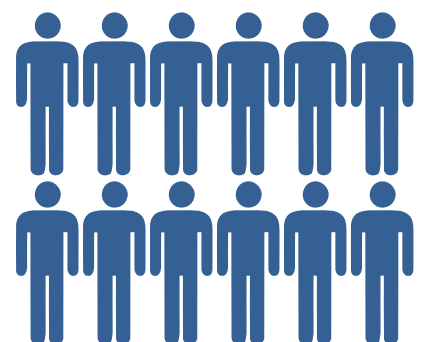


IRAN



Population

83
MILLION



National Leader:	Maggie Yeghnazar
Christians in the country:	Estimated over 2 million.
Religious situation:	Fanatic Islamic country, but people both inside and outside the country are very open to the gospel.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course including the Leaders Guide, Participants Guide, Steps To Freedom, the Discipleship series of four books by Steve Goss, the Course DVD and the Steps DVD.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Many new groups having gone through the course and the Steps, with amazing testimonies.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Introducing the course to new churches and weighing the possibility of translating another of the Freedom In Christ courses.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Not yet.

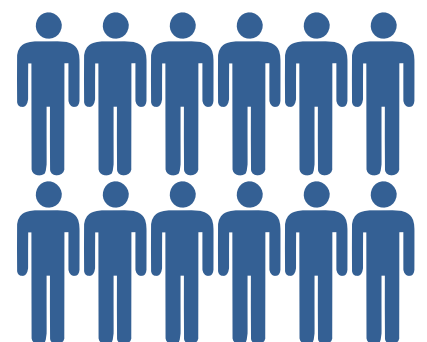


REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



Population

5
MILLION



National Leader:	Stuart M. Kenny and Elizabeth Breda Kenny.
Christians in the country:	75% Roman Catholic (down from 84% five years ago;) less than 5% Evangelical. Small and falling numbers of Church of Ireland (oldest average age), Methodists and Presbyterians.
Religious situation:	Catholicism steadily falling in numbers and ageing. Second largest population group is 'No Religion' (up by 74% from last census). Islam is up by over 30%. Independent Christian churches growing from small base. Ireland continues to rapidly secularize with a growing multi-cultural population.
Resources available:	All available.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Freedom In Christ Ireland Prayer Support Group (with more members about to be added) meets monthly for 2/3 hours. Focussed believing prayer is being answered in such encouraging ways. Doors are slowly opening and a network of contacts is being built. Freedom In Christ course held in Spring 2020 with latter half on ZOOM. Four of this group are now taking Personal Step Appointments and one is discussing Baptism. Two churches started a Freedom In Christ Course in their church in early 2020 and two of their pastors are now participating in the T20 Transform Programme which we expect to lead to growing contact within their church networks for Freedom In Christ International.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Significantly increase new church contacts as Covid 19 is now being managed. Launch The Grace Course and The Lightbringers. Increase awareness among church/ministry leaders of urgency of intentional discipling among all population sectors of the Body of Christ in Ireland.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Explore/test campaign from Spring 2021 to reach Children's/Youth Ministry Leaders and persuade them to introduce The Lightbringers and Disciple from September 2021. With the average age of the Irish population at 37.4 years, there is considerable scope for further loss of religious practice and vulnerability to further rapid secularization.

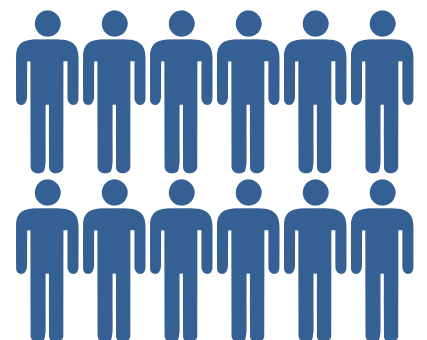


ITALY



Population

61
MILLION



National Leader:	Lesley Stroud Abbiati
Christians in the country:	Statistics say that 14.3 million citizens attend a house of prayer at least once a week. The most prayerful were aged over 75 whereas the lowest number were recorded in the age group 18 to 24.
Religious situation:	There is a rough estimate of between 350,000 and 400,000 protestants attending church.
Resources available:	The Bondage Breaker, Victory Over The Darkness, Walking in Freedom, The Discipleship series of four books, The Freedom In Christ Course and The Grace Course.
Resources in development:	A decision will be made between the latest edition of The Freedom In Christ Course or Freed To Lead.
Highlights in last 12 months:	The Europe area retreat in Albania and the positive feedback from the first Italian Grace Course in Italy.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Finding the right person to take over the website and social media and building a team with the Freedom In Christ vision for Italy with the aim of establishing an Italian office under a new leadership.



PRAYER AT THE CENTRE



Some highlights...

- The team of Prayer Coordinators around the world continues to grow as each national leader is encouraged to establish prayer as the foundation for the work of Freedom In Christ in their nation.
- Our first global 24 hours of prayer was an amazing time with around 90 people from the international Freedom in Christ family. We joined together via Zoom to worship, pray, and come before God.
- New projects like Transform and Quantum Leap have been surrounded by ongoing prayer.
- Board Chairs from ten countries meet regularly to share and pray for one another.
- Regular personal prayer support for each Area Director.



There are over 20 Freedom in Christ Prayer Coordinators supported and encouraged by our Prayer Coordinators Manager, Sue Lindsay, pictured below with the Africa team.

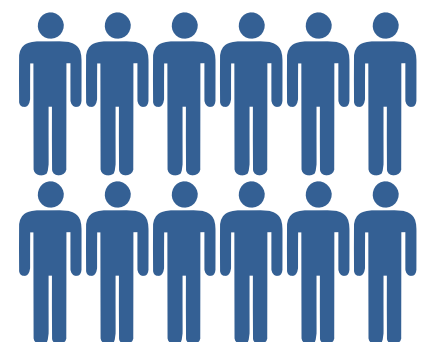


NETHERLANDS



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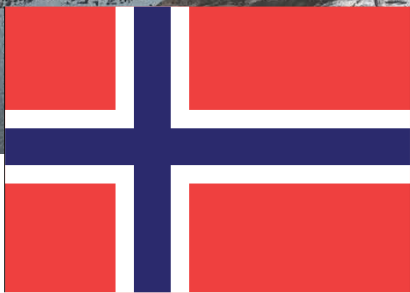
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MILLION



National Leader:	Peter Maris
Christians in the country:	Official church attendees are going down in number but a lot of believers are going to evangelical churches which are not included in these studies.
Religious situation:	Less than 41% of the population sees themselves as Christians.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course (13 sessions), The Grace Course, The Discipleship series and Freed to Lead. A lot of Neil Anderson's books have been published over the years by several publishers.
Resources in development:	The Freedom In Christ Course (10 sessions).
Highlights in last 12 months:	Several equipping days which were a combination of Making Fruitful Disciples and Helping Others Find Freedom in Christ. Courses via Zoom have been developed as well. Presentation to churches and conferences both in the Netherlands and in Belgium.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Expansion of the board and expansion of the executive team.

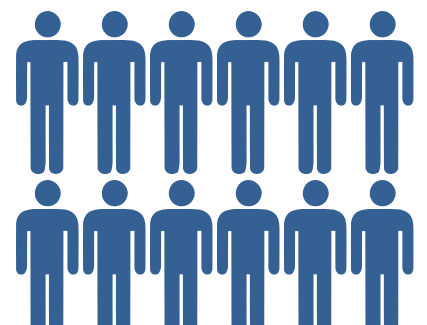


NORWAY



Population

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MILLION



National Leader:	Ole Kristian Sameien
Christians in the country:	Norway has a relatively small population: about 5,3 million inhabitants. About 88.5% are Christians, most of them nominal. 70% are members of the National Lutheran Church (Church of Norway). About 8% are Evangelicals. Source: Joshua Project
Religious situation:	Even though Norway has a long and strong Christian heritage, it is a very secular country. The general tendency in the big traditional churches is more liberal theology and a decreasing number of members. Despite this, there are good tendencies among the more evangelical and charismatic movements. New church plantings and immigration of Christians make up for some of the decline.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course published 2020.
Resources in development:	The Leader's Guide of The Freedom In Christ Course will hopefully be available as 'print on demand' or as an online resource by summer 2020.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Until now most of the focus has been on translating the resources. It is demanding and time consuming. It is great to finally see how we can move on to a new stage of the ministry. We also enjoyed Carolyn Jackson's visit in March and attending the European/Middle East Retreat in Albania.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Establish and recruit a national team of Freedom In Christ "ambassadors". Promote the Freedom In Christ Course to churches and organizations. Make The Freedom in Christ Leader's Guide available as 'print on demand' or online. Find a way for the National Representative to use more work hours for Freedom In Christ funding.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Our goal is to promote the Freedom In Christ Course for young adults. Hopefully we will be able to translate the Freedom In Christ resources for younger generations in the future.

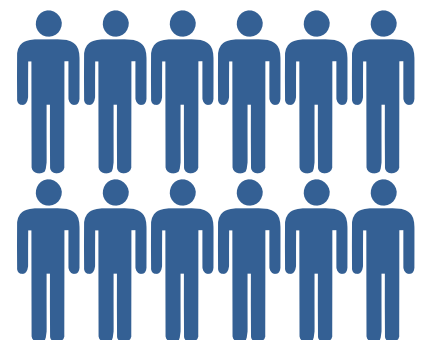


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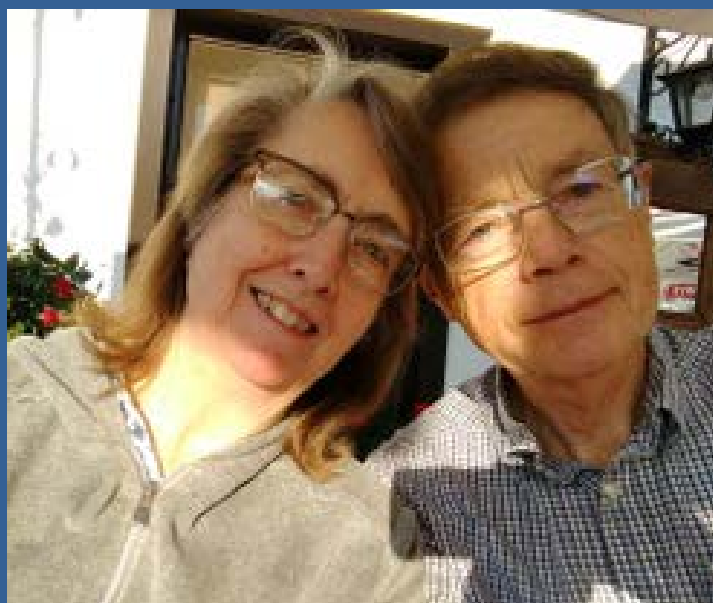


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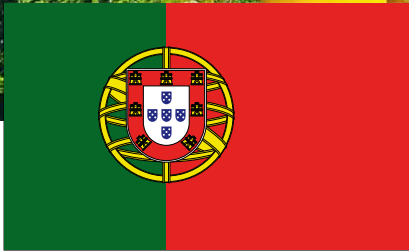
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National Leader:	James Harris
Christians in the country:	Depends on the definition of Christian. I would guess that about 10% are Christians in the sense of born again believers.
Religious situation:	Poland is the most strongly Roman Catholic country in Europe. It is officially about 98% Roman Catholic and 2% Protestant. Regular church attendance is more or less 100% among the elderly, dropping to about 25% among young people, and overall about 42%. There's a fair amount of superstition, folk customs and cults mixed in with this. In the more conservative South and East of the country, Marianism is very strong.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course.
Resources in development:	The Freedom in Christ Course, 2017 version of 'Steps' booklet, The Grace Course, 'Making Fruitful Disciples' seminar.
Highlights in last 12 months:	The Freedom in Christ Course ready for publication; 2017 version of 'Steps' booklet and The Grace course started.; Polish page set up on Freedom In Christ Ministries International website: Appointment of National Coordinator.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Getting a team together; publishing the Discipleship Course, Translating and publishing the 2017 version of the 'Steps' booklet, The Grace Course and 'Freed to Lead'; leading a hub through T20; preparing Polish versions of materials for a Polish T21 cohort; setting up a Polish web site.

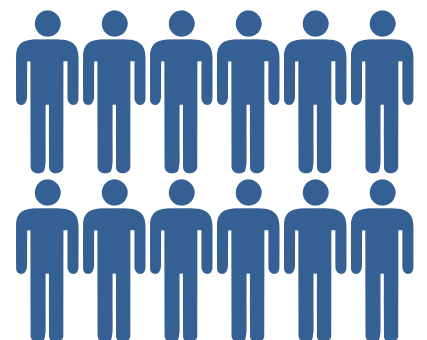


PORTUGAL



Population

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MILLION



National Leader:	Samuel Paulo Santos
Christians in the country:	About 1%.
Religious situation:	A strong tradition of conservative Catholicism, more so in the north than in the south, of the country, which is deeply linked to national identity. Fátima is an international centre of pilgrimage to Mary. Increasing secularization amongst youth and in big cities. Evangelical church growth is slow and is often seen as something foreign, compounded by the fact that a large proportion of church members are from ex-Portuguese colonies in Africa and Brazil.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course, Steps to Freedom in Christ, The Grace Course, Free To Lead, The Youth Course, The Freedom in Christ Course Africa version.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Launch of Free To Lead Course. Visit to Mozambique to present and teach The Freedom In Christ Course Africa version.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Official registration of the Freedom In Christ Ministry in Portugal. Increased reach within Portugal.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Hope to form a team to develop this area.

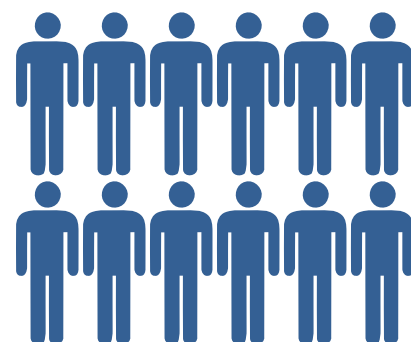


ROMANIA



Population

19
MILLION



National Leader:	Daniel Lavric
Christians in the country:	97.58%.
Religious situation:	In general the Christians are divided.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course, Setting Your Marriage Free, Freed to Lead.
Resources in development:	Steps to Setting Your Church Free.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Making Fruitful Disciples seminar at the University in Cluj Napoca with 70 Christian leaders. The Freedom In Christ Course with an entire church near Timisoara. Interview on the radio and Christian television about Freedom.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	To continue to find leaders for every region of Romania with good relationships with every Christian denomination.
Plans to reach younger generations:	To include young and mature leaders in our team.

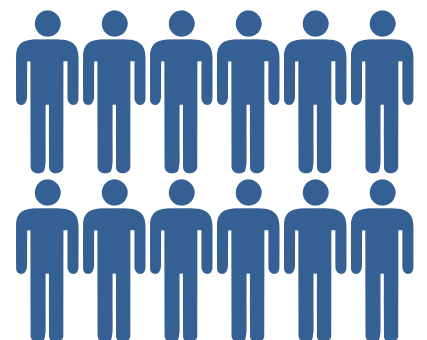


SPAIN



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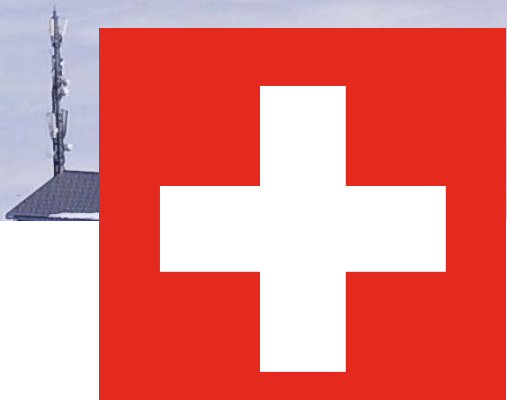
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National Leader:	Miguel Castillo stepped down in June 2019. We are looking for a new director. The President of our board is Juan Luis, a Catholic priest..
Christians in the country:	The percentage of Christians according to certain sources are as low as 1%. The religious make up of Spain according to Operation World is 67.7% Catholic, 26.9% atheist/non-believer, 2.8% other religions (including Evangelicals).
Religious situation:	Only 3% of Spaniards consider religion as one of their three most important values, even lower than the 5% European average. While more and more Spaniards are “former Catholics” there are renewal movements in the Catholic Church that are centered on Christ, Scripture, and prayer. Church planting in Spain in the evangelical context is growing significantly. Helping the church in all of its contexts to make disciples who know who they are in Christ, and not just converts is still a desperate need!
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course and The Grace Course.
Resources in development:	Subtitled the Freed to Lead course. The possibility of participating in a professional version of The Freedom in Christ Course recorded with Spanish speaking presenters.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Our Freedom In Christ board includes several Evangelical leaders and a Catholic priest who is also on the Alpha board. It is such an encouragement to work together. We have been able to financially support the printing and distribution of Freedom In Christ resource in places like Venezuela and Ecuador. New courses among both Evangelicals and Catholics in different regions of Spain. One priest who a bishop delegated as the “official exorcist” was trained by our team and has now run The Discipleship Course and Steps with three groups.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	We are praying for a new director that can help us grow.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We have one millennial on our board. We are interested in translating “Disciple” for young adults and being involved with the new youth course as a multi-cultural and multi-language on-line resource.

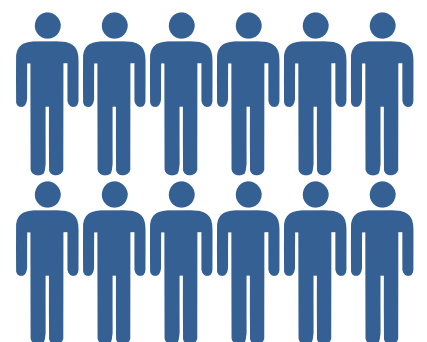


SWITZERLAND



Population

9
MILLION



National Leader:	Philip Bagdasarianz
Christians in the country:	4% born again believers, 60% nominal Christians, 25% non-denominational, 5% Muslim.
Religious situation:	Post modern society through and through. No biblical concept of 'truth'. Faith in science is strong, but dwindling. People build their own faith in a mixed bag of beliefs. Whatever 'works' is trusted. Over half of the people have never stepped into a religious building in the last year. Agnostics are growing.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course and The Grace Course.
Resources in development:	Freed to Lead, Disciple.
Highlights in last 12 months:	A German speaking hub for the Transform programme. Team decision in unity on what tools we want to proceed next with thanks to a core team of strongly dedicated, long-standing active members. Regular prayer happening thanks to our amazing prayer coordinator.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Staff to move the tool box of our resources ahead. To attract non Freedom In Christ leaders for our German speaking Transform course.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Translating Disciple in 2020.

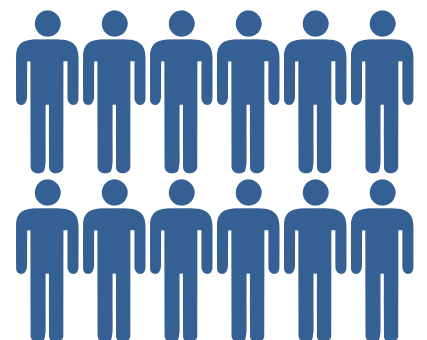


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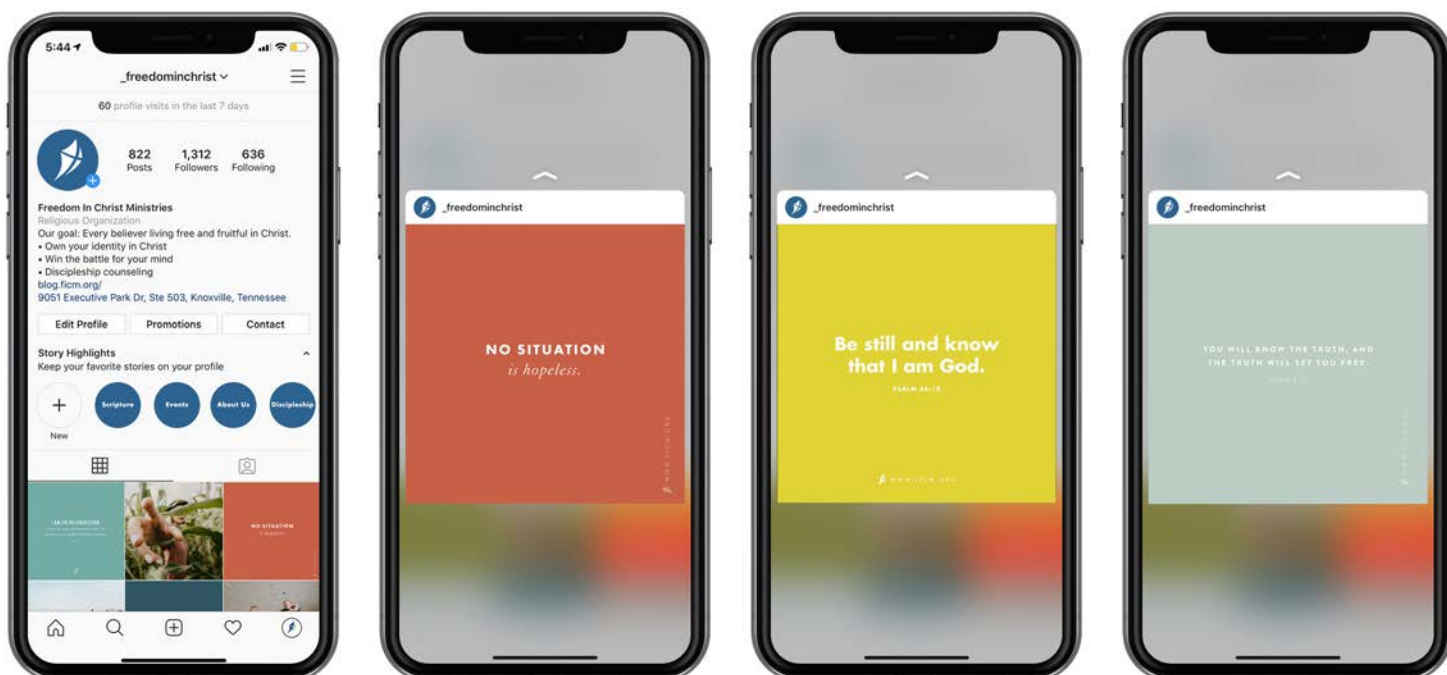
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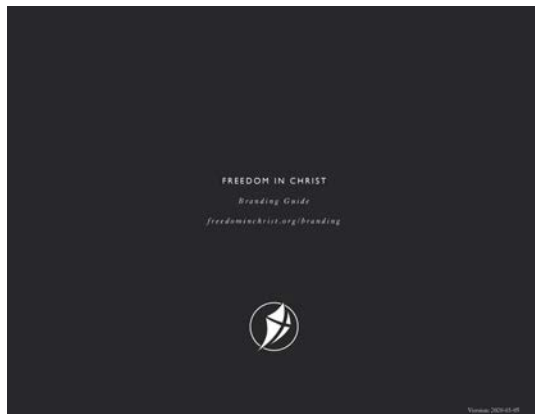
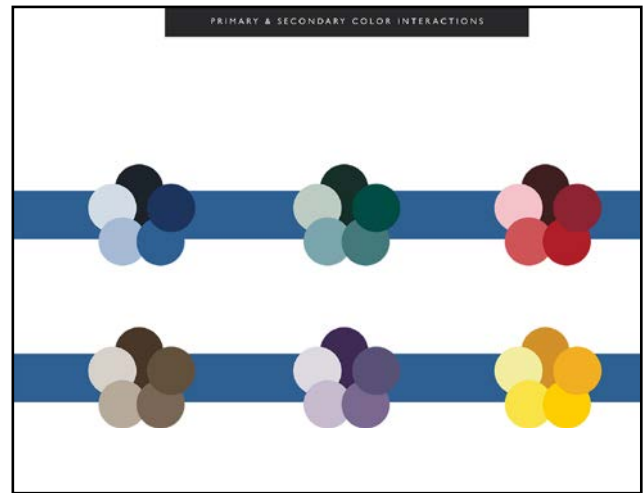


National Leader:	Rob Davies
Christians in the country	Nearly 60% of the UK's population identify as Christian. However, church attendance is estimated at just 9% of the population.
Religious situation:	Church attendance is declining at about 1.5% per year, but there is substantial growth in Pentecostal, Charismatic and "New" Churches, with some denominations growing by 10% per year. The number of churches in the UK is also growing, and hit 50,000 in 2017. Recent outreaches have witnessed a surprising appetite for the gospel, and evangelism programmes continue to attract over 250,000 per year. Nevertheless, 7 out of 10 of our youth fail to transition their faith into adulthood.
Resources available:	We are blessed to have all the Freedom In Christ courses available.
Resources in development:	We are currently making a Welsh translation of the Freedom In Christ Course and helping to develop a new Youth Course.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Launching Freedom Partners, a new programme, which is enabling us to discount our resources, proclaim the freedom message in every region of the UK and intentionally seek to reach younger generations. One of those initiatives has been piloting Freedom Academy, a nine month journey for 18-30s going deep into freedom principles. We're also excited about growing relationships with the international church in the UK, and supporting the UK church in global discipleship making – including the translation of the Freedom In Christ Course into Tagalog.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Helping the UK church to authentically reach and disciple younger generations. Seeking God's provision for the vision in the UK, lowering the cost of resources for those who can't afford it and building our team so we are present in every county of the UK.
Plans to reach younger generations:	The next pilot of Freedom Academy; training workshops for children's workers on using The Lightbringers; to continue to run our Discipleship Challenge workshop to equip churches to reach and disciple 18-30s in every region of the UK and help develop the new Youth Course.



NEW BRANDING





In March 2020 we launched something of an evolution in our branding, the guidelines for design that our national offices use for everything from websites to brochures to business cards.

Every Freedom In Christ office and every National Representative now present themselves to the world in a consistent way and it is much more obvious that we are all part of one global family.

Not only does this promise to make all of our efforts even more effective by ensuring recognition around the world, but it allows us to share designs so that one nation can take something done by another and adapt it with minimal effort.



LATIN AMERICA



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: ROBERTO REED (& NANCY MALDONADO REED)

- 10th anniversary celebration for Freedom In Christ Mexico led by William & Lourdes Gallardo.
- Making Fruitful Disciples training workshops in several Mexican cities including Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Oaxaca, and Mexico City.
- Nancy and I visited William and Lourdes, Freedom In Christ representatives in Mexico, and their wonderful team. We visited a model church that uses both Alpha and Freedom In Christ as core resources in their discipleship process. The lead pastor of this growing church of over 600 people has offered to help train other countries in Latin America with the Freedom In Christ message.
- Training leaders of two church movements in Bogotá, Colombia along with Modesto, a Catholic priest and also a Freedom In Christ leader from Spain.
- Training events in 2019 and early 2020 included Brazil, Ecuador, and Venezuela
- It has always been a huge challenge to get books into Latin American but print-on-demand and distribution is now up and running in over six Latin American countries.
- Potential new countries include Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Venezuela. We have leaders being trained who are actively exploring becoming national representatives in each of these countries.
- 120 participants from 15 countries are currently going through TRANSFORM in Spanish.

Potential new countries



VENEZUELA



COLOMBIA



COSTA RICA



ECUADOR

VENEZUELA

Adrián Arreaza along with his wife Linda have taken on the role as pioneer leaders for Freedom In Christ Venezuela, for a one year period. Adrian along with some other leaders have been able to accompany some local and national leaders of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) in a retreat going through the Steps and learning about strong-hold busting. Roberto and Nancy have also led a Making Fruitful disciples event there. Adrian has taken on the role as “pastor” of CRU leaders (Campus Crusade for Christ) Roberto and Nancy have also led a Making Fruitful disciples event there. He is on the training track to become the country representative.

COLOMBIA

Pray for bold next steps, protection, unity as a team and the invitation to run “Setting Bogotá Free” in the future. For Rubén Gutiérrez, our point person and coordinator for Colombia. Pray for unity and next steps for our interdenominational 20 people strong team. Pray for key Catholic contacts to become a part of this team. We have a 12+ strong pioneer leaders team in formation with people from almost every region of the country. The team also includes a pioneer prayer coordinator.

COSTA RICA

Evelyn and Franklin Turner are our pioneer leaders and have plans to be trained and become national representative. Last February they hosted a Making Fruitful Disciples training event with about 100 people in attendance.

ECUADOR

Lirio, our pioneer leader (far left in the photo on page 70), has been praying about this role and she and her husband sense from the Lord confirmation to go ahead. They have already done the Freedom In Christ Course (they took a full year and took several women through the Steps). Nancy has taken her through an individual Steps appointment. We have leadership now in both Quito and Guayaquil, the two largest cities.

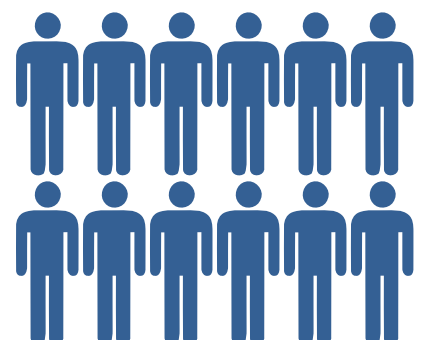


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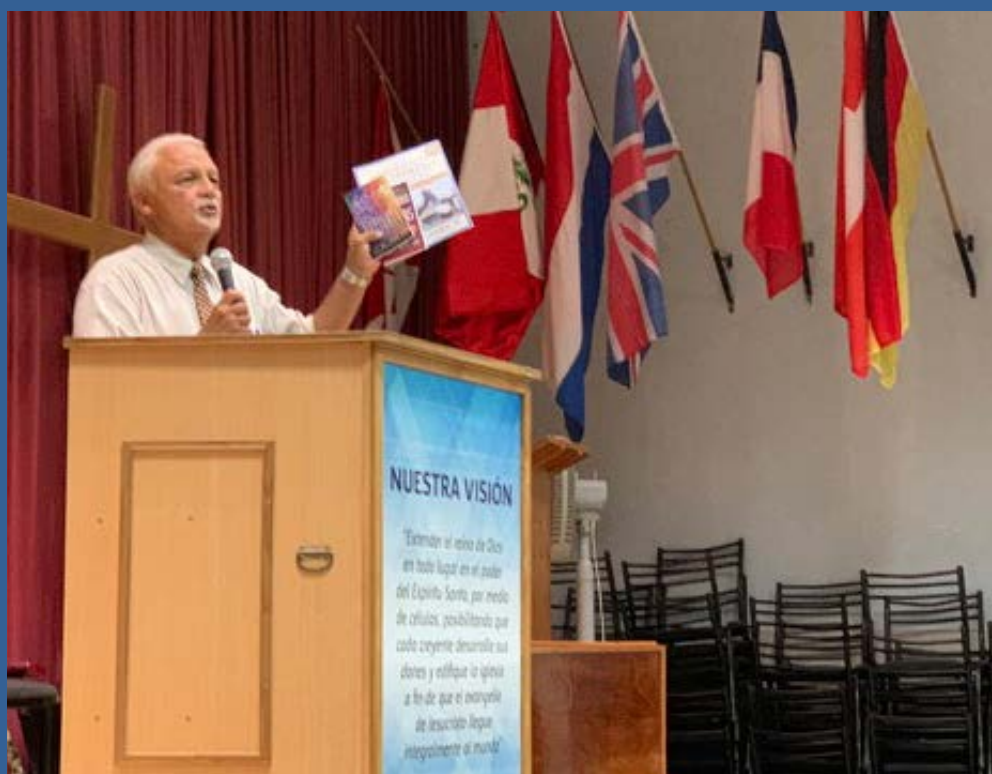


Population

45
MILLION



National Leader:	Juan Ovando (stepped down during the year)
Christians in the country:	11%.
Religious situation:	The Catholic religion prevails of which many are non-practising.
Resources available:	Victory Over the Darkness; The Bondage Breaker; The Steps to Freedom In Christ; The Freedom In Christ Course, The Grace Course, Setting Your Church Free.
Highlights in last 12 months:	In each ministry of the Steps people were challenged to repent, break habits that had enslaved them. There have been many testimonies, stories of repentance, and conversions to Christ.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	More churches to commit to dates to share the Ministry; more sessions of the Steps; more people to begin the process of Freedom In Christ with their people.
Plans to reach younger generations:	Prayer and share ministry; train pastors how to present and benefit from the ministry.

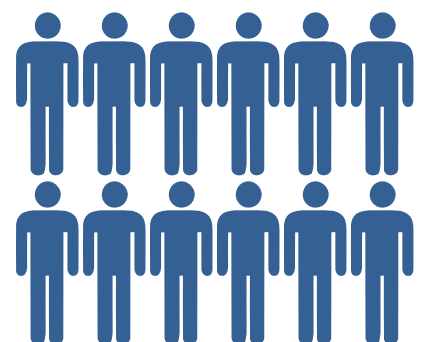


BRAZIL



Population

212
MILLION



National Leader:	Ana Alice Coelho
Christians in the country:	80 - 85%
Religious situation:	Most people say that they are Catholic or evangelical, but that does not mean that they really know Jesus.
Resources available:	The Steps to Freedom In Christ; The Freedom In Christ Course,
Resources in development:	The Grace Course; Freed To Lead.
Highlights in last 12 months:	In each ministry of the Steps people were challenged to repent, break habits that had enslaved them. There have been many testimonies, stories of repentance, and conversions to Christ.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Starting online meetings with leaders of other churches for the Freedom In Christ Course. Translating and publishing The Grace Course and Freed to Lead and finding the financial resources to do that.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We are looking at how we might use Disciple and The Lightbringers,

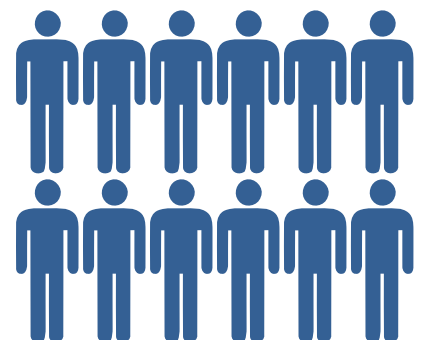


MEXICO



Population

128
MILLION



National Leader:	William José Gallardo and Lourdes Gallardo
Christians in the country:	8.3 % Evangelical, 82.7% Catholic. Source: Operation World.
Religious situation:	No religion 4.7%.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course (Leader's and Participant's guides); The Grace Course (Leader's and Participant's guides).
Resources in development:	This is being coordinated through Roberto Reed and Nancy Maldonado.
Highlights in last 12 months:	<p>"Llamado a la Libertad 2018" - 10th anniversary celebration of Freedom In Christ Mexico. Training for pastors, leaders and practitioners. 200 attended from all over the Mexican Republic.</p> <p>Social Media: Instagram 328 followers, Facebook 1,678 followers, and Twitter 78 followers. Translation of courses, books and implementation of them in churches in different regions of the country.</p>
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Recover the investment we have made in printing resources. Keep on training a group of pastors in Tabasco where the Lord is opening at least two more churches. Three new doors in two new states in our country that the Lord has opened for us. Waiting on the Lord and praying that there might be some response in Oaxaca for Freedom In Christ. Hoping to have "Walking in Freedom" available as soon as possible.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We have a strong work through social media and this allows us to be in contact with the younger generations. We are training our practitioners and children of pastors to teach the Freedom message through a translation we did of Neil T. Anderson's book for teenagers "Busting Free". We have recruited two women pastors who are specifically directed to university students. They are being trained to share the Freedom message in the most important and huge university in Mexico - UNAM. Some of our contacts (pastors) are millennials and through them the Freedom message touches young people.



PUBLISHING REVOLUTION



We have had a long and beneficial relationship with publishers on both sides of the Atlantic but came to the conclusion that the traditional publishing model was preventing us from being as flexible and dynamic as we want to be. We took the decision to establish our own publishing division and it is revolutionizing the way we get our message out.

The first resource to be published was *The Lightbringers*, a new resource for children that has been so well received. Publishing it ourselves meant that we were able to come up with a special Family Edition as an online-only resource. There are no books to print and dispatch, so it is available at a great price.

Next was our newest discipleship resource, *Keys To Health, Wholeness, & Fruitfulness*, which looks at the Freedom In Christ message from a medical perspective. We partnered with TBN to produce broadcast quality material but a seven-camera shoot in a state-of-the-art studio is expensive. Traditional publishers need to recoup those costs and so in the past we have had to charge quite high prices for videos. An unexpected gift came in at just the right time that exactly covered the cost of the filming so we are giving it away for free.

One of the most exciting aspects of being our own publisher is the ability to print books around the world as we need them in whatever quantity we choose, whether that is a thousand copies or just one. “Print on demand” is revolutionizing the service we can offer in many countries. It also means that we will be able to offer all of the 30+ translations of our Freedom In Christ course from wherever you are in the world. No longer do those who require the Portuguese version have to order it via our Portuguese office with all of the currency charges, customs charges, and time involved in that. They can simply order it online via Amazon or similar retailers and it will be printed locally and dispatched to them quickly at a much lower cost than before. Christian bookstores can order from us too. We are excited about the possibility of different language groups in a church going through the course at the same time.

We’re not dispensing with the services of our traditional publishers completely, however. They have been fantastic, reliable partners for many years and have enabled our message to reach millions. We will continue to work with them to produce revised versions of our existing resources from time to time and, where it makes sense, will also put new resources through them.



New resources to equip the Church

SOME PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE:

New Youth Discipleship Course: a totally new multi-media, multi-language online resource to help churches disciple teens.

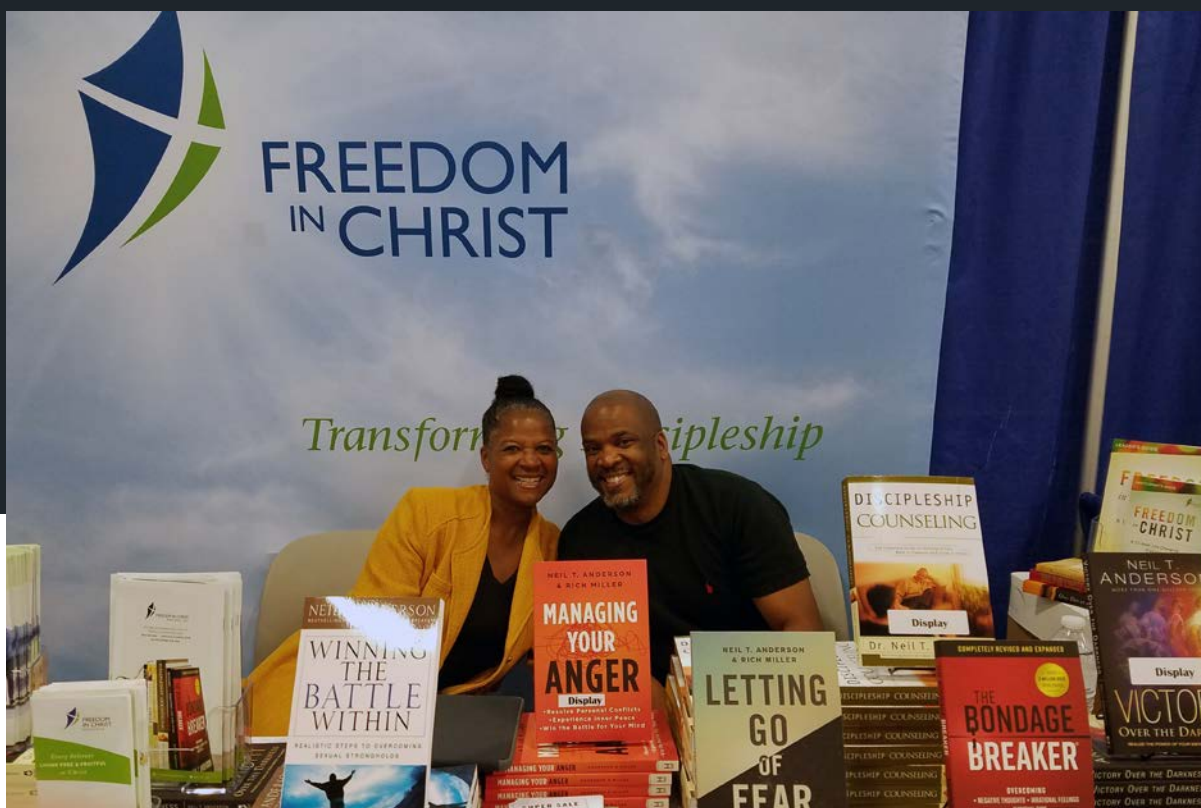
Corporate Freedom: a course to help churches understand and put into practice the Biblical principles of corporate freedom that are so little understood but that make such a difference.

Unraveling The Lie Knot by Sheryl Giesbrecht: a book to help women apply the Freedom In Christ approach and choose truth over lies.

From Slavery To Freedom by Daryl & Stephanie Fitzgerald with Neil Anderson.



NORTH AMERICA & CARIBBEAN



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: DAN STUDD

- Dan Studd, President of Freedom in Christ USA, has recently taken over as Area Director for North America and Caribbean from Steve and Marianne Becker who have moved on to other roles
- Steve is now developing our new “Quantum Leap” platform, and Marianne is our New Publications Director.
- Dan and Jen (pictured on the next page) have four children. Dan was in pastoral ministry for about 25 years, first as a youth pastor, then as Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries, and finally as a church planter.



Potential new countries



CURACAO



DOMINICA



TRINIDAD &
TOBAGO

OTHER NEWS

GROWTH IN THE CARIBBEAN

There has been a huge amount of progress in the Caribbean where it's been wonderful to see Claudette Bennett flourish as our Representative in Jamaica. Claudette and her husband Dalkeith have already had a significant impact in several other Caribbean nations too.

There is contact and interest in Curacao, Dominica, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Lucia, Antigua, and St. Vincent.

28 leaders from the Caribbean are going through the TRANSFORM program and flourishing.



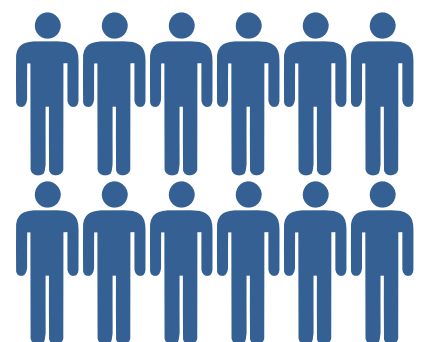
“It is such a joy and honor to serve the Lord in Freedom in Christ with such tremendous people throughout the U.S. and around the world! I’m really looking forward to this opportunity to serve the global community.”
Dan Studt

CANADA



Population

37
MILLION



National Leader:	Ken Cyr
Christians in the country:	Approximately 1.5%.
Religious situation:	Mostly secular.
Resources available:	All of them
Highlights in last 12 months:	<p>Producing videocasts and webinars that can reach those who cannot afford to have us train them. We are a very large country with several time zones. This can be a very effective method of training and doing small venues.</p> <p>Testimonies from around the country like this one: “I was taken through the Steps recently and awoke the next morning fearing I had lost my hearing. I soon realized I wasn’t deaf I was free from the voices. I used to feel like I was in a room full of talking people. I could understand everything that was being said, all at once. They are now gone, I am free.”</p>
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Ken has been battling esophageal cancer for a couple of years. It’s a dangerous condition and he has undergone a great deal of medical interventions. Ken and Cindy need our continued prayers, as does Clay Bergen who is taking care of the ministry in Ken’s absence.
Plans to reach younger generations:	The young are not very open to this kind of message but we are working with them to bring this message and encourage them to participate before they are older.

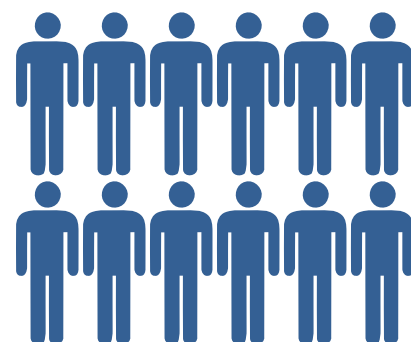


JAMAICA



Population

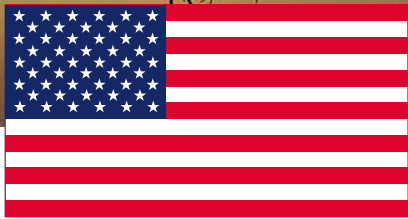
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MILLION



National Leader:	Claudette Bennett
Christians in the country:	69% of the population belongs to a Christian denomination.
Religious situation:	Even though Jamaica holds the world record for the most churches per square mile, 21% of the population have no religious affiliation and 10% belong to "other religious" groups.
Resources available:	We have access to the online video resources through Freedom Stream and hard copies of the main resources, but we have not been able to publish resources for distribution to churches.
Resources in development:	We are fortunate to have all Freedom In Christ resources in English. We are hoping to publish the materials locally in the future.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Several Core Team members went through Transform 2019-20. June-July 2020 we ran Keys to Health, Wholeness and Fruitfulness as an online workshop.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Pioneering a ministry has many challenges. Currently, securing resources to fund the printing of materials, understanding the cultures of various denominations and getting leaders to embrace the tools are some of the most pressing concerns.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We ran a youth empowering skills camp in August 2019. This camp will form the basis for a yearly youth outreach.

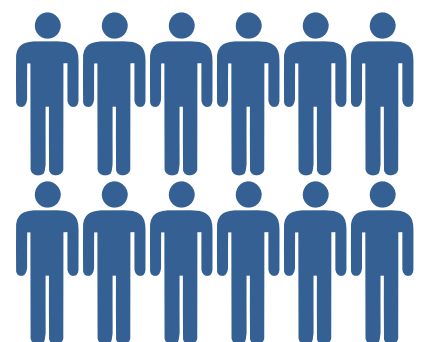


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Population

329
MILLION



National Leader:	Dan Studt
Christians in the country:	According to Barna Research, the share of practicing Christians has nearly dropped in half since 2000, with the current rate being 25% of those who would identify as Christian.
Religious situation:	The younger the generation, the less likely they are to call themselves Christian. Those unaffiliated with any religion are 23% (and increasing annually); about 6% other faiths.
Resources available:	All of the Freedom In Christ resources are available through the US office.
Resources in development:	Advanced Encourager Training; revised Youth resources including information on Identity Based Spiritual Formation for Youth leaders.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Supporting Dr. Anderson in setting up a YouTube channel (more than 12,000 subscribers) and weekly live videos on Facebook. Sharing Freedom In Christ at the American Association of Christian Counselors international conference. More than 30 new Community Freedom Ministry Associates added. Offered <i>Transform</i> for the first time: over 70 last year and 70 more in 2020. Continued expansion of CFMU our lay leader online training with more than 80 participants.
Biggest challenges for 2021:	Scaling our services up to meet the needs of church leaders. Plans to reach younger generations.
Plans to reach younger generations:	We have been increasing our emphasis on social media content, production and delivery. The office team are doing a great job with Instagram and blog post dissemination. We've just hired our youngest Field Staff member who will focus on these platforms as well as look into developing a podcast.





LAUNCH OF FREEDOM IN CHRIST IN COLOMBIA

The Holy Spirit prepared the way for an unlikely team of an Evangelicals and Catholics to train together.

Amazing Stories

Roberto Reed, our Latin America Area Director who was trained and worked as an Evangelical Pastor, went to Colombia accompanied by Modesto, a Catholic Priest who is part of the Freedom In Christ team in Spain. This was an unlikely combination in a country where the history of Catholics and Evangelicals is often too full of mistrust, wounds, and obstacles for them to work together.

The Holy Spirit prepared the way for an unlikely team of Evangelicals and Catholics to train together for a week.

Modesto and Roberto asked forgiveness for the deep wounds and damage that their respective cultures had wrought in Colombia.

The outcome was that a team of four men and one woman representing a number of different denominations officially launched a “Pioneer Team” in Colombia.

This is a team of people who feel called to establish Freedom In Christ in a country and are empowered to identify potential leaders and team members who may go on to become official National Leaders.

The pioneer team is making great progress and we hope to see an official team established before long.



“There were some things I thought I would carry to the grave. We suffered a lot at the hands of the Karamojong tribe. They killed our people and stole our animals. However, while learning lesson nine of the Freedom In Christ Course, I understood forgiveness. I truly forgave this week and I am free. I am free! It feels so good.”

“We took 26 Freedom In Christ teachers and their spouses through a ‘Setting Your Marriage Free’ retreat. For many this was their first time to get away together, to have time to talk together without interruptions, and to address the brokenness in their marriage. The lesson on

forgiveness was difficult, but allowed healing to begin in many of the marriages. Seeing marriage as a covenant, instead of a contract, helped people make a life-long commitment to one another. The time of renewing vows was a highlight for many as laughter and joyful tears were frequent.”

“I am an ordained minister but was never educated so I have been attending Bible college. However, after going through this Freedom In Christ training, I have come to a clear understanding of the gospel and how to truly help people in their lives.”

UNSUNG HEROES



In this Annual Report we've introduced you to our Area Directors, National Leaders, and Prayer Coordinators, but there are other key people who ensure that Freedom In Christ Ministries International functions well. Some raise their own support, some are volunteers, some are on loan to us from our national offices. We are so grateful for all of them! And we thought you might like to know a little bit about them:

Marianne Becker (New Publications Director)

Encourages our authors and ensures that all our publications are done to the highest standards.

Steve Becker (Platform Director)

Is developing our exciting new Quantum Leap platform and associated technology.

Clay Bergen (Prayer Catalyst)

Ensures that prayer remains central to everything we do.

Cindy Bergenback (Branding Team)

Also VP of Administration in our US office she blesses us with her organizational and marketing skills.

Gareth Burgess (IT Manager)

Keeps our website in tip-top shape.

Stephen Cheah (Assistant Executive Director)

Has revolutionized our publishing reach into non-English languages and less economically advantaged areas.

Rob Davies (Branding Team)

Also our UK National Leader he has a passion for passing the message on to the coming generations.

Zoë Goss (Internal Communications Director)

Ensuring that we keep connected with each other across the ministry and join together to pray.

Nigel Gough (Finance Director)

Brings his top-level corporate finance experience to give us up-to-the-minute information on our accounts.

Jude Graham (Training Coordinator)

Has developed the content of the Transform programme that is proving so effective and changing many lives.

Jacky Henderson (PA To Executive Director)

Keeps Steve in order, makes light work of all sorts of tasks, and the inspiration for this first ever Annual Report.

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Carolyn Jackson (Equipping Director)

Had the vision for the TRANSFORM programme and is now working on similar projects to equip the Church.

Sue Lindsay (Prayer Coordinators Manager)

Assists National Leaders to appoint and encourage Prayer Coordinators and creates our fantastic prayer newsletter.

Nancy Maldonado (Spanish Translations)

Supports husband Rob, our Latin American Director, and has translated many of our resources into Spanish.

Brian Westphalen (Fundraising Advisor)

An incredible encouragement to our National Leaders (and indeed all of us) to raise our faith for God's provision.

Peter Wharrad (Development Director)

Brings top-level experience to strategy, fiscal, and legal matters and helps our offices co-ordinate social media.

We try to gather our key people together face-to-face once a year but the last time we were able to do that was May 2019 in Nashville, USA. The pictures on pages 91-92 are from that time and feature key members of our team with the local Freedom In Christ team as well as Neil Anderson, our Founder.

MEET THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

The most excellent International Board relaxes after a hard day of deliberations.

Bob Genock (Latin America), Judy King (N. America & Caribbean), Rod & Karen Woods (Europe), Mano & Sheila Daniel (Asia & Australasia), and Steve and Zoë Goss (International Directors). Ibrahim Dikko (Africa) was unable to make this meeting.



INSPIRED? GET INVOLVED!



In the last hundred years, the Church has been growing hugely all around the world (with the exception of Western Europe) and there are more Christians alive today than have ever died! The big question is this: will those converts go on to become fruitful disciples? Or will they keep drinking milk long after they should be on spiritual meat?

We are looking for partners to join us to equip the global Church to make real, fruitful disciples who go on to change the world.

Here are some suggestions of how you can make a difference:

- Make sure you are in touch with your national office and receiving their news – you will find their contact details at freedominchrist.org
- Sign up for our regular international news emails (register for an account or edit your account preferences at freedominchrist.org)
- Consider making a regular donation to support a key member of our team: your national leader, your Area Director, or a member of our central team.
- Sponsor - or talk to your church about sponsoring – a translation, a print run, or the opening of an office in a new nation.
- Join the next cohort who go through TRANSFORM, our equipping program for leaders.

For more information on giving, go to freedominchrist.org/get-involved or email us at office@freedominchrist.org.

Steve Goss says, “I can’t tell you how important our team of faithful supporters are. Their prayers and their giving make a massive difference. Our promise to you is that we will use all gifts well to further our aim of equipping the Church to transform the nations.”

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“Therefore go and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”



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