

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

France

General Information

- Population: about 66 million.
- There is a growing evangelical church. A new evangelical church has opened in France every 10 days. The number of churches increased from 769 to 2,068 last year.
- Gypsy Protestants account for roughly 70,000 of evangelicals in France.
- Half of the country's Protestants are evangelicals, according to CNRS figures.
- HISTORY: Read about the French Huguenots: <http://www.graceonlinelibrary.org/church-history/calvinism-in-history-calvinism-in-france-by-loraine-boettner/>
- Furious persecutions caused hundreds of thousands of the French Protestants to flee to Holland, Germany, England, and America.

Challenges

- Estimates of the number of Muslims in France vary widely. In 2003, the French Ministry of the Interior estimated the total number of people of Muslim background to be between 5-6 million (8–10%).
- According to a January 2007 poll, only 5% of the French population attended church regularly (or 10% attend church services regularly among the respondents who did identify themselves as Catholics).

Pray

- Pray for the leaders of the growing evangelical church.
- Pray that the glorious gospel is lifted up among the French and the doctrine of justification by faith through Grace alone would be proclaimed.

Reference

- <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/2012/0712/In-a-France-suspicious-of-religion-evangelicalism-s-message-strikes-a-chord>
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