

Do you believe that you can change a country? Does the idea of winning a soul overseas excite you? How about praying for someone who then receives their healing? Have you ever dreamed of changing an entire city, or being a spiritual pioneer?

Become an Associate in Missions with *Team Finland*; make your dreams become reality.

Although technologically advanced, Finland is a country without a true church. Their problems are many, but God is the answer. We invite you to allow Him to work through you in helping to solve their crises. If you are willing to be a soul winner who assists in planting new house churches, ***Team Finland*** is for you. Our members will be located in various parts of the country, with responsibilities that will include relationship-building, new-contact bible studies, and various forms of outreach. To be a part of ***Team Finland***, you must desire to touch lives, be available to allow God to use you in whatever way He deems necessary, and be willing to experience the adventure of overseas ministry.

If you are interested, contact us at Overseas_Laborer@PursueThePrize.org



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*Finland, get ready...
An awakening is coming!*

Thinking about AIM?

Consider joining

TEAM

FINLAND

as an

Associate Missionary



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Missionaries to Finland

OUR MISSION

To be the catalyst for the spiritual awakening of Finland by:

Evangelizing the country in a methodic manner,

Developing a network of apostolic believers through out the nation,

Sharing emotional and spiritual healing with the Finnish people, and

Instilling leadership principles in the Finnish, enabling them to develop into an indigenous church.

OUR PURPOSE

Establish churches that are consistent with the word of God and with the doctrinal teachings as defined by the Articles of Faith of the UPCI.

Create effective leadership/ministry training program.

Found a training program for Finnish nationals, enabling them to fulfill pastor and laity-worker roles.

Provide liaison between apostolic churches of Finland and HQ of the UPCI.

Unite churches of like faith with UPCI.

Convert churches and individuals to the truth.

FINLAND—YESTERDAY AND TODAY

- Lived under the weight of having the Soviet Union as a neighbor
- Finns became self-reliant and strong
- Known to be friendly
- Became closed to all outside influences
- Slow to adopt change
- Finns began to open up after the collapse of the Soviet Union
- Accepting of the international culture
- Desire to be more like the rest of the world
 - Heavy metal music
 - Binge drinking (*45% of all working males are alcoholics*)
 - Free sexual attitudes (*just 37% of adults are married; percentages of same-sex co-habitations and single parent families are on the rise*)



2005: Figures showed that alcohol killed more people aged 15 to 64 than cardiovascular disease or cancer (*State Statistics Agency*)

2006: Finland is declared the sixth happiest place to live in the world (*Field study, University of Leicester*)



FAQ

When will your family be in Finland? Our deputation is scheduled to last two years (ending in May 2010). However, we are praying that it is much shorter than that!

How do I learn more about AIM? Visit www.fmdaim.org

How does one become an AIM?

1. Contact fmdaim@upci.org or call 314.837.7300 to ask for an Associate in Missions application. Contact: Pat Morgan (secretary), Lloyd Shirley (director).
2. Fill out and send in the application (the approval process usually takes up to 2 months).
3. Once you are approved, begin raising your money!

How long is an AIM term? The shortest is 2 months and the longest is 12 (with extensions available upon request).

How much money would I need to raise for a term in Finland? We are in the process of working with the AIM department to determine costs; stay in contact with us about this!

How do you plan to reach the country? We are dividing the country into regions by population (read more about this plan by visiting www.finlandonfire.org, or contact us via email for more information). Our goal is to have (12) AIM working alongside our family each year (culminating in 3 to 4 teams of 12 members, or couples, per year).

Interested? Contact us via email! We'd love to hear from you.