The Netherlands

The Netherlands may be a small country in size but certainly not in impact. From agriculture to technology, the Netherlands is on the leading edge of innovation and consistently ranks among the top places in the world to live and work.

Dutch society is shaped by a robust multiculturalism and, while the people are open and friendly, some complex social rules are at play. The Dutch saying of “Just act normal, that’s crazy enough” says it all.

NEEDS

In the wake of World War II, religion in the Netherlands changed in a big way, and faith threatened to disappear from public life. Although members are walking away from established churches, many Dutch people now orient toward a mix-and-match religiosity. Faith is considered personal, and a person has to earn the right to engage someone with the gospel.

An emphasis on relationships and a simple concept of church and small groups are the most effective strategies in the regions where BMM missionaries work.

Dutch tolerance of everything religious has created a great need for solid biblical teaching. Missionaries organize mini-conferences and summer camps to tackle this, but they desperately need personnel.

HOW YOU CAN SERVE

- Church planters are needed to engage people with the gospel, guide their spiritual growth, and organize them into local Baptist churches.

- Missionaries committed to solid biblical education are needed to teach Christians discernment and to train believers for leadership.

- Individuals are needed for the long-haul investment of building relationships and of supporting local churches in counseling, discipleship, and disciplemaking.

- Young people can commit a few weeks in the summer to our GoDutch internship program.