



# Christian Associates Europe

## 2024 Annual Report

Dear Friend,

Christian Associates Europe, in cooperation with Christian Associates International (known as Communitas International), exists to start and shape communities of faith that love like Jesus in their neighborhoods. In a time when our world is shaken by wars, displacement, deepening political divisions and economic struggles we are reminded that the hope of Christ remains unshakable. In every hardship, there is an opportunity for the Church to be His hands and feet.

This year, God has continued to open doors for ministry in remarkable ways. Across Europe, **new churches and faith communities are taking root**—places where weary hearts find rest, the broken find healing, and the lost are embraced with love.

In war-torn regions, teams are welcoming refugees and offering safety, prayer, and restoration. In the post-Christian cities of Europe, fresh expressions of church are meeting people where they are, helping them find new life in Christ.

At the heart of it all is our commitment to **developing local churches and church leaders**—those called to start and shape contextualized, life-giving expressions of the Church. We are investing deeply in leadership development—equipping more local individuals than ever to launch Christ-centered communities that transform lives from the inside out.

**You are part of this movement as you partner with our Stichting!** Your prayers, your partnership, and your generosity are essential. Together, we are seeing lives changed, hope restored, and communities transformed. Thank you for standing with us as we seek to embody Jesus' love in **neighborhoods around the world**. Together, we trust that God will continue to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

The Board of Directors  
Spring, 2025

## From India to Portugal

LISBON, PORTUGAL — Five years ago in Lisbon, Christian Associates workers David and Daphne Fisher met Sunil, a pastor from India who felt God calling him to be a missionary in Europe. With courage and faith, he moved his family to Portugal under extraordinary circumstances.

Seeing Sunil's passion for God and ministry, the Fishers stepped in to coach and support him. While fundraising efforts fell short, Sunil's determination didn't. He took on a job as an Uber driver to sustain his family, all while continuing his mission work.

Sunil's ministry began simply—reading Scripture and praying with a few men he met in Lisbon. What he discovered amazed him: thousands of Indians, Pakistanis, and Nepalese live in the areas surrounding Lisbon, many working as agricultural laborers.

After years of faithfully pursuing evangelistic work and wondering why God had brought him to Lisbon, Sunil finally saw the bigger picture. Recently, he launched a church to serve the South Asian immigrant community. With bold faith, he left his job as an Uber driver to devote himself fully to ministry, prayer, and hearing God's direction. In the first month, three men were baptized, and Sunil now leads weekly worship gatherings, Bible studies, and one-on-one discipleship meetings.



God's hand is evident, even in unexpected challenges. Sunil recently received a summons to the police station, leaving him anxious and unsure of the reason. Accompanied by a friend for support, he trusted God to guide him. Fortunately, they discovered that it was a case of mistaken identity and they didn't want him after all. But during their interviews, what seemed like a moment of fear turned into an incredible opportunity: the officers, initially gruff, gladly accepted a small devotional that Sunil offered. What felt like a diversion became a chance for two new lives to encounter the gospel.

Sunil's story reminds us of the beauty of multiplication—pouring into others who, in turn, reach even more people. At Christian Associates, we are committed to equipping and supporting local leaders like Sunil so the gospel can spread to all people, in all nations.

You are a part of this incredible story of resilience, faith and devotion. Together, we can help Sunil and others like him bring hope, faith, and the message of Jesus to those who need it most.

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## God Shows Up

THE BALKANS — Sometimes, God shows up in the most unexpected ways—but always at the right time.

Jane (all names in this article have been changed for anonymity), one of our partners serving in the Balkans, recently shared a beautiful moment that reminds us of this truth. While volunteering with a Christian support group for families, she met Kay—a new mom from Africa who had grown up in a different faith tradition that left her feeling disconnected and skeptical of religion altogether.

Still, Kay kept coming. Jane comments, “We weren’t sure how she felt about our explicitly Christian content and made sure to let her know that she was welcome in our group regardless of what she believes.” She was joyful, warm, and full of light. Jane describes her as “sunshine in human form.”



But then, Kay disappeared for a few weeks. One morning, as Jane and another leader prayed over the group, Kay walked through the door—smiling but in pain. Her back had been hurting, and life had been overwhelming.

That day, something simple but powerful happened: another parent asked if they could pray for her. Surprised but open, Kay agreed. As the group prayed, tears filled her eyes.

“I can’t believe they prayed for me,” she whispered afterward.

Later, Kay shared that months earlier, after another group meeting, she'd been quietly wondering about prayer. As she got on a bus, a woman sitting next to her turned and asked out of the blue, "Have you ever prayed?" That chance encounter sparked a conversation that's stayed with her since.

"I believe in God," Kay said. "I'm just not sure if I believe in Jesus. But I keep meeting the kindest people, and they all believe in Jesus... so maybe one day I will too."

At Christian Associates, we believe this is what it's all about.

Little moments.  
Simple prayers.  
Genuine love.

That's how transformation begins. And that's how we get to be part of what God is doing – when we simply show up – taking the time to invest in people, praying for them, loving them, and serving them.

At Christian Associates, our vision is to start and shape churches that love like Jesus to transform our neighborhoods, cities, and world. Let's keep creating space for God to move.



## 2024 Report of Activities

For the year 2024, the board of directors of Stichting Christian Associates Europe consisted of Andrew Perriman of London, UK (Chairman), Eric Curtiss of Colorado Springs, USA (Secretary), Nicholas Webb of Shrewsbury, UK (Treasurer), Geoff Rinehart of Cour d'Alene, USA, and Stefan van der Veer, of Roujon, France. The board met as required in regular meetings during the year and approved financial statements and conducted such other business as was necessary.

Two employees and one volunteer served the organization in The Netherlands. Ten families served as missionaries through the organization, with work in The Netherlands, France, Spain, Sweden, and Germany, among other places, and with a global presence in many more countries through the Christian Associates network. Missionaries worked to complete the purpose of the organization as laid out in the Policy Plan and the Articles of Association.

Detailed financial reports were compiled by the Finance Director at the end of the year. Summary reports were approved by the Board of Directors for publication online, showing income of €352.008 to expenses of €359.769 for the year, compared to prior year income of €402.188 and prior year expenses of €400.433. Assets of the organization decreased from €36,663 on December 31, 2023 to €29.471 on December 31, 2024.

Respectfully submitted on 2 May, 2025.

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