# **ONE GLOBAL FAMILY**

Alpha Switzerland is part of something bigger & crazier called Campus für Christus / Campus Crusade for Christ International



**Campus für Christus Switzerland** consists of 20 Ministries, 121 employees, one mission & family. Worldwide known as Cru International and in Canada as Power to Change. In my first month as Relationship Manager Alpha I joined a 5 days Training hosted by Campus with these fellow newer employees. We had 8 different Ministries represented and 13 Campus teammates from all over Switzerland coming together.

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## WE ARE ALPHA SWITZERLAND



Meet us, the German speaking Alpha team of Switzerland (saying hello to our French speaking team mates). Together we are Alphalive creating magic under the umbrella of Campus für Christus Schweiz.

We might be mildly crazy yes after one intense & rich week away together at a beautiful location, learning, growing, sharing, laughing, eating, overcoming, planning, strategizing, proclaiming, praying - yes after all of this and more, we might be even more on fire to share the good news. This is what happens when you get to work with fellow mission & purpose driven passion peeps.

We are excited and honoured to play an active part in equipping the church in its Global mission to help people discover Jesus. Have you tried Alpha yet anywhere in the world? **alpha.org /alphalive.ch** 

## ENRICO'S NEW OPPORTUNITY

The social company offers jobs for social welfare recipients, refugees, and people with disabilities.

I couldn't be prouder of Enrico. He has been my best friend, my lover, my rock & cheerleader for soon-to-be 30 years, and the leader of our family for 20 years. He leads by example with so much humility, integrity, grace, and generosity. And he made and makes me feel safe, loved, and protected especially in every storm that life was throwing at us.

The latest test we faced challenged him in new ways. He is a thinker and likes to be in control of the outcome. We knew God was calling him to step into an assignment out of his safety net, out of the comfort zone, and into passion, purpose, and something where he could apply and pass on all his abilities, his experience, his wisdom, his heart, and his faith. This meant to say NO to good things ( rational, secure) in order to be available for the greater (heart, purpose. passion) assignment including making sacrifices.

Since we arrived in Switzerland he volunteered in a thrift store 3-4 days/week while applying for jobs in his field (insurance). I never saw him in all these years so filled with joy and enthusiasm "at a job". God used this season big times. The door for a job in his field remained closed which was tough, but he remained faithful.

6 months later I proudly announce that Enrico is the Branch Manager of a **NEW Thrift Store Branch and part of an incredible Christian non - profit Social Enterprise**. During the last 5 weeks Enrico, his amazing team, and an incredible organization have been working together almost 24/7 to open this new location. It was absolutely mind-blowing to see how God was and is with them in this crazy intense time. Now the real assignment continues. **The social company offers business-related jobs for social welfare recipients, refugees, and people with disabilities.** 

I love you, Enrico. Seeing you being in your element by impacting lives with all that you are and stand for in business, leadership, ecology, socially, and spiritually makes me beyond happy & proud. Your courage, strength, faithfulness & obedience inspires me. **wetterbaum.ch** 



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#### Featuring dear Mission Partners



#### Meet Jeanne & Mike

My name is Jeanne, I live in Vancouver, Canada. I met Sandra & Enrico at Coastal Church and got to know them as the Alpha leaders when my husband Mike and I took Alpha together. I came from a religious, non-personal, church background. I came to faith through a Youth for Christ band performing at our high school when I was 14 and gave my life to the Lord. Since that time I have been active in evangelism through music, theatre, children and youth groups, women groups, life groups. Working in small groups, such as Alpha, is a great way for people to get an introduction to what it means to have a relationship with Jesus. Jesus worked with small groups when he walked the earth. People learn from one another, it is not in your face, you can think while others speak. I believe in the concept of the Alpha course. It is so well built up and I believe that Sandra is an excellent ambassador for Alpha Switzerland. I want to support Sandra and her important work, that can save so many lives! I hope for a breakthrough of people in Switzerland who give their hearts to the Lord and for a radiating effect to others, other churches, other groups, other countries in Europe. God has been miraculously providing for us during this time of very little income. We want to live in trust and faith that He will do it also for Sandra. By contributing to her mission we encourage Sandra, but also tell God again that we trust Him and know that He will provide the coming time.

One word, how all of the above makes you feel? Expectant

**My name is Mike**, I live in Vancouver, Canada. When I took the Alpha course at Coastal Church, early 2019, Sandra & Enrico were our group leaders. I came to faith through Alpha. Saw my life changed for the better by accepting Jesus as my Saviour. I found purpose for my life. And I love giving back by helping others to do the same by hosting and helping at Alpha courses. I became a mission partner because I believe Alpha is a great program in how it can introduce people to Jesus and faith in God. Sandra knew she was called to start this important work and we wanted to support her in this.

I hope that we will see a revival of people coming to faith in Switzerland and beyond!

One word, how all of the above makes you feel? Faithful

## A STORY FOR HIS GLORY

#### Alpha Online Switzerland - Ursula's story

"When I heard that an Alpha was taking place, I thought: Ok, now no more excuses! And I signed up straight away. "

In the beginning, Ursula had problems with the computer, but the Alpha host sent her the video clips in advance, which seemed like a great solution in her case. But then there was that one incidence, Ursula reports. The Alpha host sent her accidentally the wrong clip, which she then watched again. And the second time watching, it was particularly impressive: "Suddenly I saw this picture that I had to open the door from the inside. And everything that I had experienced so far at Alpha, reading the Bible and what I had heard, moved me to tears."

Ursula prayed as she had never done it before. "Jesus knocked on my door - and I opened it!" Says the delighted elderly woman. Her face is glowing. "I felt as if a big black cloud was being lifted from me. And a deep peace came over me. " She adds reverently: "Since then my world has grown bigger. I know that God loves me and I can live with confidence that He will take care of the rest of my life. "



I think the greatest gift we can give Jesus is thousands and thousands of people in Heaven who will say, "It is YOU who invited me here."



### Featuring a dear Mission Partner



#### Meet Rita & Frank

My name is Rita, Frank and I we live in California, USA. Sandra and I we connected online on Facebook through a common friend and finally met in person a couple of years later in New Orleans, USA. At a later time I visited Sandra & Enrico in Vancouver. I was raised to know and love God. That deep faith and trust allowed me to move across the country at age 18. Sandra and I are both Globetrotter freedom birds:-). I love to continue my personal & professional growth and love to empower, encourage and uplift others. I chose to become a Mission Partner because I am blessed with the ability to work and earn a living. Eventhough Sandra and I are not in the same location, we can still lock arms and empower others together. I continue to refine my purpose that I can share my time, talents and treasures with others.

One word, how all of the above makes you feel? Honoured

Thank you dear Mission Partners for sowing so generously, thank you for your trust, your friendships and your prayers. Together we can do ALL things through Christ!