

# "COME HOLY SPIRIT"

"Evangelism is joining a conversation the Holy Spirit is already having with another person." Darrell W. Johnson



Alpha Basic Training in Zurich with 4 churches and their Alpha teams.

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## A DAY AT WORK WITH SANDRA

**07:30 am** replying to emails and connecting with Church Leaders, answering questions about running Alpha etc.

**08:00 am** Zoom Meeting with Head of Digital Systems in New Zealand optimizing our NEW "Email Automation" process (systematized Customer Care for all the Alpha courses), fixing some system bugs in our Post Alpha survey

**09:00 am** Team Prayers

**10:00 am** Preparing for an Alpha Inspiration event hosted at a church

Lunch break with one of my mentees

**01:00 pm** connecting with Church Leaders ( calls and emails), listening, pray with them for them, arranging visits,

**03:00 pm:** drafting message to be sent out to all Alpha training participants

**04:00 pm:** arranging filmmaker for an Alpha testimony video, coordinating with the church leader, fixing shooting day, video script draft

**05:00 pm** Commuting

**02:30 pm** email from Senior Pastor John

*"Thank you very much, Sandra, for your incredible message and inspiration at our leader's event - you were AMAZING! Thank you for your valuable input and your servant heart!*

*We are thrilled how you are committed to Alpha, you are doing an important and pivotal service!*

*By the way: we received great feedback from our leaders after this morning - I'm confident that we can multiply 😊!" Senior Pastor John*

**07:00 pm** Alpha as a host of a Ukrainian Group

**09:30 pm** Alpha Team Debriefing

**10:00 pm** Praying with Enrico

### Next Day

Train ride to a church in the Northern Part of Switzerland, meeting with Senior Pastor, Relationship building, introduction & Alpha 2033 vision casting.

# REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

Natalie, her husband and her disabled son, escaped from Ukraine; there is no return since their Marpole home was destroyed, and the city is in Russian hands.

It is a Thursday evening in September, and the anticipation is huge. We have no idea how many Ukrainians will show up at the first Alpha evening. Before this kick-off Alpha evening, I met Natalie a few times, she and her family fled from their hometown, and she is currently studying German four hours daily. Her husband and her alternate mornings and afternoons so one of them can always be with their disabled son. Back in Marpole, she was an English teacher. She is very talented in languages, and I am so impressed by her. Her destiny is heartbreaking. They found shelter in our town and are eager to integrate by joining us at church every Sunday. Her willingness to serve at Alpha as a small group helper & translator touches me deeply.

The mingling at our first Alpha evening starts. Around 50 people are expected (German Alpha). In the midst, I bumped into Irina with her husband Urma. Her expression was very harsh, and we had no chance to communicate. Where is Natalie, HELP? No Natalie is in sight.

## **HOLY SPIRIT, HELP!**

The Spirit reminded me in this split second that his universal language is LOVE. God is love. By using body language, my hands, mimicking, smiling, and serving our Ukrainian guest drinks and food, I observed how Irina slowly started to soften. In the meantime, Natalie was here and translated a few things for me. A few hours later, when watching the first Alpha video input in Ukrainian, Irina jumped up for joy and clapped her hands. God is so good, and the Spirit leads. 12 Ukrainian showed up on the first Alpha evening, and there was so much joy in the room at the end of the evening. All assured to be back next week. God is so faithful and so good. Holy Spirit, you never fail, wow!



Meet Natalie



## **Upcoming Prison visit**

Ever since I wrote my thesis about prisons in Switzerland when I graduated as my younger self, I knew in my heart that one day I was hopefully given a chance for a re-encounter. Since Jesus found a way into my heart, I felt my compassion and desire to share the God News with the outcast, the weak, the hurting, the lost, and the broken (oh yes, I am broken too, we all are). **Alpha in prison**, unfortunately not the case here in Switzerland, YET. I learned that very few prisons even allow visitors to bring a bible. I said yes when offered the opportunity to follow along for a prison visit. Tom (name changed) has been incarnated for ten years. I look forward to meeting him in October, and I completely lean on the Holy Spirit to lead. Obsessively grateful for this opportunity. Thank you for your prayers.

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## *Featuring dear Mission Partners*



## *Meet Lindsay*

**My name is Lindsay** from Vancouver, Canada. I met Sandra at a Ladies Networking event a few years ago in Vancouver. We were sitting at the same table, and connected instantly. We both had red hair, and a love for Switzerland (my favourite country in Europe). She has such a positive energy it is hard not to like her! I grew up in a small town in rural British Columbia, Canada. I went to Bible College and went on a missions trip to Indonesia and Malaysia that changed my life. I realized that the world is so big, with so much to offer, and I have been an avid traveler ever since. I love meeting new people and creating those connections. I feel that is what enriches life the most. I became a mission partner because I truly believe in what Sandra is being led to do. Everyone needs Jesus. And should have the opportunity to be introduced to Him. I want to support those who are called to work in the field, and expand His Kingdom. Not everyone can do it full time, and those who can should be supported and encouraged to do so. I am just happy to be in a position to help.

God has brought me a long way in 2022. I was in a relationship that was not serving me, full of turmoil and oppression. I cried out to God frequently for help. His grace and timing are amazing. He gave me the strength to stand up for myself and leave; placed strategic people around me to encourage me; even got me a perfect and affordable apartment in a great area. He set me free. I have never felt so much freedom, joy and peace as I do now. I am thankful everyday for all that He has done, and will continue to do, for me.

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



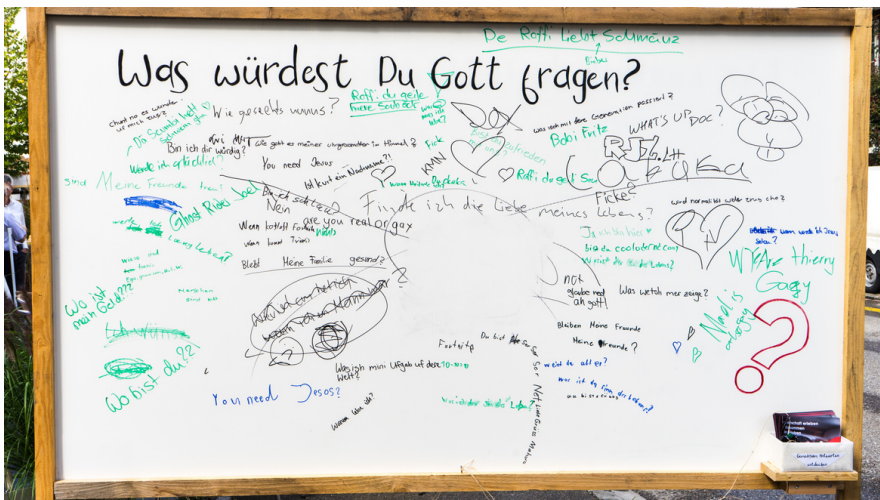
# A STORY FOR HIS GLORY

The heart of a local Church serving & reaching their town and community with the Good News

A few weeks back, I met with a non-denomination church pastor close to Zurich. He has pastored there for four years and has run 5 Alphas since then. His creativity in inviting people to "come and see" is inspiring. The team was preparing for the upcoming local town event where he decided to spoil people with coffee and cake, invite people to Alpha and by putting up a massive board with a question to engage people:

Question on the board:

**If there was a God, what would you ask him?**



By the end of the day, the board had no white space available on both sides; people engaged and asked questions which offered the perfect opportunity to invite them to Alpha. He just sent me these pictures. Let's all pray for their upcoming Alpha kick-off evening. May God draw people to their Alpha. Let's claim and expect miracles.



*We love you!  
thank you for serving  
along side us!*

**“Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.”**  
- Helen Keller

Dear Mission Partner,

Your monthly donations allow me at the moment to make a part time living in my role as Relationship Manager for Alpha. Together we are making a difference. I am so grateful.

I put most of my volunteer work off for a little while to focus on my studies. The current semester is about Pneumatology, and I love it so much.

Enrico and I are volunteering at an Alpha at our local church.

*With love,  
Sandra*

I once focused on my desire to change the world - these days I want only to love the world

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13:6-7