



March 23, 2017 (N - No Restrictions)

The Riverboat is Coming to Europe!

27th December 2017 is the date when people from all over the world will arrive in the Netherlands - to start their three-month mission journey with our OM Riverboat. Our vision: to disciple them as crew into missions! Their first port of call as volunteers and attendees is the fifth European Mission-Net congress, focusing on least-reached groups in Europe.

Then, on the 2nd of January 2018, our OM Riverboat will set sail with her volunteers about, for her first riverport of call - in the Netherlands. Over the next three months, our OM Riverboat will visit ports along the River Rhine: two in the Netherlands, three in Germany and one in France. Our overarching vision – no small vision, this! - to be a catalyst OM-world-wide in mobilizing the church in the regions around our port stops, so that they get involved in reaching the least reached where they are. Not only that, but we hope they will enlarge their vision to get excited about global initiatives, whilst working with existing local Christian initiatives.

We would love you to pray for:

- **Charter contract.** We are in the final stages of negotiating a charter contract with a riverboat owner. Please pray we will be able to settle this before the middle of April. Pray also for a good working relationship with the owners of the vessel.
- **Official invitation.** Praise God for our official invitation from the assembly of churches in Strasbourg, France, our first confirmed port of call! Please pray for the plans OM France and OM Riverboats now need to draw up, ideally involving close cooperation between churches and organisations to reach out to the least-reached in Strasbourg, through mobilizing His ambassadors.
- **Recruits.** Please pray for 50 recruits globally from ages of 20-30, and another 30 recruits within OM to present OM in different roles on board and on shore. Pray also for God to connect us to the right people, and provide all our staffing needs.
- **Six ports, three months, three countries.** Please pray for all six ports to be confirmed before the end of May. We are currently talking to all the different churches councils/platforms in the cities we would like to visit, and would like their blessing and cooperation before our final location decisions.



MORE PRAYER POINTS:

- **The Global Village experience on board.** Please pray for our Global Village team (especially David) as we establish the design and format of the Global Village on board most helpful in explaining to local Christians our vision for least reached communities nearby and far away. Ideally this would also incorporate a more evangelistic aspect, but still based around the concept of Escape Rooms. Please pray for wisdom, divine insights, resources and people to help us with preparations.
- **Construction of the Global Village Experience.** As we cannot build this inside the ship, we will need to construct a purpose-built hall on the current riverboat sundeck. Please pray for Gerle who is responsible for constructing a durable as well as re-usable structure on shore afterwards. Pray also we would find the right supplier/company to work with in determining the best solution to this issue.
- **Finance.** Praise God for those OM Fields who have adopted our Riverboat Project as one of their major fundraising appeals! We are so grateful. Please pray for other financial supporters, as they connect to our vision to see vibrant communities of Jesus followers among the least reached, through our project.
- **The leadership team.** Please pray for us as we meet face-to-face in the Netherlands on 3-5 May. Pray for each team member, and for team unity as we will need to make decisions concerning many issues, including ports of call, the programme, and key leadership positions on board.

We are so grateful for your prayers
and partnership with us in our project.

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