

Worldwide Missions Opportunities 2023

The following list presents the Navigator cross-cultural missions priorities for 2023—by region—as developed by the International Executive Team and Regional Directors of The Navigators. For purposes of security, some country names have been omitted. For more information about any of these missions opportunities, please write to Bryan Gibbs at bryan.gibbs@navigators.org.

AFRICA

Country 1: There are multiple opportunities in this French-speaking country which adheres to a major religion. The Africa leadership has a strong desire to open high school and collegiate campus ministries and to have a team of IT professionals, who can also coach in English language, to launch an entrepreneurial business in the IT field.

Country 2: With a population 90% of whom identify with a major religion, this country also practices a mixture of religious beliefs and ancestral customs. Our leaders in Africa desire to have a team of two couples to come and launch a student ministry.

ASIA PACIFIC

South Asia - Pioneering Team: During the 2019 Global Missions Conference, it was clear that the Lord led us to focus on South Asia as a place to send for the Worldwide Partnership. South Asia has the most unreached people in the world. A couple are planning to go to reach the unreached people there. We are also asking God for a team of like-burdened people to go with them. We are looking for people who are committed to the long haul – 10 years plus. Couples, men and women would all be welcome. We are also praying for the leaders' finances to be raised. So if the Lord leads you to go or financially or prayerfully support them, please contact Grant Dibden (grant.dibden@navigators.org.au).

Another country in South Asia – Re-establishing a Pioneering Team: An experienced couple have returned to South Asia to re-establish a small business. Through previous pioneering efforts, there are believers in their family and relational networks. Team members are needed to assist with the business and continue this pioneering effort. We long to see a growing movement of the Gospel into South Asia: laborers next door to everywhere. To do that, God has called us to lay the foundation of Jesus Christ in foundational communities as a foundation for generations of laborers living and discipling among the vast number of majority-religion people who face a Christless eternity. In this country families are key to see the spread of the Gospel, so reaching them and not alienating them is a priority. The new business and this work are supported by an Asia Pacific Missional Enterprises team, an Advisory Board, and a Task Force. We are open to couples or singles of all ages.
(**Contact:** Simon Cayzer; simon@navigators.org.nz)

Melbourne – Pioneering a Student Work: Melbourne is one of the four cities that are the foundation of the Australian work. 20% of Australia's population lives there and a vibrant student work is critical for the city to be generational and for Australia to continue to be a partnering country, particularly in terms of missionary sending, as Melbourne Campus Ministry has a long and strong history of sending cross-cultural laborers. Clint and Leigh Ann Trebesh are planning to come late this year. The role has two key functions: 1) Pioneering a grassroots work on a Melbourne university campus, and 2) Being a member of the Melbourne Leadership Team responsible to coach and mentor the six university staff in Melbourne. Please pray for Clint and Leigh Ann, asking for all the administrative arrangements to proceed smoothly, and especially for the Lord to raise up a younger couple or single(s) to work on the campus with them, and for the funds needed to come.
(**Contact:** Grant Dibden; grant.dibden@navigators.org.au)

EURASIA

Country 1: Our Eurasia Leadership Community seeks a Navigator Rep couple to partner with a seasoned Navigator couple and local leaders. This couple would develop a personal ministry, modeling the Navigator Core and regional emphases, advancing the Gospel, and engaging in basic follow-up. They will partner with the existing team to develop a Navigator local laboring community with believers and seekers. If they do not have Russian language, they must be willing to learn Russian and be able to take relational initiative. This is a gift income position. It is also essential for candidates to reduce their online “Navigator” identity to avoid difficulties obtaining visas.

Country 2: Our Eurasia Leadership Community seeks a Navigator staff couple to partner with and work under our senior local, national staff couple (English speakers). This couple should be non-US passport holders. They will relationally advance the Gospel and do basic follow-up among nationals and unreached people group(s), specifically among students through our English language school business. The missionaries will help local staff build community among believers and seekers. The missionaries should be Navigator-trained. They should be native English speakers, and have experience teaching English as a second language, so as to help teach English at a successful English language business. Having a CELTA (or equivalent) certificate is a plus. They should have experience in discipling young believers and ministering to young people. They will help with administration and help the team with annual summer projects. Missionaries should be willing to serve for an initial term of six or seven years, beginning with one or two years of studying the language and culture.

Country 3: The Eurasia Leadership Community seeks two couples or singles with professional experience in education (especially K-12) or primary medical service, allied health, and related fields. Essential qualifications include a deep commitment to the Navigator Core and a vision of discipleship that brings blessing, righteousness, and justice to and through communities of believers. All team members use their professional training as means of ministry and identity and outreach. Service and proclamation of truth go together like grammar and vocabulary in this culture that values hospitality, flexibility, and professional competence. Visas require professional contributions in an area of expertise, but the high levels of local poverty and unemployment make gift income a requirement. The missionaries will also need to learn the local language, at the discretion of the team leader. People need to be comfortable with a primary local and online identity that highlights their non-Navigator professional work in education, health, etc.

Country 4: The Eurasia Leadership Community seeks a combination of 2 to 4 singles with strong Navigator DNA and Navigator experience. They will work alongside Navigator staff and emerging local leaders to relationally advance the Gospel and to establish, equip, and empower local laborers in the context of an English language center. These Navigator-trained, fluent English speakers will work alongside Navigator staff and learning center staff as they develop a relationship pool among the unengaged and unreached people groups of this country to accomplish the above purpose. Involvement at the learning center could include teaching, coaching of teachers, administrative duties, coordinating visiting teams and partners, and other community development opportunities. A CELTA or equivalent certificate in teaching English as a second language is helpful but not required. We are looking for a minimum commitment of a 5-year term. This is a gift income position. During the first two years, your schedule and learning center involvement will allow for learning the national language, which is needed and required. Prior to the visa application process, candidates should reduce their online “Navigator” identity.

EUROPE

Linz, Austria: We are looking for a young couple to start a new Navigator student ministry in Austria. Markus Noettling, the Navigator country opener, who was involved in a Navigator-facilitated student ministry in Vienna 30 years ago, is very well connected in evangelical circles in Austria and would oversee the project. On the basis of these connections we have a strategic and not to be missed opportunity to begin a work that would fit right in with the overall missionary efforts by churches and other works in this country. Historically, Austria has a unique role as a bridge between western and eastern Europe. It has similarities and dissimilarities with Germany (cf. the similarities and dissimilarities between Canada and the US). In Germany we have a very stable student ministry, and there would be many opportunities to link up a budding Austrian student ministry with the German student ministry for help and cooperation (conferences, retreats, student exchange, trainee program, etc.). Probable location: Linz. Ministry language: German; the first year would be largely devoted to language study.

(**Contact:** Wolf Christian Jaeschke; WolfChristianJaeschke@navigatoren.de; or Markus Noettling; markusnoettling@navigatoren.de)

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina: We are looking for two couples (preferably Latins) who are sent by another Navigator work with the resources necessary to open a new pioneering work in a medium-size city in Argentina where there is no current ministry (or staff). The idea is for them to have a natural way to connect with the people in this city and to build relationships through a project aimed at blessing the community. This might be a part-time job in something they have experience in, or a small business that wouldn't require more than 20 hours a week per person.

(**Contact:** Martin Bonandini; bonandini@gmail.com)

Brazil: We would like to receive a young couple that would open a student ministry in the city of São Paulo. They will work at the Universidade de São Paulo, which is one of the main universities of the country. It's important for this couple to work with secularized people. The couple will have a mature local ministry helping them with infrastructure and support.

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MENA

Country 1: MENA regional leaders seek three or four young couples or singles (in pairs) with apostolic and evangelistic gifting to pioneer a new ministry under the direction and overall vision of the country leadership team. This country is one of the least-reached countries in the region. The missionaries would launch new ministries in one of three strategic cities. They would spend the first two years totally committed to learning the local language. Teachers, entrepreneurs, and post-secondary students are mostly needed, but businessmen and university professors can also gain access.

Country 2: The MENA leadership team seeks Arab missionaries and expats to serve in an under-reached nation. Specifically, we need young couples and singles who are educators, teachers, or social workers.

Countries 3, 4, and 5: The regional leadership team in MENA seek young men and women, or young couples, to join existing teams in these three nations. These couples should be educators, engineers, doctors, health professionals, or professors. Over 85% of the population comprises expats.

NAR

Canada International Missions Director: The Navigators of Canada are looking for a leader with cross-cultural experience to give direction, oversight and support to the activity of Canadian Navigators both internationally and in cross-cultural settings in Canada. This role will involve leading a small team that will give oversight to Canadian Navigators currently serving internationally, to short term mission trips originating from Canada as well as to recruiting Canadians to serve with The Navigators in international and cross-cultural settings. (**Contact:** Chris Barrett; chrisb@navigator.ca)

Caribbean Pioneering in Fertile Soil: The Navigators of the Caribbean are looking for a well-trained Navigator leader (or a team of leaders) to pioneer a student ministry at the University of West Indies and perhaps a community work in Nassau. We are asking the Lord to raise up local disciplemakers and leaders who will carry the vision of The Navigators to the Bahamas. This assignment will require a commitment of more than three years. (**Contact:** Felix Colonnieves; felix.colonnieves@navigator.org)