

# **Post-trip Report – Fountain of Life Church (Ashill/UK) - 2020**

## **Would you recommend this trip/experience to someone else? Why/Why not?**

This experience of engaging with Christians in a different culture, learning from them and reflecting on myself as a German was extremely helpful. I would recommend it to anyone, especially theologians, who would like to go into full-time service, to go to England to learn from the Anglican Church how we can make church in the 21st century.

The innovative way is inspiring, challenging and extremely exciting.

## **How has your life been changed as a result of your experience?**

The internship at the Fountain of Life Church has changed a lot for my everyday life. The congregation is quite charismatic, with which I had little contact before. I was able to experience how people are very aligned with God in listening and actually expect concrete instructions. And if not immediately something comes into play also take a longer hearing process. I was allowed to take this attitude of waiting and praying with me. In addition, the attitude of service towards the people around him. I was impressed by the missional communities, which are especially concerned with secular fellow human beings. This has opened my eyes in which way I can be more on a missionary journey. Serving was essential here at first.

## **What will you do differently as a result of your experience?**

After the internship, I want to implement several things in my daily life in Germany:

On the one hand, I want to spend more time in prayer and, above all, in listening and waiting for God. Here I want to wait for his instructions and act upon them, instead of praying for him to bless what I do. I want to be braver to try things out and not just be safe. I was able to see how God blessed courage to go into the world in His name and leave the comfort zone. I want to practice this attitude myself and allow myself to make mistakes when I try something. I also want to engage proactively in communities and opportunities where I meet non-Christians. Specifically, I was already able to do this by looking for a job in a restaurant where no Christians work. There I can practice evangelization through service and attitude.