Mike & Suzanne Schatzman

Children: Cader, Judson, Alayna

Area of ministry: Portugal

Ministry focus: University student ministry,

evangelism, discipleship,

ministry leader development, administrative

Cru: Agape Portugal

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Suzanne grew up at TBC and came to know the Lord at a young age. In junior high, she heard fellow TBC partner Jim Kessler talking about overseas missions, but she told herself that was not part of her plan. God knew differently! Mike grew up in church but didn't give his life to Christ until high school. He met Suzanne while serving with Cru in Texas. They both went to Estonia as members of different Cru teams. After a few years of ministry as singles, Mike and Suzanne got engaged and came back to TBC to get married!



The Schatzmans served in Estonia for several more years before turning that work over to other TBC partners, Estonian nationals Herman and Kristel Jürgens. They spent time with Cru in Texas again before returning to Europe, this time to Portugal.

In Portugal, Mike and Suzanne have done it all! After establishing and expanding ministry hubs in key university cities (Lisbon, Porto, and Évora) with Agape, the European arm of Cru, an outreach ministry to university students, the Schatzmans now serve in different leadership roles; Mike is the national leader for Agape in Portugal, and Suzanne is the human resources director, helping operations run smoothly. They continue in hands-on ministry with the next generation of young leaders, leaders who came to Christ and caught the vision of reaching Europeans with the good news. Outreach, evangelism, and discipleship is done through more structured ways, such as Bible studies and discussion groups for seekers, to more flexible ways, such as friendship and reaching out to pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage route through Europe. The goal of all Agape ministries and ministry leaders is to create a safe environment for non-Christians to investigate the gospel.

Prayer Requests:

- Thankfulness for Laynie's residency paperwork coming through!
- Wisdom in working with the next generation of Christian leaders in Portugal
- Strong family relationships as Cade and Judson are now at college in the States
- Travel mercies when visiting Suzanne's parents, TBC members Dick and Linda Boyd

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