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### Bio



Born in Strasbourg, France in 1972, Raphaël is married to Karen, and the father of four children: Josiah, Abigail, Lisa and Matthew. At the age of 22 during a camp in Praz-de-Lys, France where he was a counselor, Raphaël understood for the first time what it meant to take his faith seriously. This experience radically changed his life, and it was there that he decided to consecrate his life to the Lord's service. In 1996, after receiving a Master's degree in Economics, he and Karen were married. They then left for Chad, where Raphaël was the financial director of Bebaem hospital for two years. After a brief stay in France, they then moved to South Carolina for five years so that Raphael could pursue seminary classes at Columbia International University. He has since received a Master's of Divinity in Leadership for Evangelism and Discipleship.

During his five years in the United States, Raphaël had two encounters, which would significantly influence his vision for France. The first encounter began in 1999 at Michelin where Raphaël worked part time to finance his education and to support his family. French students from France's "Ivy League" schools spent many months doing internships at Michelin. As Raphaël met and shared with them, God gave him a burden for this generation, who are searching for the meaning of life. The second encounter was with the evangelist Leighton Ford, who spent 30 years traveling the world with Billy Graham before beginning his own ministry of training and equipping young evangelists. God used Leighton's program to confirm the call for evangelism that he had placed on Raphaël's life.

In 2004, Raphaël met with the steering committee of FRANCE EVANGELISATION and shared with them the vision that God has given him, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to train a new generation of workers for God, young people who are grounded in the faith, and involved in evangelism and church planting. In September of 2004 he began a yearlong internship under FRANCE EVANGELISATION and in partnership with GBU (Intervarsity France) and France Mission (a church planting denomination). At the end of this internship, Raphaël joined FRANCE EVANGELISATION and their team of evangelists, and since September 2005, he has also taken on the position of Secretary-General for that ministry. In addition, Raphaël continues to work in the business world, as an Information Technologies engineer and consultant.

Raphaël is a member of the European Network of Apologetics and Evangelists, and collaborates with the Ravi Zacharias Ministries. He is also a member of the Lausanne International Movement ([lausanne.org](http://lausanne.org)) and president of the *Forum des Évangélistes*, a Francophone European platform that seeks to encourage evangelists to be involved in world missions ([forumdesevangelistes.org](http://forumdesevangelistes.org)).

Raphael serves the churches by providing:

### 1. Training Programs

On Evangelism and Apologetics

- Evangelism and the ministry multiplication cycle
- Evangelism and its three components: praying, sharing and caring
- Evangelism and its audience: who, where, when and how

- Evangelism in the daily context (at work or on campus)
- Evangelism and the worship service, a unique opportunity to share Christ
- Apologetics, or dealing with the tough questions
- Apologetics, a call for holiness
- Apologetics, or the art of conversation the way Christ did it

On the ministry of Evangelist:

- The ministry of evangelist in the local church, who, what and how
- The evangelist, his/her training and coaching
- The evangelist, a mobilizing force in a local church (leadership training)
- The evangelist, a preacher of the gospel (homiletics training)
- The evangelist and church planting, his/her place in the leadership team

## **2. Evangelism Programs**

Apologetic preaching (non exhaustive)

- If God exists, why is there evil in the world?
- Has science « buried » God?
- Can you prove the existence of God?
- Religion is a source of intolerance
- Why are we on earth for?
- Christians are incoherent
- Believing in God restrains my freedom
- Jesus and the « other » prophets
- Were you talking about sex?
- Passerelles (a four part introduction to the saving work of Christ)

Spiritual Retreats (theme to be chosen by the church)

- For young people
- For students
- For young adults