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Europe



*Growing mission focused
churches in Europe*

EVANGELISE

ESTABLISH

TRAIN

RESOURCE

A PERSONAL APPEAL:



'EVERY TIME I TRAVEL ACROSS EUROPE, WHETHER FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE, I AM REMINDED OF THE EXTREME SPIRITUAL NEED OF THIS CONTINENT. I GREW UP IN ETHIOPIA WHICH WAS ONCE A MISSION DESTINATION, BUT IS NOW A PLACE WHERE THE CHURCH IS GROWING RAPIDLY DESPITE SERIOUS OBSTACLES. IT SEEMS THAT SIGNIFICANT CHURCH GROWTH IS HAPPENING IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, BUT NOT EUROPE!



STEPHEN MCQUOID

I believe the time has come for Christians all over Europe to stand up and be counted. We need to seize the opportunity to take the gospel to the many towns and cities of Europe and be persistent in our determination to communicate God's truth in a culture that has lost its moral foundation and is spiritually confused. It will take courage and sacrifice, but it is

precisely those qualities that mark true disciples of Jesus Christ. GLO exists for the very purpose of reaching Europe for Christ! Our desire is to enable Christians to make their mark on the world. Our teams offer the possibility of ministry and service and our training equips people for action.

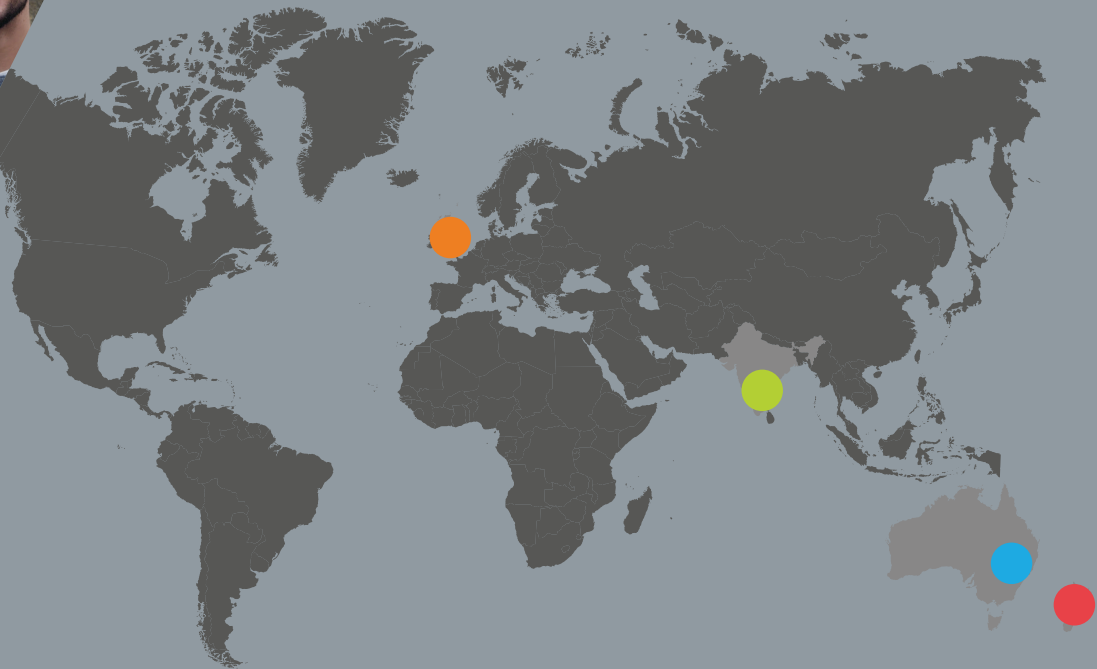
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The work of GLO began in Australia in 1965 when a passionate and visionary young Christian, Colin Tilsley began to mobilise teams of people to go to strategic cities to engage in widespread evangelism. The very first team consisted of ten members who went to the city of Madras in India for two years and managed to distribute half a million gospel packages.

Following the success of that venture, Colin continued to mobilise Christians all over Australia, as well as establishing a training centre where they could be equipped for missionary activity. Once the work had gained momentum in Australia, he moved to New Zealand in 1967 to repeat the process, before coming to the UK in

1971 where he established the work of GLO in Europe.

Today GLO is an international organisation comprised of several independent branches with hundreds of members and operating in countries all over the world. GLO Europe, which operates out of Motherwell in Scotland, is a pan-European work whose key focuses are evangelism, church planting, training and the resourcing of mission.



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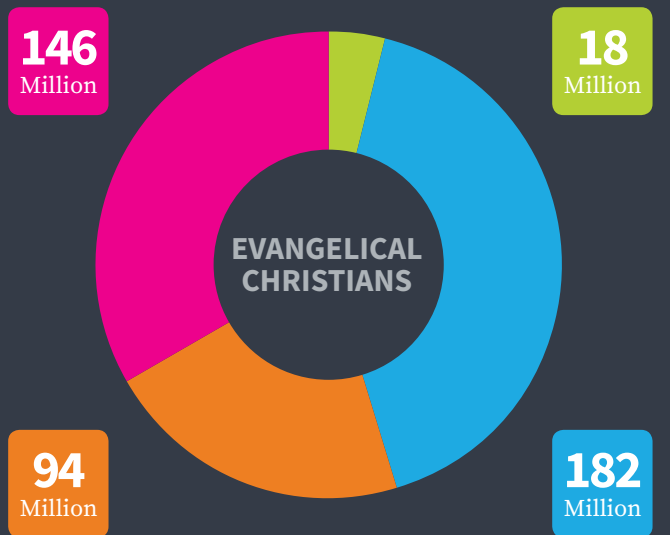


WHAT IS GLO *Europe?*

OUR STRAPLINE SAYS IT ALL - 'GROWING MISSION FOCUSED CHURCHES IN EUROPE'. OUR DESIRE IS TO MOBILISE AND MOTIVATE CHRISTIANS ALL OVER EUROPE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS SO THAT THE CHURCH CAN BECOME STRONG, VIBRANT AND REPLICATE ITSELF ALL OVER THE CONTINENT.

WHY EUROPE?

Europe is one of the most spiritually needy places on earth and the only continent in the world where the church has shrunk over the past 50 years. This chart showing evangelical Christians in different parts of the world, powerfully illustrates the point:



● EUROPE ● AFRICA ● AMERICAS ● ASIA



The sad reality is that most Europeans have never had a meaningful conversation with any Christian about beliefs or spiritual realities. European culture also makes evangelism a challenge. Europe is a continent where secularism and materialism

have a dampening effect on spiritual life. Postmodern relativism has robbed European culture of any sense of sin. Meanwhile Christendom as a whole has all but collapsed over the past few decades while other religions such as Islam have seen significant growth.

The evangelisation of Europe is one of the great mission priorities of our age and we would like to make our contribution by inviting you to partner with us so that together we can achieve this goal. How do we achieve this?

FOUR WORDS SUM UP THE GLO STRATEGY FOR EUROPE:

Evangelize

WE WANT TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST USING EVERY APPROPRIATE METHOD.

Establish

WE WANT TO PLANT LOCAL CHURCHES AND STRENGTHEN EXISTING ONES SO AS TO EXTEND GOD'S KINGDOM.

Train

WE WANT TO EQUIP CHRISTIANS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN SHARING THEIR FAITH AND SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS LEADING EFFECTIVELY IN THE CHURCH.

Resource

WE WANT TO RESOURCE MISSION ALL OVER EUROPE AND PROVIDE CHRISTIANS WITH THE TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE.

Evangelize AND ESTABLISH

HOW DO YOU REACH SO MANY PEOPLE? THE NEEDS IN EUROPE ARE IMMENSE! THERE ARE OVER 700 MILLION PEOPLE FROM 42 DIFFERENT MAJOR LANGUAGE GROUPINGS WHO DON'T HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

We want to use any appropriate method that will be effective in reaching people for Christ. We are also committed to the idea of teamwork because we believe that together we can achieve more for God if we combine our gifts and talents.

Summer teams are a key component in our evangelism. Each year we send between twenty and thirty short term teams to different locations across Europe. Sometimes they will be working with long term GLO missionaries and sometimes with church leaders or other missionaries with whom we have a good relationship.

The range of activities on a summer team can be almost limitless. Often we use literature distribution as it is one way of scattering the seed as widely as possible.

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Some teams also specialise in children's ministry, reaching young people growing up in our very secular European society. Teams can also include open air work, international cafés, youth events, the creative arts, community projects, indeed anything that will communicate the gospel to people who need to hear.

We have discovered that teams are also an excellent way of discipling the team members and feeding into their lives. The challenge of frontline evangelism, the warmth of the fellowship, the team building and shared experience along with the Bible teaching that takes place on

every team, all combine to make a very positive impact on team members. With the discipleship element being so strong, often a local church sends a group to fill a team and we encourage this as it provides a positive partnership between GLO and local churches.

GLO resident teams: While summer teams are a crucial strategy in our evangelism and church planting work, there is no substitute for resident teams. A GLO team can be as small as a couple of people, but more often involves a group of workers. A resident team comprises of workers who are willing to give a longer period of time, usually several years, to work in a particular area. This is especially important in a

cross-cultural context where extra time is needed for language learning and cultural assimilation.

Sometimes resident teams work with existing churches that need help in formulating an evangelism strategy or providing much needed personnel for reaching into a community. Often, however, a resident team will be used in a church planting situation which takes many years and a great deal of work and commitment. We have a particular burden to plant churches in strategic locations or in areas where there is very little gospel witness.







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Training

TRAINING HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE HEART OF THE WORK OF GLO. WE SEEK TO PREPARE AND EQUIP PEOPLE FOR MISSION THROUGH A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT TRAINING PEOPLE TO EVANGELISE AND CHURCH PLANT, AS WELL AS PREPARING CHRISTIANS TO SERVE GOD AND HIS KINGDOM WITH EXCELLENCE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF LOCATIONS.

Our desire is not just to train people for the work of GLO, but rather to prepare all kinds of people to serve God in whatever situation he places them in. We want to train so as to equip church workers, missionaries, tentmakers, pastors, elders, leaders, youth workers or anyone who wants their lives to count for the kingdom of God. We believe that training is mission. This is because as we prepare people to be witnesses for Christ wherever they are, we do the work of mission.

Our main training base is Tilsley College which is located in the GLO Centre and offers a one year Certificate in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry, a two year Diploma in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry, and a third year European Baccalaureate in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry. All these programmes offer in-depth studies of the Bible, theology, and Christian service combined with practical ministry experience. We receive accreditation through the European Evangelical Accrediting Association (EEAA).

Our wider training offerings include the 'Joshua' programme, which usually runs as an evening class and offers a systematic training which is flexible enough to fit in with a working person's lifestyle. There is also a leadership

programme called 'Learning to Lead' which prepares people for a range of church leadership roles including eldership. Both of these training options are delivered regularly at the GLO Centre but also at various locations around the country, as well as being accessible online.

In addition, we run a variety of seminars, workshops and other training events in different locations and are often asked to help churches by offering guidance to groups of leaders, elders and church workers. We are available to help equip churches to fulfil their mission.

GLO also runs the First Serve gap-year programme along with our partnering organisations. This programme enables

the participant to combine some training with ministry experience in the UK and abroad.

The training we do extends well beyond the borders of the UK. The church in central and Eastern Europe has a significant need for training and we are partnering with them and with other organisations to provide this. Some of the training we offer is church based, some is done through weekend based residential Bible schools and some is in the form of international camps. Our long-term aim is not just to train individuals, but to equip and empower them to develop their own ministries and initiatives within their own countries.





Resourcing

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IS CHALLENGING. IT REQUIRES COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OFTEN NEED SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM THE ADVICE AND COUNCIL OF OTHER EXPERIENCED PRACTITIONERS.

Part of the role of GLO is to support and resource people involved in ministry.

At the very heart of this activity are GLO workers themselves. Our aim is to do what we can to encourage and affirm them in what they do. This takes several forms. A

mission teams' budget offers a measure of financial support to teams involved in church planting, front line evangelism or some other forms of ministry. Pastoral visits to missionaries in their field of service are also available along with strategic input

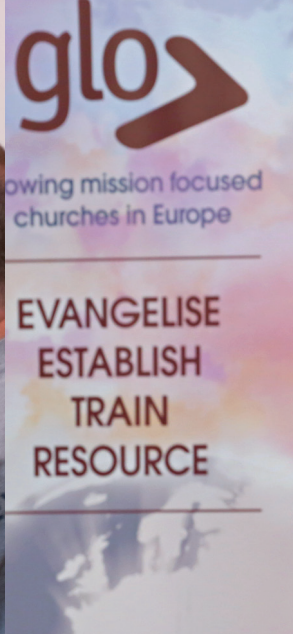
on the work itself. We host an annual worker's conference where the whole GLO family get together and can be encouraged, envisioned and trained to serve God more effectively.

As well as resourcing Christian workers, we also want to resource churches and other Christian organisations. A big part of this is through training and mentoring. Our training programmes and initiatives provide significant help to churches and church leaders and some of our GLO workers commit time to advising and mentoring church leaders and other ministry practitioners.

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GLO Media

GLO can offer practical help to churches and Christian organisations through our GLO Media department. We have developed skill in communication and film making which is of benefit to us, but we also want to share

this resource with others. We can offer filming, video editing and media advice as well as setting up the infrastructure for live broadcasting. We can produce everything from music and promotional videos to full documentaries. All of this can help a church or Christian organisation spread its message and get better known.





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WE WANT TO BE A WELCOMING PLACE AND TO PROVIDE A PERSONAL ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE CAN MEET AND CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS

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BOOKSHOP, COFFEE SHOP AND CONFERENCE *facilities*

OUR BASE IN MOTHERWELL IS A BUSY PLACE AND INCLUDES A CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP, A COFFEE SHOP AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE CHURCH AS WELL AS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND THESE MINISTRIES ENABLE US TO DO SO.

The GLO Bookshop is the 'Leading Independent Christian Bookshop in Scotland', stocking more than 20,000 items and drawing customers from all over central Scotland and beyond. We also have facilities for internet, phone and email sales, and the GLO Bookshop regularly sends books and other resources all over the world. With all the changes that have taken place in the Christian book industry, we believe our job is not only to stock important titles, but also to offer a service to customers which enables them to find just what they are looking for. Whether it is a preacher looking for a good commentary, a Sunday school teacher looking for prizes, a pastor looking for an appropriate card or someone simply looking for a good book to read or CD to listen to, we are here to help.

The Coffee Shop also provides a meeting place for the local community in a warm Christian atmosphere. There is no such thing as a typical customer. Some are Christians, many are not. Some customers come with a purpose. For example, pastors meeting members of their congregation, business people meeting clients or care workers with the people they support. Most, however, are friends meeting up over food or a drink.

The Coffee Shop in turn provides a service to the groups that use our

conference facilities. These facilities comprise of rooms ranging from a 10 seater board room to a 250 seater auditorium. The people and groups that use this service are as diverse as the Motherwell Family History Society, local businesses, local council departments and other statutory bodies. In addition, special charity rates are available to the many Christian groups and churches that use the conference facilities.

We want to be a welcoming place and to provide a personal environment where people can meet and conduct their business. Located in the heart of the town of Motherwell, we are here to serve the community and provide a Christian presence.





PLEASE Partner WITH US

HERE AT GLO WE DON'T JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT MISSION, WE WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN IT. WE ALSO WANT TO ASK YOU TO JOIN WITH US AS WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO PLAY A PART IN GOD'S PLANS FOR EUROPE.

YOU CAN PLAY A PART IN SO MANY WAYS – HERE ARE JUST A FEW

1. Pray for the work of GLO as well as for revival across Europe.
2. Get in touch with one of our resident mission teams and commit to affirming and supporting them.
3. Financially support the work. – e.g. adopt a GLO Worker. Many of our workers lack financial support and you could help by committing to regular personal prayer and support.
4. Join a summer team, better still bring others with you.
5. Get some training (whether full-time at Tilsley College or shorter courses delivered near you or online) and then pray about where God might lead you next.
6. Begin a mission prayer group in your church and ask us to update you with prayer information.
7. Become a promoter of the work of GLO, we can send you all the literature you need.
8. Leave a legacy for GLO in your will so that you can invest for eternity.
9. If there is a GLO church plant near you, consider helping out or even joining so you can assist in the project.
10. Consider and pray about the possibility of joining us as a GLO worker or GLO Mission Partner.

'The needs of Europe are intensifying and it will take a concerted effort from Christians all over Europe to make a difference. Please join us and together we can achieve great things for God'
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