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EDITORIAL

by Stephen McQuoid

Welcome to another edition of e-vision. In this edition we take a look behind the scenes and reflect on the important work that takes place there. Often when people think about mission or mission organisations they think about key frontline missionaries who are planting churches and bringing the gospel to people who have never heard. Those missionaries need our prayers and the work they do is vital. However, the work of mission can never succeed without the help of people working behind the scenes and the resources that are on offer. It is on these that we want to focus.

In the lead article Mark Davies, one of our Directors, will talk about regrowing a church in London that he and his wife Shirley were involved with, as well as his ministry in supporting a significant number of other churches to enable them to be effective in what they are doing. We will also hear from Allison Hill who, along with Jan Goodall has been serving at the GLO Centre for many years making sure that GLO runs well as an organisation. Their work complements that

of Charlie Deering the GLO Centre Manager and Tania, his wife who cooks for the college students and offers hospitality to visitors to the GLO Centre. Such ministries are of vital importance to our work. The College teaching and administrative staff will also introduce themselves and give insight into their ministry of preparing students.

We will be reporting from the field on some of the exciting things that have been happening there. Ben and Anne-Aymone Suter have been leading a church plant in Salon de Provence and they will give us a progress report. The Le Cep church in Marseille has also been able to obtain a building to worship in and they are working on two church plants, one of which will be a café church. They have been blessed with the resources of appropriate buildings and they tell their story. The church plant in Serino, Italy and Vlore, Albania have also obtained buildings, and these are exciting developments. The story of how this happened is told by the church planters.

At Easter we were privileged to have a group of Faroese young men visit the GLO Centre for a mission awareness week. Along with their inspirational leader, Róland í Skoríni, a long-time

friend of GLO, they talk about their trip. We conclude by reminding you of the wonderful work of the GLO Coffee Shop and Bookshop that keep is at the centre of our community.

The work of GLO continues to grow and for this we are profoundly grateful. God has been faithful to us, and our supporters have backed us with prayer as well as financial support. We also thank God for the dedicated GLO personnel who are willing to work behind the scenes to ensure that GLO runs efficiently and that our front-line missionaries get the backup they need to continue their invaluable ministries. Please pray for us as we continue to make Christ known in Europe, this darkest of continents.

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by Mark Davies

RESOURCING AND EQUIPING

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When Paul describes how the church grows, he draws on the concept of the church as a Body, made up of muscles and sinews amazingly interconnected and vitally so to the head, Christ. The Body grows as each part does its stuff (Ephesians 4:1-16). He also notes the importance of resourcing others – “to equip his people for works of service”. All of this while maintaining that vital connection to Christ – because as Jesus says elsewhere, “without me you can do nothing.”

As local churches we need to focus on doing what God has given us to do in our own locality: growing in Christ and making more disciples of Christ; yet remember we are not alone, for Christ has designated others to help us. In the Early Church it was the Paul’s and Barnabas’, the Timothy’s and Titus’, Priscilla’s and Aquila’s who did this. Over the centuries such itinerant ministry or missionary teams (dare I say apostolic teams) have taken different shapes and sizes. The origins of GLO fit significantly into this picture. It is a picture of equipping or resourcing the church, which is worked out in practice by serving alongside local churches as we collectively go about evangelism, discipleship, church planting and growing into mature and effective communities of believers.

RESOURCING GROUPS

As a young person growing up among the assemblies in South Wales, I benefited personally, as did our local fellowships, from itinerant Bible teachers and evangelists (including some from GLO) who served with local fellowships to enable effective growth. As successive generations of young people we were impacted by people like David Prosser, John Speirs and Graham Poland who regularly visited or engaged us in their ministries. GLO, along with Counties, Camp ministries, Partnership, Echoes International, Look on the Fields, MMN, Brass Tacks (the list is endless) continue to be part of this inter-connecting way that Christ uses, so that the One Body may grow. In this article I focus on the work of GLO and speak from my own experience!

STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONS – GLO REGIONAL TRAINING

Core to GLO’s involvement in resourcing has been training through the residential courses at Tilsley College in Motherwell which have been preparing individuals for service at home and abroad. In 2010 we also developed a church-based training programme called Joshua which ran in locations in Scotland, England and South Wales. I moved south in order to spread this ministry more widely. While Covid-19 moved the Joshua programme towards

online/Zoom-based classes, Richard Harknett, based in Bishop’s Stortford, continues to make available the option of running systematic biblical and theological studies either in a local church or with a group of churches cooperating together in an area. Get in touch with us if you would like to run a Joshua taster in your area. Richard and I together with others such as Alistair Hornal, as part of GLO Regional training, are available to help you develop church-based training as a key way of strengthening and mobilising local churches into mission. In recent years we have also been involved in countries ranging from Peru, Zambia, Kenya to Central and Eastern Europe.

GROWING CHURCHES – THE CHURCH REVITALISATION PROJECT

In moving south with GLO, Shirley and I have spent the past seven years based at a local church in Highgate, London, which was in need of regrowth. This has led to the formation of a joint Church Revitalisation Project which brought together GLO, Partnership, Counties and Church Growth Trust. To date over 50 churches across the UK have been engaged with us in one way or another. We have helped many to carry out a strategic review and reset direction. A few were helped to bring their work to a dignified end. Still others were helped to work through a significant change including finding a full-time church worker or the handing on of leadership to a new generation who can take things forward.

SUPPORTIVE PEER GROWTH – LEARNING TOGETHER

The mentoring and support of individual leaders is also a key way of supporting church growth. Some GLO personnel based in Motherwell have helped run a regular Church Workers’ Day which allows for prayer, sharing and teaching. I have been part of the London Hub, which started as a joint support group for church planters, and now includes leaders and key workers in local churches serving across London who keep in touch and seek to support one another on the ground. Growing churches is hard, we need all the help we can get, and remaining isolated isn’t what Christ meant his Body to be. I also have the joy of supporting a growing leaders forum in the Cardiff area.

Get in touch with us at GLO if you would like to connect into some of these local situations.

Across Europe, many GLO missionaries are also involved in similar ministries. In addition to evangelism and church planting, we are seeking to resource, strengthen, mentor or simply grow effective churches in each country. Richard and I, along with Stephen McQuoid and Sam Gibson, are involved in a variety of Central and Eastern

European countries, working together with Philadelphia Trust and Echoes international, as well as key ministries like Kairos in Romania. GLO doesn’t have residential missionaries in some of these countries, but our goal is to support whatever work is taking place through training, mentoring, resourcing, and equipping new generations of national workers and leaders in those countries. We value prayer for wisdom in this, as well as expressions of interest from anyone who has a similar heart and vision.

THE VALUE OF THE WRITTEN WORD

Resourcing through the printed word is still part of GLO’s DNA as our name suggests (Gospel Literature Outreach)! Our bookshop in Motherwell is a key resource for Central Scotland and beyond. The bookshop team provide advice, at the shop or by phone and internet, for anyone looking for materials for evangelism, discipleship and church life. Across Europe we are also involved in literature, for example Robert and Emese Lemperger have a publishing ministry in Hungary. Over the years GLO has also worked with Partnership and Opal Trust in the production of good teaching books and periodicals. We value your prayers as GLO considers taking a lead in this work particularly with the continuation and development of the Perspectives magazine.

RESOURCING IS PART OF THE MAIN THING

In GLO we keep reminding ourselves of the need to keep the main thing the main thing. Often we summarise that using terms such as proclaiming the gospel, evangelism and mission. However, planting a church is only the start of the process, just as seeing someone confess faith in Christ and getting baptised is only the beginning of discipleship. What follows is “church” with all its practicalities, messiness and organisation. In GLO we believe that God has placed us together not just to do our stuff in mission but to support you in doing mission. For many of us in GLO, our mission is resourcing and equipping, helping local believers in local churches so that together we can grow mission focused churches across Europe.

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I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

by Ben Suter

After several years of prayer on this subject, two families have intentionally come to Salon-de-Provence to join our church plant and support us in this challenge! The Nadal family who are returning to France after four years in Montreal in a pastoral training course at the FTE (Faculté de Théologie Évangélique) and the Delaplace family who are pursuing a 2nd cycle IBG (Institut Biblique de Genève) course as part-time trainees with us, for which Philippe Perrilliat is the official trainer for the first two years.

At the same time, some families from the region have also joined the church. December 4, 2022 marked the constitution of a worship association which counts 19 members to date and a little more than 60 regular attenders, including 28 children.

“In this discovery of discipleship, the stakes are real.”

With this recent numerical growth, one of the challenges for our young community is not to be satisfied with our numbers. We use a tool called ‘A Gospel Discovery Journey’ to help members of the church with their witnessing – may the Lord create favorable opportunities. To be continued.

At the same time, we have the privilege of accompanying some people following their conversion. In this discovery of discipleship, the stakes are real. Please pray for four people in particular who are on this journey and some of whom are preparing to be baptised in September.

At the end of April, Anne-Aymone was able to participate in a women's retreat organised by Marie-Christine Perrilliat. This was a very refreshing and valuable opportunity to maintain and create links with the women committed to Christ in our region.

Soon after, I was able to join a seminar on the local church led by Mark Dever and the 9Marks Foundation. One of the highlights of the seminar was the 'slow growth' of the church. I remember the David Wells quote: “Desiring to see rapid



growth and a mass of people coming to Christ exposes us to turning away from the true Gospel to make it attractive.”

Chaplaincy to the military base at Salon is always very interesting and we are delighted that three of them are on a discovery journey through the study of the Gospel of John.

Our family has grown, and we are grateful for Félix (11 months) whose generous smile and good character make us say that he lives up to his name. Azielle (7 years), Joanne (5 years) and Leo (2½ years) are delighted to include Felix in their play, like loving siblings.

We are still working on the extensive renovation of our home with the challenge of vacating our current flat in the autumn of 2024.

We continue to operate with donations mostly from outside the church but hope that our own church will gradually take responsibility for this. Financial autonomy has not yet been achieved, but it is one of our goals towards maturity.

We are grateful to God for his faithfulness in all things, whose blessings we see flowing from working together. For all this, many thanks.



by Ela Muhameti

This is a story about a church in the Balkans, about believers who lived through difficult circumstances, they trusted in the Lord's plan for his church.

These believers are from a church in the city of Vlora, Albania.

The existing church building started to feel smaller and smaller every time we used it. While the space was limited we recognised that this was a good problem. As a church we are very much involved in children's ministry, pre-teen's ministry, teen's ministry, student ministry, women's ministry, prison ministry... and every Sunday the meetings in our church were full. There was not enough room just for chairs, so some people were standing, some would stay outside and listen and some would go home as they simply could not get in.

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WHEN GOD OPENS THE DOOR, NO ONE CAN CLOSE IT!



As a church we had set money aside to buy a building, but we knew this was not enough, so as a church we decided to look for a building and for help from other churches. Then Covid-19 hit – what a shock for everyone! We had people coming to us and saying that this was not the time for a building, there was no financial security, but... when God opens the door no one can close it...

We were all of one mind and one spirit that we were only instruments and if it is God's plan he will continue to bless his plan. Firstly, some churches came through with a positive answer that they would help...WOW. We were half way there! Then we found the perfect building, but the owner who initially agreed then didn't want to sell it to us anymore...frustration!

In this process there were some blind spots, discouraging moments and daily we had to lift our eyes to the mountains from where our help comes from.

God is amazing! Other churches and believers kept giving, slowly but with faith things kept moving forward on the right path... We found the building and paid up half of it and in a few months we will pay the other half...

When the war in Ukraine broke out, some people said that we should not ask for help as people are focused on the war. However, when God opens the door, no one can close it! We were still of one mind, heart and spirit that this new building was God's project not ours, for his Kingdom and for this small city in the Balkans. We are a small church that trusts in an Almighty God. We are his instruments through all of this journey we have been composing this symphony with our eyes focused only on the perfect conductor, God!

Our prayer is that through this new building we will give glory to God and serving the people of Vlora.





When we think of church planting, especially in an area of Italy where there is no evangelical church, it certainly brings joy, but a joy that is accompanied by challenges and sacrifice. As a family we moved from Naples to Serino in the summer of 2017 with the purpose of sharing the good news where there wasn't an evangelical church. We had no friends there, no extended family, no local church nearby. With a strategy in place, we have been evangelising in different ways such as street evangelism, opening our home for special events and inviting our neighbours and friends, holding meetings in the public gardens or in the space dedicated to the local market, visiting and assisting refugees in reception centres, teaching English, summer GLO teams and teams of Italian.

After a time, some of our friends were open to listen to our message, others have accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. But we have also faced difficulties and disappointments such as false friendships, opposition to the gospel or marginalisation due to the fact that we were not locals. When the Covid-19 pandemic began in March 2020 we were forced to stay at home and reinvent our ministry, carrying it out on social media. We continued online with everything we had been doing. During this period, three people made a profession of faith and one expressed the desire to be baptised publicly. Then our third child asked to be baptised.

Even though we are in a small town of about 9000 inhabitants, our group has grown with people coming not only from Italy, but also from Africa, England and Northern Ireland. When humanly it seemed that things were going in the right direction, our eldest son fell ill and had to undergo a major heart operation. In those months the Holy Spirit worked in Daniel's heart, and he gave his life to the Lord. The first baptisms in Serino were a great joy and

novelty because many had never seen baptisms before. Until then our group of believers met online or at our house; by now it was no longer possible because there were too many of us. Since November 2021 on Sunday evenings, we have been renting a hall in a B&B basement for the Lord's Supper, praise and the message of the gospel. In the meantime, my mother fell seriously ill in Naples and also underwent surgery. Prayers and time have been spent encouraging and assisting my parents. In June 2022 we had the joy of celebrating two more baptisms, one of which was that of our son Daniel. He himself testified how he was born again, giving glory to God in front of so many guests who had the opportunity to hear the gospel.

The Lord guided us to find a place in Serino and not far from our home. We have called our multifunctional building in Serino "living water" as Jesus promises living water to those who believe in him (John 7:32). This area has a plentiful water supply, indeed the ancient Roman empire built a water system to transport water from here to Rome. On Sunday 15th January we had our first worship service and Lord's Supper. The following Thursday, the first prayer and Bible study. These premises are the first in Serino to be used for evangelical multifunctional purposes.

In the 80s, after the earthquake that devastated our region there was a disco (called Magic House) managed by the current owners. It is interesting that anyone from the area who has come to do a little job or who takes their children to English lessons remembers the old disco open only on Sunday afternoons as a place to meet and have fun. One of our actual members came to dance in her teenage years on Sunday afternoons!

We are currently a small church of 20 adults and 8 children. Many are at the beginning of their faith. I am still the only leader although each member has the opportunity to contribute with their talents and spiritual gifts to church life as a

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family. I pray the Holy Spirit may raise up other leaders in the future.

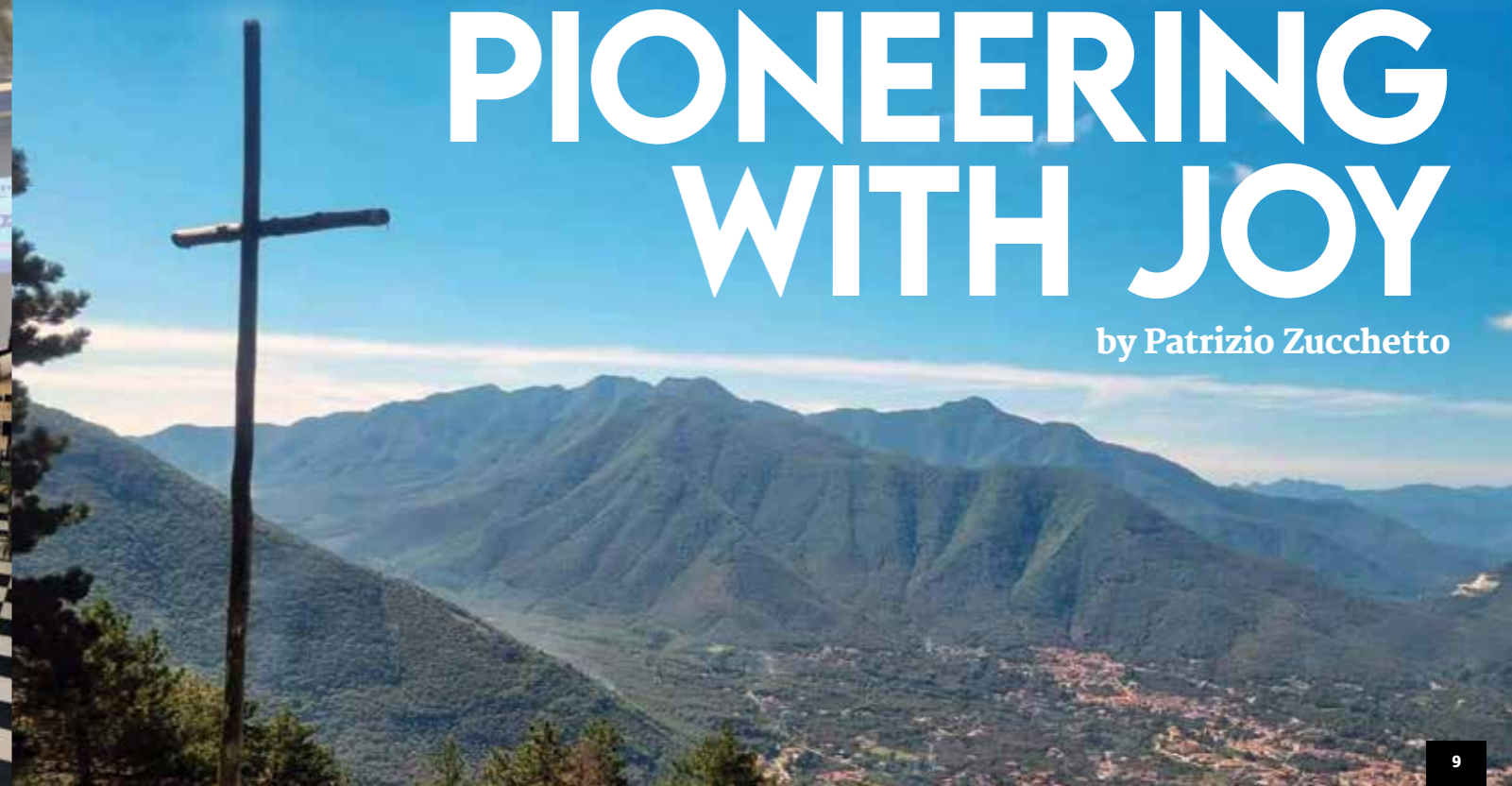
We serve the Serino community by offering English lessons to both children and adults. This helps us to get to know not only the children but also the families and to establish many beautiful friendships. There are still many migrants in the area from Africa, Bangladesh and India. In the church we have several from Nigeria, particularly a young family. We dedicate time to encourage them, teach them Italian and if we can, try help them in a practical way. We are encouraged by the story of brother Morrison who last February went to visit his family in Nigeria after six years here in Italy. I met him five years ago in a reception centre seeking political asylum, discouraged, cold and far from the Lord. Now he has a residence visa, a job, he speaks Italian, a house of his own and is a beloved brother in Serino.

As a church plant in Serino we aim to worship our God with our lives, to build up one another with the Word of God and to reach out the surrounding community with the gospel also planting other churches in our region. Jesus clearly stated that the harvest is great, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37,38). My prayer is that the Lord will touch us with His compassion (9:36), looking up and identifying those folks deep in tradition, religiosity and superstition who are, 'tired and exhausted' because they live without the Supreme and Glorious Shepherd, our beloved Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Please join us in prayer.



PIONEERING WITH JOY

by Patrizio Zucchetto





VISION FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

by **Mayeul Aureille**

The scripture says "Where there is no vision, the people perish". So what is the vision for the local church? How can we define a biblical and God-inspired vision? We have often asked ourselves this question as a local church in Marseille in the South of France. Here are some words of testimony of what God has done.

Since 2013 we have made a habit of having two elders' retreats each year to reflect and pray together for the vision of the church. Based on 2 Timothy 2:2 we prayed to be a church that would grow in maturity and number. The vision was to multiply disciples and multiply leaders, dreaming of a church with 200 active members. To pursue this

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vision we set out to find a larger building, developed family groups and prayed for more servant time.

God blessed this vision and the church grew. Seven years later we had about 180 people, 30 leaders had been trained and many of the elders had made time available for service with a bi-vocational commitment. But we still did not have a new building and felt the need to renew the vision.

At an elders' retreat, while looking at the Book of Acts, we began to pray, not only for the multiplication of disciples, not only for the multiplication of leaders, but also for the multiplication of churches! We began to dream of churches multiplying in our city of Marseille and in our region.

More specifically, we prayed and thought about opening a café, a place of evangelism, in the city centre of Marseille and, at the same time, we began to dream of a second church site in the region of Aubagne, a few kilometres from Marseille, with a view to finally planting a new church (two churches reaching 500 active members).

In the years of the pandemic, we continued to pray for this. During 2022/2023, God has answered

in many ways. In September, we officially moved into the large building that we rented Sunday after Sunday during the pandemic. A large 700m² building not far from our historic church in Marseille. At the same time, we formed a team of leaders for the café project and God miraculously allowed us to buy a restaurant in the centre of Marseille. We are currently converting this restaurant into a café and, God willing, we will open the "Bullezcafé" in June! A place to have a good coffee and hear the gospel!

Next September we are launching a season of prayer to multiply the church in the Aubagne area. In the meantime, the family groups continue to grow and multiply. We long to see how God will work!

Our desire is to pursue this vision: to multiply the disciples, to multiply the leaders and to multiply the church. We pray for this vision. We pray for more servant time and more financial resources, especially to support the café. We pray that the members of the church will be more connected to God, more connected to each other, and more connected to the world to which we witness.

Please, pray with us!



In 1865 William Gibson Sloan wrote in his diary in Scotland: "The Faroe Islands need a missionary...So the Lord helping me, I decide to go to Faroe to preach Jesus. Amen".

Twelve young men from the Faroes visited Tilsley College during easter to walk in Mr Sloan's footsteps, inspired by his life.

The Faroes consist of 18 islands with 124 villages. In 1865 only 8000 people lived there compared to 53,000 now.

Mr. Sloan, commended by Roman Road church, Motherwell, preached and distributed literature for 13 years, visiting every village before he saw the first convert. Today the boys, who form a group called 'Living Stones', are a direct result of Mr. Sloan's obedience to serve in the Faroes where his work has resulted in 22 evangelical free churches, 1 Christian camp site, 2 camp sites in Greenland, one missionary ship evangelising in Greenland and 74 missionaries in 26 countries.

What was Mr. Sloan's spiritual secret, and what did the Twelve Living Stones learn at Tilsley College? Their goal was "more spiritual growth and education".

We were grateful to Allison Hill for arranging a programme which included lectures and church visits. We were welcomed by four people at the airport who drove us to the GLO Centre, where

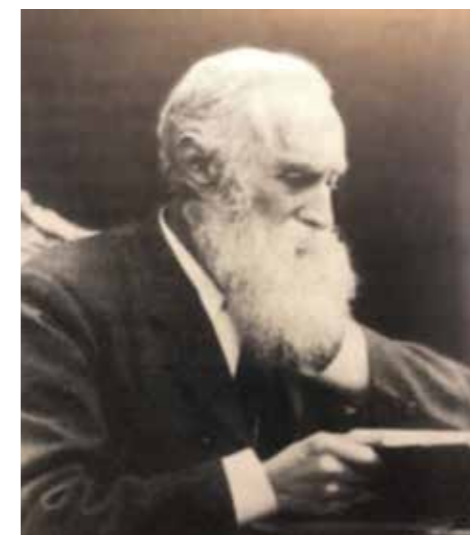


12 LIVING STONES IN TILSLEY COLLEGE

we received a delicious meal and the first lecture by John Speirs, who inspired us in speaking of the Christian values needed in our lives. The second day Stephen McQuoid gave us an extremely educational lecture on "Finding God's will in our lives", explaining the necessity of being led by God's Word and Spirit to serve the Lord in a practical way. In the afternoon Allan McKinnon lectured on interpretation and preaching including useful training. This was of real help combined with our wish to learn to be effective witnesses in society. The fourth day John Speirs delivered one further lecture on the Life of Joseph. We warmly recommend Tilsley College for further education.



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We visited four different evangelical churches during our stay. It was immensely instructive to experience how our Lord uses different methods and people in different circumstances. Allison Hill introduced us to her own church, Roman Road. It was a meaningful experience taking part in the Breaking of Bread Service and prayer on Thursday night. At the end three of the boys were given the opportunity to give their testimonies. The church also invited us to a rich agape meal where we experienced New Testament fellowship.

The GLO Bookshop was an impressive paradise with all kinds of positive spiritual temptations! The Coffee Shop, the auditorium and the library were absorbing. The visit to St. Silas and to the University in Glasgow, guided by the two charming girls Alice and Charis, was spellbinding.

The football match between Motherwell and Livingstone (3-0) taught us to concentrate and have fun at the same time!

The visits to John Knox House and the David Livingstone Centre inspired us to continue with the establishment of Mr. Sloan's Museum in the Faroes.

On the last day four cars took us back to the airport - tireless love to the end.

We want to express our cordial and sincere regards to all at GLO for having provided us immense opportunities to acquire spiritual growth and education.

We will never stop to reflect on Mr. Sloan's decision and obedience in 1865. One man's perseverance, zeal and tenacity of purpose was the reason for our visit. His secret was prayer and biblical meditation. We thank our Lord that he has given GLO and Tilsley College the same quality.

The 12 Living Stones





By Allan McKinnon

TILSLEY COLLEGE

AS THIS EDITION OF E-VISION IS FOCUSING ON RESOURCING MISSION, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE STAFF WHO SERVE IN TILSLEY COLLEGE



GARETH ARMSTRONG

I'm a lecturer at Tilsley College teaching apologetics, the life of Jesus and other subjects. I also spend a couple of days a week with my home church, Townhead Christian Fellowship, doing Bible teaching, youth work and engaging with the local community. I'm a film buff and like getting into a good book. I love teaching the Bible exploring what God says to us and sharing this with others.

The eternal God who made the universe has spoken to us in languages we can understand, where he reveals himself to us and transforms our lives. At Tilsley we get to discover this every day and share it together as staff and students. I love my job!



RUTH YOUNG

I am an Ayrshire girl with a background in business and admin, and I have had some short-term mission experience in Bolivia. For a few years now I have been part of a church planting team in Darnley, Glasgow and I am involved in schools' ministry across Ayrshire. I love being an auntie of three. I enjoy walking, climbing a mountain, baking, and a good cup of tea.

My role in the college is to serve as Practical Ministry Tutor. It is my responsibility to organise and coordinate the practical elements of the college, mainly the student placements. Having been a Tilsley student myself I have personally gained from the practical side of the course. Tilsley gave me the opportunity to identify, develop and use my gifts. This is what excites me about now being part of the staff team; giving others the opportunity to discover their giftings, being able to develop them and seeing them go on and use them to serve God.



DAVID IRVINE

My wife and I live in the west end of Glasgow where we are surrounded by Glasgow Uni students, niche restaurants and independent coffee shops. Originally from Lanarkshire, I've had contact with GLO for many years through the bookshop. Now I get to support the students through my role at the college.

As Pastoral Lead at Tilsley I teach subjects like Pastoral Care and Spiritual Formation. I also spend time getting to know the students, meeting for coffee and talking about life. We have good conversations in class where we apply our theology on a personal level. Discipleship is a big part of our college ethos and I head that up. As we speak with each other on that level we apply the Bible in a deeper and more personal way.

Away from college, you would find my wife and I involved in our local church. We are both involved with the ministry of the church and really enjoy spending time with people.

PAUL WILSON

I grew up in California, but I've now spent most of my adult life outside the US. I've lived in Northern Ireland, Greece, and now Scotland. I've been married to Emma since 2004, and we have two wonderful children, Niamh and Shane. I'm a missionary with Interserve. As a part of my role, I coordinate a refugee outreach in Glasgow's east end and I'm currently pursuing a PhD in New Testament studies. I enjoy running, hiking and anything outdoors.



At Tilsley College, I serve as a part-time lecturer, teaching courses related to my areas of expertise in New Testament studies and issues related to mission and migration. However, my love for the Bible and mission extends beyond these subject areas.

There are so many joys to being part of the community at Tilsley College. It's wonderful to see our students grow in knowledge, ministry experience, and relationship with God during their time here. I often think that I learn as much from the students as they learn from me -- I am regularly encouraged and challenged by the students' enthusiasm and deep questions. The staff team at Tilsley provides a supportive environment that has Christ at the centre.

JACQUI MCKINNON

I am the Student Welfare manager at Tilsley College, and I have worked in this part-time role for three years. The College is an exciting place to be where so many students are coming to study with us come from all over the world.

I am involved in a church plant in Darnley, Glasgow which has been going for five years. I also have connections with Moshi Christian Children's Centre situated at the bottom of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. I worked there for 14 years and now as a member of the advisory committee in the UK have the privilege of visiting two or three times a year. I am mum to three grown up children, gran to seven grandchildren, and a child of the King!



ANNE GROVER

Before coming to work at Tilsley College in 2017, my husband and I were missionaries, first in Pakistan where I helped new workers learn Urdu, and later in Peru where I taught English conversation. You can probably tell that I like languages! However, I also enjoy administration, so my role as Registrar suits me very well.



As Registrar I deal with all the paperwork surrounding students, from the time they make an application until they graduate. Arranging interviews, printing timetables, making teaching materials and assignments available to students, pestering lecturers for graded work, keeping student records, taking minutes of meetings - this is my bread and butter. I am also the first point of contact for anyone who phones, emails or visits the College.

One of the most interesting things about my job is getting first sight of the applications for the new academic year in September. It can sometimes be hard to imagine how these individuals of different ages, cultures, abilities and experience will ever bond with one another and become much more than a student body as they live together, learn in class and serve in church and community. Yet every year God brings that about.

ALLAN MCKINNON

I have been serving at Tilsley College for 12 years; first as Academic Dean and more recently as Principal. One of my life verses is 2 Timothy 2:2 in which Paul exhorts Timothy to pass on to others the truth of the gospel so that they in turn can pass it along to other faithful people! At Tilsley this is exactly what we aim for - to encourage people to be 'thinking discipleship training' all their days of following Jesus so that it becomes part and parcel of who they are.



What I have loved recently is seeing some of our past students becoming mentors and guides for younger people; pastors and youth workers who graduated from Tilsley are now hosting students in their own church settings for hands on vocational training.

When I'm not at Tilsley I love being outside in God's big world. I love my garden - it reminds me of the privilege there is in working together with God in his purposes in the world. I also love kayaking around the shores of Scotland. Kayaking reminds me of how small I am in the middle of the enormity of creation. Yet the God who made all this knows me and loves me.

CALLED TO RESOURCE

by Allison Hill

I first got involved with GLO through the short-term mission teams programme in the late 1980s. For several years I went on summer teams to France and Northern Ireland. As well as giving opportunities for direct evangelism, I was personally challenged on these teams about my place in mission. I began to pray that if God wanted me to be involved in mission on a full-time basis, that he would make this clear to me. At that time, I was teaching in Aberdeen – a job that I loved and didn't really want to give up. In all honesty, I felt I was quite safe in praying this as God wouldn't really need a quiet, introvert in mission!

However, God had other plans, and through his Word, through people and through circumstances, he showed me that my first step should be to train in Biblical and Mission studies at what is now called 'Tilsley College'. And so it was that in 1991 I left my teaching career in Aberdeen and came to the GLO Centre to embark on the 'Training for Service' programme.

This was a very formative year in my life, during which I had time to study the Bible in depth, to develop my gifts and to listen to God's voice. As I prayed and heard more about the ministry of GLO that year, I became more and more convinced that

"This was what God had called me to do, this was where I could flourish in using my gifts"



ALLISON HILL & JAN GOODALL HAVE BEEN TWO OF THE KEY ADMIN STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN 'RESOURCING MISSION' FOR MANY YEARS.

God wanted me to serve with GLO. But where could my skills be used? I did my individual placement on a GLO Resident Mission Team. This confirmed what I already knew in my heart – that I was not suited to an upfront role in mission.

When I returned from my placement, I began to ask the leadership in Motherwell at that time (notably David Clarkson, John Speirs, and Ray Cawston) if there was some way in which I could serve with GLO. Gradually a plan came together, and it was agreed that I would be involved in the 'college' administration both internally with the full-time students, and also in 'extension ministries' events.

For 18 years I was part of the training team and was involved in the organisation of events, mentoring, timetabling, budgets, handling applications, publicity, catering and overseeing the daily running of the college. Several times during these years I was asked when I was going on to do

overseas mission. I had to assure people that this was not a stopgap, this was what God had called me to do, this was where I could flourish in using my gifts. Others expressed surprise that I worked for 18 years in the 'same job' and asked if I was ever bored! My reply to that was always that no two years were ever the same, each year God brought a unique group of students to us, and it was a pleasure (and sometimes a challenge!) to play a small part in their lives.

In 2010 I moved to the Administration Department within GLO where I continue to be involved in organising events, publicity and other administrative tasks. While I am the kind of person who finds fulfilment in the completion of these tasks, I am reminded on a daily basis that administration is, first and foremost about people – behind every email, every application, every essay is a person, and it is my privilege to serve these people in mission.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are looking for a Comms Manager to coordinate and manage the work of the GLO Europe Communications Team, overseeing activities across our communication channels. If you are interested, please contact Stephen McQuoid: smcquoid@glo-europe.org



RESOURCE MINISTRIES

by Stephen McQuoid

One of the great resources that GLO has been blessed with over the years is the GLO Centre itself. When the work was beginning in the UK, we were able to acquire an old Byzantine church and church halls which have been the mission headquarters of GLO Europe ever since. Most people are aware of the work of Tilsley College and the Admin department which are based here. However, we also have a Christian bookshop and a coffee shop situated in the GLO Centre. These are both an important part of our wider ministry.

The Coffee Shop began its life with the help of key volunteers. Over the years it has grown significantly and now operates six days a week serving customers from the local area. It enables us to be part of the local community here in Motherwell. Most people, whether Christians or not are aware of the GLO Centre because they have used the Coffee Shop. It is a meeting place for all kinds of people and while many of the customers would be non-Christians, many local Christians also use the Coffee Shop as a way of connecting

with friends and enjoying a time of fellowship in the relaxing atmosphere. The Coffee Shop staff also support the conferencing that takes place here. A variety of groups, some Christian and some not, hire rooms at the Centre, including the large auditorium, for events and training seminars. These groups include everything from churches to local community groups, amateur theatre, art classes, education groups, local businesses and the NHS. This means that in any given week we will have a whole range of people using the GLO Centre.

The Bookshop also has a significant ministry. It is the largest independent Christian Bookshop in Scotland and serves a customer base that includes not just central Scotland, but much wider afield. Not only does the Bookshop sell books and digital resources to the Christian market, but the staff are also willing to offer advice to church leaders, missionaries, ministries and anyone else looking for appropriate resources. Missionaries from across Europe and beyond ask the staff to source and recommend books for them and these are posted out providing a vital resource. The staff work hard

to keep their customers up to date with whatever resources are coming out on the market. This includes the circulation of book reviews describing some of the latest relevant books available on a range of issues. All of this makes the GLO Centre a vital resource for mission. Another blessing which both the Coffee Shop and Bookshop provide is that their profits are channelled into mission providing, amongst other things, tracts and Bibles for mission teams.

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SPECIAL OFFER

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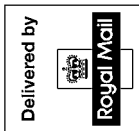
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MISSION TEAM OPPORTUNITIES 2023

The following mission teams have spaces available:

Country	Location	Team Leader(s)	Dates	Cost
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Czech Republic	Sázava	Roger Brind & Kevin Baldwin	29 July - 5 August	£80
Ireland	Enniscorthy	Andrew Burt	15 - 23 July	€40
Netherlands	Alkmaar	Peter Hays	9 - 16 September	£250 / £500
Norway	Skien	Bobby Sneddon	7 - 14 August	£70
UK, England	London	Zaki van den Bergh	2 - 10 September	£90
UK, N. Ireland	Belfast	Robert Abraham	30 July - 4 August	tbc
UK, Wales	Royal Welsh Show	Phil Davies & Andy Goode	22 - 28 July	£75
UK, Wales	Swansea	Phil Davies	12 - 20 August	£25

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