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Editorial

by Stephen McQuoid

Welcome to the 50th anniversary edition of the e-vision magazine. 1974 was a very key year for GLO Europe. In that year a Committee was formed to govern and guide the work, GLO became established as a charitable organisation and the GLO Centre was acquired so that GLO Europe would have a permanent base. Since then, God has continued to bless the work, and in this special edition we want to celebrate all that God has done through GLO Europe.

The past 50 years have not always been easy. We have had our challenges and discouragements as well as our good times. Initially GLO was the 'new kid on the block' and we needed to work hard for recognition and to build trust. We have also had to operate on a shoestring and trust God to provide. Indeed, to this day each GLO missionary, whether on the field or based at the GLO Centre, is responsible for their own support as GLO does not offer salaries. We have also had some significant setbacks like the terrible fire which gutted the church building at the GLO Centre in 1992. However, we have always been aware of God's help and blessing in what we have done, and we give God all the glory for this.

This edition will be characterised by a thankful reflection on the past 50 years. We look firstly at the key milestones that have marked our journey over the past half a century (pages 4 & 5). Then we

will get an insight into the reflections of some key GLO people who have served God faithfully as part of this ministry and also some of the key ministries that have taken place in the GLO Centre over the years such as the Bookshop, the Coffee Shop, the Conference Centre as well as the Admin department (pages 6 & 7).

Short-term mission teams have always been a big part of the work of GLO Europe. They have not only been an important evangelistic tool but have also been a way of both recruiting people to the cause of mission as well as disciplining them on the way. We reflect on this blessing by looking at mission teams over the years from different perspectives (pages 8 & 9).

GLO Europe has always been a ministry committed to training and equipping Christians for service. Something of this will be reflected in articles written by Allan McKinnon who is the principal of Tilsley College and Richard Harknett who is the Regional Training Director (pages 10 & 11). Another of the great blessings we have experienced over the years has been that of developing relationships with people who were influenced by the work of GLO and who then went on to serve God in a whole range of different ways. On pages 12 & 13 we hear from some of these people as they describe how the work of GLO influenced their lives and then pages 14-17 focus on some of our long-term missionaries who share from their considerable experience in Christian ministry.

We bring this special edition of e-vision to a close by summarising some of the impact that the ministry of GLO has had over the past 50 years. But of course, the work is far from finished and so we conclude by reflecting on the challenges that face us in Europe today and the strategic priorities that need to be accomplished.

As well as acknowledging what has been achieved over the years, we also want to thank all those people who have contributed in some way to this ministry whether through praying, giving, advocating, going on a summer team, offering hospitality or just being there for us. To all of you we express our sincere thanks. Most of all we are grateful to God who has proved to be faithful over all these years.

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1965
Colin Tilsley founded Gospel Literature Outreach in Australia and sent the first GLO team to Madras.



1971-74
Colin & Cynthia moved to Bournemouth to recruit people for GLO Europe.



1974
GLO Centre procured, GLO registered as a charitable trust, beginnings of bookshop and coffee shop, and Committee established.



1981
Colin Tilsley passes away.



1983
Ray & Eunice Cawston join and Ray develops the Training for Service course.



1984
GLO Centre in Kirkcaldy opens.

Milestones in:



1995
Training Centre becomes "Tilsley College".



2008
Joshua programme of evening classes at Tilsley College begins.



2010
New leadership team is formed.



1975

Early GLO leadership team comes together in Motherwell and South Wales.
Training Centre established by Fred Kelling



1978

Geoff & Janet Ruston join GLO to run book ministries.



1989

GLO Centre is purchased.

1992

The church building is gutted by fire.



1994

The new auditorium and coffee shop reopen. Conferencing begins.



the GLO Story



2022

Major upgrade to student residence.

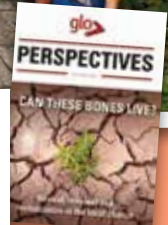


2023

GLO Europe Family today.

2023

GLO Publishing department begins.



Mike Packer

My first memories of GLO go back to 1985 and my first GLO Conference. Memories are very personal and often not the same as other's recollections, but my overwhelming feeling was one of excitement of being part of a mission family whose passion and goal was to reach Europe with the gospel.

Over the years new people joined the work, sometimes whole teams of six, seven, or eight people were sent out to different parts of Europe. Each year younger, and not so young students, set aside a year or more to study God's word and preparing for service throughout the European continent at the "GLO Course", now Tilsley College. Each year the Lord raised up people to be involved in short-term GLO Europe mission teams and many experienced for the first time Christianity in another country and culture. Yahweh Yireh.

The GLO Centre in Motherwell, which is home to Tilsley College, the GLO Bookshop, the Coffee Shop and the auditorium, has also gone through changes especially after a big fire ravaged the auditorium. Recently, the student accommodation has been brought into the 21st century with the help of Brass Tacks. The bookshop and coffee shop teams continue to provide a devoted service to the



surrounding area and further afield, contributing resources to mission across Europe. Yahweh Yireh.

Since those early days the ministry of GLO Europe has developed in different countries across Europe and continues to develop. The needs of a spiritually impoverished and disoriented continent are still great. From the Republic of Ireland to Belarus and from Norway to Malta the challenge of who will go still resonates. How good it is to see in 2024 brothers and sisters from Albania, England, Romania, Northern Ireland, France, Spain, Scotland, Faroe Islands, Hungary and Italy join together in the family of GLO Europe to see the gospel spread and churches planted. God has provided and God will provide!



Reflecting on God's faithfulness

Geoff Ruston

Standing in the lovely GLO Bookshop today, it is difficult to imagine what it was like back in 1978 when we first arrived from Luton. Tucked away in the small foyer of the then largely derelict church was the original book shop! Little could we have imagined then that with the wonderful staff and volunteers whom the Lord provided over the intervening years and the support of the Christian public, the bookshop would grow into Scotland's leading independent Christian bookshop with annual sales peaking at over £400,000 and three times winning the prestigious UK Large Christian Retailer of the Year award. Truly the Lord has done this and it is marvellous in our eyes! Despite the challenging retail environment, it is exciting to see the shop



continuing not just to survive but thrive under the innovative leadership of Andrew Lacey and his dedicated team. So here's to the next 50 years!



Marion Mathers

I started as a volunteer in GLO Bookshop in Brown Street Hamilton, which was originally a fish and chip shop, but we thought it was a good idea to spread some healthy spiritual food instead! Robert Kilpatrick led the team. The bookshop was not well known at that point and back then we only sold books. The shop was very small, no telephone - if we had to make any calls we would run to phone box at the corner of the street

I then was employed in the bookshop in Motherwell for a good number of years. Initially the bookshop was in front section of the church building. This was a great experience and I enjoyed being able to meet Christians from many other places as well as other countries. It was also a joy to look after the children's section of the new shop and see lots of books and prizes going out to encourage children in their faith.

Cathie Speirs

When GLO first acquired the centre at Motherwell I remember thinking it would be great to have a coffee shop where people can come and meet their friends and where customers, whether they are Christian or not, could feel at home and be welcomed. That is how the GLO Coffee Shop first began, in a corner of the church building. In the early days the team that ran the coffee shop were all volunteers. We did lots of home baking and then sold it through the coffee shop. Over the years the coffee shop has been a welcome place for many people and God has really blessed this ministry.



Jan Goodall

“The GLO Centre is on fire” was the message that shocked all those who knew the GLO Centre in Motherwell. On 26th December 1992, the church building which housed the Coffee Shop and where all GLO special events were held was seriously damaged by fire. It was devastating news for the community who regularly used the coffee shop, and for GLO workers for whom this lovely building with its grand tower overlooking Motherwell was the home of GLO.

However, this was also to become a moment of opportunity when God inspired the GLO Committee with the vision to embark on an ambitious development for the refurbishment of the building. Architects designed plans to retain much of the original architecture while providing the facilities

of a beautiful 250-seater auditorium in an upper level, with a lovely coffee shop at ground level. It was an exciting day on 24th June 1994 when the beautifully refurbished building was officially opened with the memorial plaque for the newly named Colin Tilsley Auditorium stating it was “for the glory of God and the extension of world mission”.

God has honoured the vision and the investment made in this building and for nearly 30 years the facilities have been a great blessing to the ministry of GLO. The Coffee Shop is a meeting place for the local community and the Conference Facilities are hired out for a wide variety of community and church groups bringing income to the wider ministry of GLO Europe. The excellent acoustics of the Tilsley Auditorium are a perfect setting for GLO events bringing glory to God.



Ian Smith

Hindsight is a wonderful thing. 50 years have passed since those few faithful believers stepped out trusting God to supply all that was needed for the ministry of GLO to survive. We now can look back and see that is exactly what God has done. He has not only met the financial needs but gone way ahead of anything that we could have ever imagined or thought. People need

to eat, clothes need to be bought, children cared for, literature produced, travel undertaken, events organised, and the list goes on. “Where will the funds come from”, I can hear them pray. Over these past 50 years our God has been so faithful in meeting the financial needs for this faith-based ministry. We are thankful for every penny given, every prayer raised, and every person saved. We have a very rich and gracious Father.

The Joy of Serving in GLO Summer Mission Teams

by John Speirs

Our first team in 1975 was to Rome with our GLO colleagues, Robert & Eileen Kilpatrick and 100 team members over the month of July. This was indeed a memorable team when we were able to distribute 300,000 pieces of Christian literature entitled, "The Holy Year" in five different languages. It has been wonderful to see the number of team members from that Rome team who were led ultimately into full-time Christian work in different parts of the world.

Cathie and I were privileged to lead overseas teams in Madrid, Lisbon, and Naples. The memories of preaching the gospel on the streets of these cities through translation have been some of the greatest thrills of my life as an evangelist. Friendships formed in these teams with team members and host church leaders have lasted a lifetime.

It was a privilege and honour to work with GLO missionaries as well as with national full-time Christian workers. In Soria, Spain we worked alongside Francisco Utrillio and Juan Luis Morales. We spent a number of summers on teams with Robert & Muriel Hamilton and Patrizio Zucchetto

in Naples. This enabled us to see the challenge of sharing the gospel in Europe.

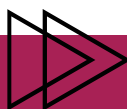
For nearly 20 years each July, we were so blessed to lead the GLO teams in Newcastle, Co Down, Northern Ireland working alongside the Northfield Bible Weeks. We served in this ministry with Derick Bingham, David Gooding, John McQuoid and many others. The teams were hosted by Eric & Edna Hodge in the Glebe House. The fellowship with team members during these missions, and friendships formed with the Christians in Newcastle, will never be forgotten.

Cathie's main role in all of these teams was the provision of hospitality for team members. At times a demanding job to prepare and serve meals for so many people, often under challenging circumstances due to the heat and sometimes limited facilities available. It was a joy for her to serve in this way in caring for the team members.

In total, we served in 50 European GLO teams throughout our years of service and the rich blessing that God gave us in seeing people saved and others blessed is far more than we can express in words.



50 years of Short-term



"The memories of preaching the gospel on the streets of these cities through translation have been some of the greatest thrills of my life"





The value of receiving a GLO Mission Team

by Niklas and Ellen Kreander



Receiving a GLO summer team is valuable both on a local and global level. Firstly, having a local fellowship with few active members, an enthusiastic GLO team who are using and developing their gifts can run a larger event and reach many people with God’s love. For example, teams have helped us run kid’s clubs with bouncy castles, face painting, organising crafts, Bible inspired drama, and international nights to build on existing friendships and make new contacts. Secondly, we have found it inspirational and encouraging when team members suggest new ideas, ways of doing things, or share worship songs and devotionals. Also, hosting a team helps them to pray knowledgeably for the church. It brings us joy when we hear of previous team members going on other missions. One team member said they were encouraged to go on a mission’s trip to Asia because their first step into mission was in “safe” Norway. Another team member went to work with children in Tanzania, having connected with Allan and Jacqui McKinnon who were leading the team here that year. Other church leaders have mentioned that young people returned from the team and became more involved in their local church. We are thankful for all the wonderful people who have visited Norway on a GLO summer team, and look forward to receiving a new team this August.

Mission



How does short-term mission change people?

By Judith McKeown

I first went on a short-term mission team when I was sixteen, to Enniskillen in Northern Ireland. That was undoubtedly the beginning of my understanding that being a Christian just wasn’t a matter of trusting in Jesus and going to heaven, but that my relationship with the Lord Jesus now meant that I had a part to play in the Great Commission; I had a responsibility to share the good news of Jesus with others. Short-term mission teams helped me to make the Great Commission a priority in my life. I now work with international students from all over the world, you could say, “from the ends of the earth...” (Acts 1:7) and my desire to share the gospel with them was cultivated on a short-term mission team in

my home country. Did I realize that then? No, I joined because my friend asked me to, but that’s often how we begin, and God is gracious and works with us step-by-step. I believe God used short-term mission to shape and change the desires of my heart, often through the people I met and the missionaries we worked with as I observed how they lived their lives. In 2015 I went on a GLO summer team to France and God used that team to change the direction of my life as I ended up going to Tilsley College. Now my work with GLO admin as the Short-term mission teams administrator means that I can encourage others in their part of the same Great Commission.

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The Value of Theological Education

by Allan McKinnon

Training at Tilsley College is an immense privilege. This is not only the perspective of the Principal and the staff team but of countless numbers of people who have been trained at and graduated from Tilsley over the past five decades! As a means of preparation for Christian life and ministry the privilege of dedicated time immersed in a Bible college environment is worth pursuing. Just do it!

There are at least four key areas where the value of theological education and ministry training are most evident: 1. In learning to love Jesus; 2. In discovering more about yourself; 3. In being equipped to serve others; and 4. In capturing God's vision for the nations.

Learning to Love Jesus

Most people who come to Bible college want to grow in their knowledge of the Bible and in their love for Jesus. Spending extended time in the Word of God is central to all that we do at Tilsley. We encourage students to memorise the Word, to read and study the Word and to meditate on the Word and to learn how that Word applies to and shapes our lives as believers. Spending time with Jesus in the Word is an important aspect of getting to know him and to love him. The portrait of Jesus, revealed

by the Holy Spirit in the Bible is a most beautiful thing which causes our hearts to warm to Christ, to love him and to love his commands. Our eyes are opened to see the beautiful Saviour that we have.

Discovering More About Yourself

Tilsley Bible College offers students the unique opportunity of training and studying together in a small community setting. This often means that friendships which last a lifetime are forged in this formative environment. It is here that we get to know other people and they get to know us, in such a way that 'iron sharpens iron'. This experience requires transformation in us - a close examination of ourselves: our actions and reactions, our thoughts, our words and our attitudes. It can be very challenging, but it helps us mature into Christlikeness as we willingly submit to the Spirit's work in our lives.

Being Equipped to Serve Others

Loving God spills over from our lives into meaningful loving service for others. The Spirit of God not only changes our lives, but we discover how God would have us serve others as we explore the

gifts of the Spirit given to equip the people of God. What a precious thing it is to discover your God-given purpose in life, to recognise your passion and place for serving others and to do so for their blessing and God's glory.

Capturing God's Vision for the Nations

Through a Bible college experience at Tilsley we hope and pray that you will also learn that loving God and loving our neighbours sometimes challenges our geographical boundaries as well. The world is a needy place - locally and globally. GLO Europe offers a whole range of opportunities to be involved internationally in God's mission to call out a people for his glory, whether that is in your immediate locality or much further afield. Bible College experiences at Tilsley will teach and equip you to 'Go!' - to be the disciples that Jesus calls and sends. The value of that kind of life calling is second to none.

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Training for Service



The Value of Theological Education:

- Loving Jesus
- Knowing Yourself
- Serving others
- Reaching the nations



Training in the Local Church

by Richard Harknett

The New Testament is full of instructions for us to engage in training. The Great Commission directs us to teach new disciples (Matthew 28:20). Paul’s model of Ephesians 4:11-13 describes the equipping of the church for works of service, and to reach unity and maturity. In this sense, training is an essential part of the disciple-making process.

The benefits are also evident once we start to consider the life of the church. It can be easy to just delegate tasks without giving someone the training and resources that they need to fulfil their role and to grow through it. People who are trained and equipped become more confident and effective in their service, able to train and equip others in turn.

There is certainly huge value in residential training, and the opportunity to dedicate time and energy to learning can be immensely fruitful. However, it is not always possible and so GLO has also engaged in supporting churches with

training inside the local church. This requires a high degree of flexibility, given the wide range of needs, timescales and contexts.

Over the past few years GLO has supported churches with a range of training, from one-off seminars to longer, sequential, periods of study. In some cases, these have been individual events to help the church wrestle with some of the specific challenges presented by contemporary society. In others, it has been 6 or more sessions spread over several weeks to think through a particular aspect of doctrine or a biblical book more deeply. We have also been able to provide churches with mission training appropriate to the modern, multicultural society that we now live in.

Each church is facing a different set of opportunities and challenges, and so their training needs can vary widely. Part of the work of GLO is to come alongside them within their context to provide training that will help them where they are and equip them for where they are headed.

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The Impact of Training On My

David Graham

After coming to faith in Jesus in 1997, I started to work in the GLO Bookshop (Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons). This led to my involvement in serving the Lord on GLO mission teams in France, Italy and Scotland over the years and I then went on to study at Tilsley College in 2005–2006 and 2015–2017.

It has been a joy to be involved with GLO in these ways over the years and God used these experiences, as he led me into full-time ministry for him. Many people at GLO have had a significant and positive impact on my life. It has also been fantastic to help GLO students by having them on placement with me in Bishopbriggs and East Kilbride.

The training I have received through Tilsley College has helped me greatly over the years in ministry and my overall experience of GLO has been one of huge encouragement.

I have had key moments in my involvement with GLO where God has spoken into my life in significant ways. This continues to encourage me as I continue to serve God as a Baptist Minister and the work of GLO is regularly in my prayers.



Valerie Kyle

I have been serving the Lord in France with Alan my husband for the past 42 years. It all began for me when I started the 'GLO course', as it was then called, in September 1977. It was only the second ever course and things were very different then. The six month's course included Bible study, sharing good times with the other students and especially practical training in many different aspects of evangelism.



I particularly enjoyed the input of a local children's worker who taught us well and then gave us the opportunity to help him in his outreach programmes. He was passionate about sharing Jesus with children. This training has helped me so much through all my years in France.

Our living conditions at the centre were probably not so comfortable as they are today. I shared a room with no windows and very thin walls. Heating was also a problem. I remember often having to 'un-stick' my sponge in the bathroom during winter months as it had frozen to the wall. However, I loved every minute of the six-month course and praise God for GLO.

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Martin Erwin

I studied at Tilsley in 1989/90, on what was then simply called the 'Training for Service' course. The year was transformative. Through the encouragement and mentoring of people like Ray Cawston, I was encouraged to develop the gifts that the Lord had given me and step out in faith to serve him. The heart of the year being focused on mission, rather than ministry, was hugely important too. The pursuit of the Great

Commission continues to motivate me as I serve the Lord now with Counties, some 34 years later!

GLO through the work of Tilsley College, and its summer teams, (the first of which in 1986) set me on the course that my life would follow. I count it a privilege not just to have been blessed by GLO, but to be able to give something back, with each of my three girls regularly serving the Lord on summer teams.



GLO Life

Glenn Johnston

We all have significant times in our lives that shape us and which we continue to reflect back on many years later. For me that was 1991/92 and the year I spent at what was then called the GLO 'Training for Service' course. Never having particularly enjoyed academic studies, the mix of biblical studies and practical opportunities was perfect for me. From my early teens I had been heavily involved in children's and youth ministry in my church, but the training I received at GLO shaped and equipped me and has been used ever since, ultimately leading me into 24 years of service for the Lord in a "full time" capacity.

I was 20 when I did the course and, although I became a Christian aged 9, the year in GLO was a turning point for me. That was where my faith became real and lived out and I will always be thankful for the great memories.



Alistair Purss

"Sow me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good" Psalm 25:4-7.

I was 19 years old when I began attending Tilsley College on what was known then as 'The Training for Service Course'. It was the first time I had lived away from home, so living in community with others was a great help and encouragement to settling quickly and getting into the rhythm of work and study.

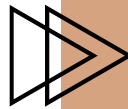
My year at Tilsley was both foundational and formational to my life. The emphasis on study alongside practical opportunities for Christian service deepened me in my personal faith, developed me in using my spiritual gifts and directed me in regard to my future calling. I look back on my year at Tilsley College with love and affection for my fellow students, and sincere gratitude to all the staff and visiting speakers and lecturers.

For me, Tilsley College served as a springboard on to further theological studies in Glasgow and eventually into vocational pastoral ministry in 1991 up to this present day.

These days it's a joy to visit Tilsley College and occasionally spend time with the students and contribute to their learning. During the 2023-24 academic year a Tilsley College student (Amy Blair) is spending her two ten-week ministry placements with us at Dumfries Baptist Church. Amy happens to be 19 years old, just like I was, in 1986!



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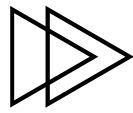
Chrissie Mulindabigwi

I attended GLO from 1987 to 1988. With nine other students, we delved into the books like Amos and Mark, and also had practical placements. These were all pointers towards where God wanted to send me.

After GLO I went back to London to work with Cholmeley Evangelical Church (now Highgate International Church) helping to start a family centre which became a church plant. Then in 2000 I went to Rwanda for 'just' three months, returning

full time in January 2002.

The lessons learnt at GLO, prepared my heart for full time Christian work. I remember vividly the assignment on the Father heart of God (Floyd McClung) how each paragraph was resonating with my heart. Whether I am with a local church in the UK or the ministries in Rwanda, what I learned is enabling people who feel hopeless to find hope in Jesus, Micah 6:8 being a key verse for me.



Mission & Ministry

In the summer of 1980 Andrea, myself, and our two girls were invited to go on a GLO two-week outreach team to Marseille by our good friend Helen Johnston (now Helen Houston).

Helen was from our church in Belfast and had been a missionary in France with GLO for a few years. By this time she was working in church planting with David and Jean Goold, Doug and Alison Prescott, John McConell from New Zealand and Christine Roy from Switzerland. They were working hard to establish a new church in La Solidarité, a large area of high-rise apartments blocks situated near the local hospital in the northern suburbs.

We joined the GLO summer mission team to help with the outreach programme, in the morning distributing gospel literature into the hundreds of letterboxes on the ground floor of these blocks of flats but also in the surrounding villas to be found between these huge estates. I remember the many nasty dogs in these villas! The French speakers in the team would knock on doors to try and talk to the locals about the gospel without annoying them or being mistaken for Jehovah's Witnesses, who were very active in the area at that time. Some of the team would also organise a children's club in the morning to teach Bible stories and explain the gospel, with the permission of their parents of course. In the evenings we would play music or sport with the local teenagers and afterwards share testimonies of how we came to faith in Christ.

Our accommodation was in the city centre in a Christian guesthouse called Le Phare (The Lighthouse) which was managed by an elderly Swiss couple who had served the Lord here for many years in the heat and turmoil of the busy and sometimes dangerous city centre. I remember the big old vine, which covered the whole terrace giving us much appreciated shade and tasty grapes. Unfortunately

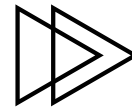
Sam & Andrea Gibson



there was no air con at night and the mosquitoes hunted in packs, something we were not used to in N Ireland as well as the intense summer heat.

Despite all the inconveniences it was a great team and God touched many people's lives with some of the locals becoming Christians and some of the team being challenged by the need to bring the gospel into these areas of Marseille.

Andrea and I were also challenged by the spiritual need here and one year later found ourselves back in France at language school where God had led us, first to Albertville in the Alps and then on to Marseille to join Helen and the team where we worked for many years and with other teams eventually making our way across the city.



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Andrew Burt

On March 10th we held a special service to celebrate our 20-year anniversary of Enniscorthy Christian Fellowship. It was incredible to praise God for all that he has accomplished by his grace in this church planted by our GLO team.

As we watched a video showing photographs from the past 20 years it was humbling to be reminded of the privilege that we've had to share the gospel with hundreds of adults, children and teenagers at our outreach events and clubs. It was also amazing to remember those who've come

to faith in Christ, over 50 believers who've been baptised and those who continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord.

It's a wonderful honour to serve our Lord and Saviour in making disciples. And although we're often frustrated with our limitations and weaknesses, it is great to know that, "We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

However, it was also a day of heartache as we saw faces of those who are no longer with us. Some have moved on to serve the Lord elsewhere



and others have gone to be with the Lord. But many others have walked away, stumbling over relationships, bowing to the pressure of family and friends or growing cold in their love for Christ.

We continue to pray for them, trusting in God's promise that he will never let go of those who are his. But as a church we also want to keep on going with the good news of his love to the many in our community who still do not know the Lord.

At the end of our service I shared a verse that has encouraged Lorna and I throughout the past 20 years. It tells us that whatever results we see, serving Christ is always worthwhile. Paul wrote: "Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58.



Patrizio Zucchetto



As GLO celebrates fifty years since her birth, I can say that I have had the privilege of serving with her for more than half of that time. I am grateful to GLO for the missionary and evangelistic vision it has given to my life. I was born and raised in one of the most populous cities in Italy, Naples. Together with my wife Jennifer I served the Lord there for nineteen years. In the big city we were more involved in mass evangelism and the number of people with whom we were in contact was large. Since then we have moved to Serino and have changed our strategy without changing the purpose - sharing the message of the gospel. In a strongly Catholic, traditional culture of small villages / towns we have had to adapt and understand how to disciple people who do not like the confusion of the crowd, the noises of the city, but instead love nature, and open-air living at a slower speed.

In Serino we focused on getting to know people and following up on them one by one. We met some dear people and shared the gospel with them. The Lord gave us a lot of patience especially during the pandemic but then little by little we saw the fruits of such perseverance and faithfulness to our call. Some of them came to faith and together we founded a church plant called "Living Water Serino".



If in Naples it was normal to meet people of different cultures, we certainly didn't expect it here in Serino. In fact, in Serino there is also a presence of English-speaking people. Families who have returned after a life spent in Britain as migrants, or others who arrived from Africa, Pakistan and Bangladesh searching a better life. Some of them are part of our "Living Water" church plant.

We change places and strategies but what interests us most is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and seeing lives transformed by his grace even in a small multicultural place like Serino!.





By Bobby Sneddon

Dimity Street Church held its 20 year anniversary in October 2023. The “Church Plant” grew out of the ashes of the Gospel Hall that closed in 1997. The work in Johnstone commenced with a core team of 3 couples with the backing of GLO Europe, Church Plant Initiative (CPI), commending churches and many prayer partners.

Initially there were two years of intensive outreach in the community before church commenced. The target group was young people and families. Schools’ work was highly effective. So were Saturday night events, youth work, camps, toddlers and summer missions.

Sunday morning church was initially an “All Age” Sunday school. That grew and developed until we were attracting so many “Seekers” that we moved to the local school. A lot of time and effort was given over to thinking through church practice, governance and membership.

Many young people were saved and baptised as were adults and family households. Pastoring and caring for so many converts young and old was very demanding and time consuming as well as emotionally draining

For example, Donna came with her daughter Megan to toddlers and eventually to church where she was saved. She was a wonderful story of grace. Life was not easy for her. She fell away from her faith but was restored at the end of her life as we prayed with her in the local Hospice.

Some in the core team, who were very gifted and able, moved on and left a gap that wasn’t easily filled.

There was a downturn in those coming to church and we moved back to the building in Dimity Street. God provided a number of individuals who helped stabilise the church through their ministry and participation in church life.

It was clear that we could not continue with those heady days of progress and growth. Normal church life continues with a variety of outreach activities that touch lives with the love of Christ.

Church Planting





By Juljan Muhameti

When I think about the ministry of the Lord in Albania and the next steps that we have to take, what becomes clear to me is the relevance of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ in Luke 10:2 where he said, "The harvest is huge, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field."

This is how the church in Albania is today, people are ready to respond to the gospel message and they do so in significant numbers, but there are not many workers to disciple them and help

them grow in their faith. As GLO Albania we are praying for more workers to join the mission field and help local churches to disciple more people. We are also praying that the church can raise new leaders who have the courage to live by faith and support the ministry, which in our context is a real challenge. The dream is that in the next 5 years the GLO team in Albania will grow from 4 people in one city to at least 10 people in 4 cities, so we can be witnesses to the country and help Local churches in church planting. Another goal for us is to have 5 GLO short term mission teams per year.

By Philippe Perrilliat

My wife and I have now spent 34 years in Christian ministry and for most of that time I have been involved in church planting. There are many lessons I learned over the years and these are the main ones.

The first lesson is that discipleship is at the heart of any church planting strategy. The primary role of the planter and his team is to make disciples, and then to teach these new disciples to do the same. If there is a multiplication of disciples, there will be growth of the church, and this can take the form of planting. It all starts from there! Without discipleship multiplication, the church will not come into being, but if this multiplication happens, a church will be born.

A second lesson is that there is no miracle recipe for successful church-planting. In fact, there is no one way of doing a church plant. You can read books about it or attend seminars, but you have to go out into the field, live there, and experiment.

Another big lesson is about training. Bible schools provide excellent academic training, but the complementary training in church planting must be done by other more experienced church planters, and where there is an active church planting situation. It cannot just be theoretical.

A fourth lesson is that church planting (at least in France) takes longer than many assume. Certainly some of the books written about church



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planting or some reports that I have read suggest an unrealistic timeframe. I sometimes read: "We've appointed some elders, now it's time to start another project!" It seems to me that it is not as simple as that. When elders are appointed, is that the time to leave, or it is actually the time to role model leadership to these new elders and set an example of what a spiritual leader is? Waiting longer before leaving can help to establish healthy patterns that can consolidate the work. If you want the work to be more established after the church planting team has gone, it takes time and patience.

Relationships are also important. The church planter should not consider the young spiritual leaders as collaborators only and simply maintain a "professional" relationship. Rather they should be true friends. Nevertheless, the time to leave should be announced in advance and peacefully. We are a family, not an enterprise.

One final lesson we learned was that church planting is nothing short of a miracle, and that if we had to do it all over again, we would sign up once more to have a front-row seat to see the Lord at work. To him alone be all the glory!





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50 Years of GLO in Numbers

Looking to the Future

As we reflect on the past 50 years, we are deeply grateful for all of God's faithfulness. We are also thankful for all those people who have supported and prayed for us over these years. Over this time a great deal has been achieved and we want to celebrate that fact. However, it would be wrong, after half a century of active ministry, to feel that we have the luxury of sitting back and taking it easy. This is what we must not do because the job is not done! Despite all the people who have become Christians over this time and all the churches that have been planted, the needs of Europe are actually greater now than they were in 1974 when GLO Europe first began.

To begin with the Europe of today has a bigger population than the Europe of fifty years ago, bigger by 75 million people. However, it is not just the sheer number that is noteworthy. Today's Europe is more diverse than ever and secularism is also more entrenched. There has also been a huge shift in moral values in Europe, brought on not just by the decline of traditional religion, but also because

of the influence of the so called sexual revolution. Young people growing up in today's Europe are arguably more confused, more unstable and more ambiguous about what they consider to be right or wrong than previous generations. The vast bulk of Europeans today have no contact with church, don't know any born again Christians and have never heard the gospel being clearly articulated.

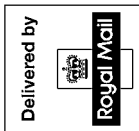
Europe also continues to change, not least because of mass immigration which shows no signs of slowing down. The increasingly multicultural nature of today's Europe makes it a vibrant place, but also adds a spiritual challenge. For example, in 1950 only 2% of Europe's population was Muslim, today it is 6% and growing rapidly. While this is a great opportunity because we can reach out to these Muslims in safety, it also provides a significant challenge.

Europe truly is one of the dark corners of the world from a spiritual perspective. As we look at other parts of the globe such as Latin America,

sub-Saharan Africa and even China, we see evidence of a large and vibrant church which is the result of a great spiritual harvest. Meanwhile Europe remains a hard place to do evangelism and has an evangelical community that is very small and often feels under siege. All of this is a reminder that Europe is still a key mission field and that our job is far from done.

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by Stephen McQuoid



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Country	Location	Team Leader(s)	Dates	Cost
Albania	Vlore	Juli Muhameti & Ian Smith	2 - 11 November	£140
Czech Republic	Prague	Roger Brind & Kevin Baldwin	19 - 27 July	£80
Czech Republic	Sázava	Roger Brind & Kevin Baldwin	27 July - 3 August	£80
Denmark	Esberg	Tom Nygaard & Stephen McQuoid	3 - 11 August	£80
Hungary	Eger	Luca Illiano	7 - 13 July	£80
Norway	Skien	Judith McKeown	5 - 12 August	£80
Romania	Talmaciu	Dani Vasilca & George Sortan	2 - 9 August	£120
UK, England	London	Zaki van den Bergh	20 - 28 July	£90
UK, Wales	Royal Welsh Show	Phil Davies & Andy Goode	20 - 26 July	£75



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