



“... go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you ...” Matt. 28:19 20



International Team Member - Paddy Cook

“COME FOLLOW”



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The pattern of my work falls into three stages. First, I do 'ground breaking' in a new country. I teach personal evangelism and do personal evangelism with nationals. Secondly, I disciple a leader in the reformed faith with sound theological books and personal encouragement. Thirdly, I do what I can to see that each man has the opportunity to be prepared formally with theological education so that he can serve in his country as an ordained Presbyterian pastor/evangelist.

THE FOCUS OF MY MINISTRY:

- To take the reformed faith back to Europe.
- To teach reformed evangelism to churches in Europe.
- To supply new theological books for discipleship authored by Drs. Boice, Sproul, Schaeffer and Packer, etc.
- To supply gift subscriptions of Ligonier's "Tabletalk."
- To encourage nationals who are interested in starting Presbyterian and reformed churches in their homeland.
- To arrange formal theological training, so that nationals can be ordained as Presbyterian Pastors & Evangelists.

What: Talk to people about Jesus, outside the church, across the street and across the sea.

Where: Europe and Eastern Europe.

Why: To obey the Great Commission. The purpose of my work is to have nationals start Presbyterian and reformed churches where there are none. It is difficult to encourage nationals to start Presbyterian and reformed churches when there are no examples around them. It is not an easy task, but God is raising such men up, to do just that!

When: As the Lord directs and provides. It is a unique work. I am totally dependent on God to supply the money for ministry and open doors of opportunity. To date God has taken me to minister in 11 countries and there are many needs and opportunities that I have not been enabled to meet. I receive an invitation to minister, in each new country, before I travel to that country.

How: As a PEF Evangelist.

My philosophy of ministry as a PEF Evangelist, is based on a complete trust in Holy Scripture for my understanding of who God is, and what it is that He requires of me. I operate my evangelistic ministry under PEF from a reformed foundation. I don't co-operate with other non-reformed bodies overseas. I do personal evangelism with nationals and teach reformed evangelism in their churches. I always travel with a national, who acts as my personal translator. I take that opportunity to disciple and encourage him along the way. I provide nationals with new reformed theological books. I also seek nationals who are interested in pursuing formal theological training to equip them for the gospel ministry. **My goal is to encourage Nationals to begin Presbyterian and reformed churches in their own countries.**

Much of my evangelism teaching ministry revolves around teaching my workshop "Boldly Proclaiming." This is a workshop on "The Message and Methods of God-Centered Witnessing." "Boldly Proclaiming" has been translated into **ALBANIAN, RUSSIAN and ROMANIAN.** It is currently in the hands of nationals in **CROATIA, TURKEY, ITALY, GREECE, CHINA, SPAIN, EGYPT, CZECH REPUBLIC and BULGARIA.** Personal evangelism is also taught, using John Blanchard's "Ultimate Questions" in the national's own language.

We have never had a large operating budget. However, God has always allowed us to finish each year in the black, both as a family and as a ministry.



On all my trips, without fail, I have been enabled to take at least a \$1,000 of new theological books, valued at \$1,400. Thanks to the late James Montgomery Boice for 40% discount, to Dr. R.C. Sproul for 35%, and to Hugh Collison at Covenant Seminary bookstore for 30%. Hugh has also ordered, packed and mailed books for me. Also, on each trip, I have been able to take a minimum of 200 copies of "Ultimate Questions" by John Blanchard, in the language of the nationals that I am working with, for use in my personal evangelism.



Four Nationals Picture.

It was a wonderful sight to see Pavel, Bertie, Mario & Roberto, all together in January for the winter term courses at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Pavel Bartos, now ordained, is an assistant pastor at Woodruff Road PCA and a PEF Evangelist. Pavel was born in what is now known as the **Czech Republic** and has 'planted a reformed church' there. He is now starting a second work in his hometown. Bertie, from **Albania**, is now a third year student at GPTS and under the session of Woodruff Road is helping in a new work in Greenville. Dr. Mario (**Italy**) and Pastor Roberto (**Sicily**) are enrolled at GPTS doing an M.Div. online. Pastor Paolo from **Switzerland** is hoping to attend GPTS later this year as a special student.

We have done what we can, with what God has been pleased to give us. Our family has made many sacrifices over the years, so that I can be away from home, taking money for books on every trip, when money was short at home and it is only in the last two years that I have started putting a \$100 a month away towards our retirement.

Sheila and I want to thank those of you who have so faithfully stood with us over the years, even in difficult financial times. We thank God for your faithfulness in praying for the ministry. So many things have happened that can only be explained, as answers to prayer. A small number of you try and pray everyday for us and it is hard to know how to say thank you for your ministry to us.

Prayer Is The Christian's Business **Pray for us please!**

Luther wrote:

"As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray."

Prayer, then, is not an option with the Christian; it is an obligation. He does not have the right whether or not he will pray. He must pray. To be a Christian without praying is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

Prayerlessness is sin. Samuel exclaimed: "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. (1 Samuel 12:23)

Hooker, the famous Puritan, said: "Prayer is my chief work, and it is by means of it that I carry on the rest." It would be easier to conceive of a city without electricity, transportation, telephone service, water, and police protection than it would conceive of a church without prayer. Yet the unhappy truth is that many churches have "supper rooms" for eating and drinking, but no "upper rooms" for prayer and waiting on God.

(Taken from "When You Pray?" by Harold Lindsell, p.13.)