

A Brief Report of the LORD'S MOVE IN EUROPE

In 1991, Brother Lee said, “We are burdened to go to Europe in a team of at least four saints, including a couple between the ages of thirty to fifty, in whose home the meetings will begin. Every team of saints going to Europe should have a couple, and this couple may have some children. This family will be the center of the team. We will try to help them to get a home close to a college or a university. Hopefully, this home will be big enough for keeping two or three guests. It could serve as a place for some emigrating saints to stay until they can become properly situated. The newly-contacted people can be brought to this home for fellowship. This will be our way.” (*The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, p. 49)

In the summer of 2007 a number of couples and single saints serving in London moved to houses very close to several key university campuses. Closely following Brother Lee's burden concerning the way to go to Europe, they lived together, met daily for coordination, and labored together with the goal to be built up as small vital groups.

As saints have arrived in London from the Emigration Training in Anaheim, they have joined these groups and continued in this way. While we have concentrated on key areas of London, saints in nearby Reading and Cambridge have purchased homes for the express use of saints who are burdened to come and labor on those campuses. These homes are empty, waiting for couples, working saints, and students to come and labor on these campuses. Even young students can come and take classes at these universities, contacting other students in a normal way for the gospel.

This was Brother Lee's view when he encouraged the young people to learn European languages and to come to Europe to contact people: “Because America and Europe are the two most crucial continents with respect to the world situation, the Lord desires to gain them. To this end, the young people should study the European languages. Then after a few years, they will have the experience of Christ and the church, the experience of knowing and contacting people, and the ability to speak to them in their language. Some may go to a major city in a particular European country to study the language for a few years. During that time they can contact their classmates and schoolmates. After a certain amount of time they will become a nucleus for the Lord to gain that city. In every country in Europe, and also in Israel, there must be a nucleus for the church life.” (*The Lord's Recovery and the Present Situation of Religion*, p. 28)

Brother Lee also shared with us about the importance of practicing the one accord and learning to take a way other than our own: “Finally, nothing is more crucial, vital, or valuable than the one accord for keeping the oneness. We must always endeavor to keep the oneness by practicing the one accord. We should always practice going along with others, not insisting on our way of doing things. We should not be ‘back-seat drivers’ in the church life who are full of opinions. This does not mean that we should drop our discernment. When I do things by myself, I will take the top way. But when I go with others, I will take their way. We should learn to do this... If we open to the Lord and receive the fellowship in this book, I believe we will be blessed, we will enjoy the Lord to the uttermost, and we will be a living testimony to the people of Europe.” (*The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, p. 59)

In London we have endeavored to take the way of one accord and blending with all the saints. We are laboring together in small, vital groups in our particular areas; yet we are all part of one team, coming together every Wednesday for fellowship and blending. This weekly coordination time has facilitated much fellowship among the groups in London, and it is our desire to continue in the same way as we go out to cities in the UK and other parts of Europe. The saints who go to Europe will have a particular goal of returning throughout the year to join in these Wednesday coordination times. We are endeavoring to practice the one accord, which is the way of blessing.

London and the United Kingdom

The Lord has blessed our being grouped together as small teams in London. Along with the response from students, the number of radio listeners and Rhema recipients continues to grow. After eight years of broadcasting the radio program, we continue to receive eight to ten phone calls per day, and are now beginning to focus on three geographic areas. This year, as saints have begun to move out from London to different countries in Europe, there is a need for more to come and strengthen the work and continue the Lord's move in the UK.

The Lord's Move into Western Europe

In 1973 Brother Lee shared about the need to move to many countries in Europe. One of these countries was Greece. In the city of Athens, there has been a small church life for some time. One emigrating couple and an emigrating

single sister moved there in May 2008 after nine months of serving and being blended with the saints in London. We are so happy that Brother Lee's burden is at last beginning to be fulfilled.

"Suppose two brothers go with their wives to Athens, Greece. With four of them there, all studying and contacting other students, do you not believe that they can bring in at least ten within five years? Then there can be fourteen meeting there as the church in Athens! They will go there not like traditional missionaries but rather as the high-class witnesses to Jesus Christ. They will bring the high gospel to Athens. They will bring the deeper knowledge of the Bible. They will bring Christ. They will bring the testimony of Jesus, that is, the Body, the new man, the lampstand, and the bride." (*The World Situation and God's Move*, p. 84)

"I believe that in the coming years the Lord will spread the church life to England, Germany, France, and Italy. Furthermore, I believe that one day there will be a church in Rome and even in Jerusalem, where the church life began more than nineteen centuries ago. Acts 1:9-12 tells us that Christ ascended from the Mount of Olives, and Zechariah 14:4 reveals that Christ will return also to the Mount of Olives. In the same principle, the Lord began His church in Jerusalem and, I believe, will send the recovery of His church back to Jerusalem... The United States is not the goal; it is a stepping-stone for the spread of the recovery to Europe and eventually to Jerusalem. The Lord began from Jerusalem and then spread the church to Greece and Italy. I believe that He will also go back to Jerusalem by way of Italy and Greece. I long for there to be a church in Jerusalem waiting for the Lord Jesus when He returns." (*Life-study of Ephesians*, pp. 666-668)

There has also been a small church life in Paris, France, and Madrid, Spain. In the last few months, emigrating saints who were serving in London have moved to both these cities to strengthen the testimonies and labor with the saints there for the increase. A group of seven saints who have been serving in London are in the process of emigrating to Düsseldorf, Germany, by the end of the summer.

In Arnhem, The Netherlands, twenty saints recently handed out 844 Rhema Set One packs at a Christian young people's day. The saints testified, "We realized the immense famine in today's Christianity, and were overjoyed to be able to present the solid truths to the hungry ones. Almost everyone we contacted was open to us and to the gospel of the kingdom."

In 1981, 27 years ago, Brother Lee told us that the responsibility to go is ours: "I believe this may be the Lord's way to prepare His bride (Rev. 19:7-8). Now that I have spoken to you, I have fulfilled my responsibility. Now the responsibility is yours. As you consider what you have read

in these chapters of the world situation and of the Lord's recovery, what will you do? Will you simply stay where you are and make a good living? Will you be content with good meetings? Good meetings are enjoyable, yet would the Lord not lead you out? Be sober and alert that the Lord may grant you the proper guidance—whether to stay or to go, where to go, and the way to go. If He leads you to stay, how much responsibility should you bear for those who go out in His name for His recovery by faith to other countries? A move like this is living; it is the Lord's move in His Body. This is the ultimate responsibility we must bear for the Lord's ultimate recovery under the present ultimate world situation." (*The World Situation and God's Move*, p. 84)

The following are personal testimonies of some of the saints who have emigrated to Europe from the United States and other countries.

My family moved to the UK last February. In the first month after we arrived my wife and I felt that we should go out to contact people on our own. At this very critical juncture, by the Lord's mercy, He spoke to us through the leading brothers in our weekly coordination at Bower House. The brothers emphasized that all the emigrating saints should join themselves to the one work here in Europe and blend in with the labor of the local saints in whatever they were doing. The speaking was becoming more clear, especially through the ministry. In a portion from *A Seer of the Divine Revelation in the Present Age*, Brother Lee testified that "in the entire book of Acts there was only one current of the Lord's work on this earth." (p. 297)

As a result of this speaking, my wife and I were convicted by the Lord that we should not start something new by ourselves. Instead, we should just enter into the labor of the saints in our district. This speaking was such a salvation to us. It saved us from our individualism and from starting our own work. The result of this kind of blending and coordination has brought in the one accord and the blessing from the Lord.

J.C., moved with his family in February 2008 and is serving in a district in the church in London.

Last February, my wife and I took a long trip from a very comfortable church situation to answer a specific call related to His move to Europe. For the last four months we have lived and served together with a precious group of saints in the city of London. Their heart and burden is to spread to the countries of the European Union in order that city after city the Lord can establish a solid (although not necessarily big in number) testimony in the land of Antichrist. As team players, we have come to know and respect the portion of these saints.

The wisdom of coming to serve together in London does not rest in gaining a better technique to carry out a work, but simply

to truly become one team in Europe regardless of the countries or cities where we will eventually be serving. As the ministry points out, the morale and impact rest on the fact that we are truly one in our labor and have the same heart and feeling for our spiritual companions as they are sent to labor in other countries. Thus, we are one big team for His move in Europe, a team with the same “taste” that speaks the same language.

O.C., moved with his wife to London in February 2008 and has served in Madrid, Spain since May 2008.

After much prayer and fellowship with the Body, we began joining ourselves to the Lord’s move to Europe by selling all our possessions in a yard sale. This was a most releasing experience. After attending the Emigration Training we came to England and eventually our family came to Uxbridge to serve the Lord with another couple and two serving sisters. Because there is a burden to raise up a district in West London, we live near the campus and the church life is centered in our homes. The greatest blessing is to have your home as an extension of the church life. Even our young son is disappointed if there is a rare night when no one is coming for dinner and fellowship. The church life has been sweet and intimate. We have the sense that the Lord has placed us here and is blending the members together (1 Cor. 12:18, 24).

J. K., moved with his family to London in August 2007 and is serving near a university in London.

While we were in the Emigration Training the initial thought was that we would pursue visas for the countries we felt burdened for and then proceed directly to those countries. Through the fellowship it was determined that we should all go to London and then from there to the other countries. Upon our arrival in London, this blending continued in an unprecedented way as we labored together with other serving ones, were built up together with the local saints, and mutually cared for new ones on the campus and in the church. We now feel that without such blending, there would be a tremendous lack of supply and impact in any labor in Europe. Being sent from London after such experiences, we feel vitally connected to a “global” team. Before our leaving for Greece our fellowship with the brothers concluded with the feeling that we should return regularly to London for continued blending with the serving ones and saints there, which very thing we are also eager to do (Gal. 2:10b).

Upon our arrival in Greece, the Lord has been doing superabundantly more than we could ask or think. We were quickly able to find suitable apartments strategically located near the college campus. He is building us together with the saints there, and with saints who pass through for the blending. We look to and pray for what He will do with many young Greek people on the college campus.

Participating with the Lord’s move in such a blended way has been the greatest blessing, privilege, honor and enjoyment in our lives.

R.J., moved with his wife to London in August 2007 and has served in Athens, Greece since May 2008.

We have spent the last year at Brunel University laboring in a team of five. We rented a flat four minutes’ walk from the entrance to the campus and eight minutes’ walk from the other saints. There were no saints in the immediate area and no established church meetings.

We realized that if we value the fellowship, opening and blending ourselves together, being few in number or isolated from others is not an issue. However, if we remain individuals who do not know or care for each other, it is not possible to take this way. Whenever we paid attention to our grouping together we found a way to go on. Conversely, whenever we neglected our blending together and focused on our work, then the struggles came in. We feel that we learned that the Lord desires our grouping more than anything that we do because this will produce Zion. Then He will send the blessing of fruit.

Students very much like the flexibility of being able to drop in that comes with close proximity to the campus. We also found out that they are always hungry, and often don’t eat properly, so a big part of our shepherding involved having food on hand at all times of day. As Brother Lee said, when the “best refreshments” get into their stomachs, their hearts will be open to receive the Lord. This atmosphere of eating in the homes brings us all into a day-by-day, house-to-house church life.

Through fellowship we will be moving with five other saints to Düsseldorf in western Germany this summer. We plan to live close to the university campus, be blended together as a group and then labor on those we contact. We have already had a taste at Brunel, so we feel we should continue to take this vital group way. We consider this is what the Lord desires to have in Europe and to spread all over the continent.

T.&H. T., a couple serving in a district in London, are now preparing to move to Düsseldorf, Germany.

My testimony is that I am a vessel of mercy. I had never thought of moving to Europe, simply because I didn’t think that was my portion. But He is God, who calls the things not being as being. He was able to create in me the burden for His move to Europe, in particular France. He not only paved the way but also provided the grace I needed to attend the Emigration Training in Anaheim, the extended training in London, and then to join the work in Paris in January 2008. Every stage has been a preparatory work to make me a Body-conscious, Body-centered, Body-caring, and Body-honoring member for the reality of the Body of Christ. We look to the Lord to bless our labor, to find favor with many college-age students, in particular young native French, so that many of His seekers can be added to the church for the sake of His testimony in Paris.

F.C., moved to London in August 2007 and has served in Paris, France since January 2008.

We emigrated to London in early February of this year and labored there for about three and half months before we were sent to Spain, where we have been since May 2008.

Our arrival in London was timed with the beginning of the spring term of the FTTL. At the first gathering of the serving ones in London we had some special fellowship regarding the Lord's move to and in Europe. We were reminded of the burden and direction of the Lord's move with the following quote from the ministry: "We will try to help them to get a home close to a college or a university." (*The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, p. 49)

When we were preparing to move onward to Spain, we had the view of the fellowship mentioned above as well as our fresh experience in London. We saw the wisdom of the principles established by the ministry in terms of proximity to a campus as well as the practice of having all emigrating saints go through London for blending, harmonizing and building. This enabled every serving one to have the same view, goal and burden. Although we were focused on the campus, we did not just carry out a "campus work." Much attention was paid to blending and building with the district saints. We were workers in London for the church in London. In the same way we had the view that once we moved onward to our target cities in Europe, we would labor in the very same way.

From the time we announced that we would emigrate to Spain, the saints in our sending locality prayed strongly on our behalf on several occasions. Many times the Lord would remind me of the prayers of the saints: from our sending locality, from London and from those serving ones who sent us off and who will shortly follow our footsteps to Spain and to other countries.

And so we are established in Spain...almost...and anticipating the arrival of other team members and of the blessings that will be commanded by the Lord based upon our oneness in our stand and in our labor for and in His economy.

J.C. moved with his wife to London in February 2008 and has served in Madrid, Spain, since May 2008.

We are very blessed to share with you our experience of serving in London over this past year. I (originally from Portugal) and my wife (originally from Germany) graduated from the Full-time Training in London in June 2007. After having graduated, the Lord opened the way for us to serve in London for a period of time. This has been our first experience of serving with a few other saints in a team close to a London campus with an open home and an open fridge. It has been a very sweet experience for us, particularly because we were able to serve right after the training. Also, we are able to serve here in Europe, and additionally, to serve at this particular point in time in view of the Lord's present, up-to-date and ultimate move.

Now, we feel the Lord is leading us to move to Germany. After this past year in London, we realize that this is the way to go on in Europe. Therefore, we would like to have an open home close to the campus with an open fridge. In addition, we feel the

blessing of following Brother Lee's fellowship concerning Europe. This is the way we want to take and live all our life. "This will be our way."

E.S., a brother serving with his wife in a district in London, is now preparing to move to Düsseldorf, Germany.

The Lord's move in France is being intensified in these days. Four sisters who were part of the Emigration Training and served in London last fall, emigrated to Paris in January. They have been in an intense French language study for the past six months, and will join a couple from Shreveport, Louisiana, to labor on the campus at the University of Paris, Number 10. Some brothers have purchased an apartment at the entrance of that campus, and the whole group will begin to labor there in the fall. The couple will live in the apartment, which will serve as a base for shepherding some of the 35,000 students who attend the university.

Another couple is in the process of purchasing a small apartment in central Paris located near The Sorbonne and Jussieu Universities. There are 250,000 students within a five-minute walk from this apartment. We hope to begin laboring on these two campuses this coming fall term as well. We are very much looking to the Lord that we could take Brother Lee's way for the Lord's move in Europe by practicing the God-ordained way in small, vital groups based in homes at the campuses in the major cities of Europe.

B. L. moved to Paris with his wife many years ago and is still laboring there.

In August 2007 my wife and I moved to London, England. We joined in with the serving ones at Bower House and soon realized there were many things to do and too few serving ones. The dear saints put in many long hours, and I mean long hours, and never complain. I also began to visit the many localities where small churches or groups of seekers who love the ministry are meeting. Most of these places have universities waiting for campus teams to come. Some of the campuses have 50,000 to 100,000 students. The harvest is great, the laborers are few. Lord Jesus, send out the laborers.

M.P. moved to London with his wife in the fall of 2007.

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