

## Fellowship Concerning the Lord's Move in Europe

We would like to fellowship how the Lord is moving in Europe. We have included several quotes from Brother Lee's fellowship from two books: *A Blessed Human Life* (BHL) shared in various conferences and the Full-Time Training during the 1980s and *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move* (WS&DLM) shared in the Memorial Day weekend conference in 1991. The quotes are followed by page numbers from each book for your reference.

Europe is a continent comprised of 43 countries, with a population of approximately 578 million. A recent article in the *Chicago Tribune* had this to say regarding the spiritual situation in Europe:

*'From Ireland to Italy, church attendance across Europe is down drastically, and apart from Western Europe's rapidly growing Muslim communities and the staunch piety of Poles in the east, religion as a moral force in public life continues to wane.... They are looking for something, for guidance....'*

In *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, Brother Lee gave this fellowship:

*'The entire world is open to the Lord's recovery today in the matter of the divine truth in the Bible because people are hungry for the divine truth.'* (p. 14)

*'There cannot be a recovery in Europe if there is not the speaking of the divine truths. Most of the millions of people in Europe are void of the knowledge of these divine truths.'* (p. 31)

The experience of the saints labouring in Europe confirms this word spoken by Brother Lee. There is a widespread hunger and a genuine openness to the divine truths in the Lord's recovery.

### The Spread of the Written Ministry in Europe

Some ministry books of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee are now available in a number of European languages. Several new languages will be added this year, and we hope that every European will soon be able to read the ministry of the age in his own language. When people get into this ministry, many of them write to us with their enjoyment. Below are two examples of recent correspondence received by us:

*'The Recovery New Testament is so awesome.... I'm eating the spiritual food. I'm hungry for God. He is now my all-inclusive Christ. I no longer watch television, because the Lord is my television.... He is my entertainer, He is, He is, He is. He's everything to me now.'*

*'These books have totally changed my life. They are of a deeper meaning of Christian life and have made me to understand the Triune God and why Christ came into the world. They are more precious to me than silver and gold. They are of tremendous importance. I do not know how to thank you and your ministry.'*

Brother Lee fellowshipped the following concerning the spread of the Lord's recovery to Europe:

*'Europe has changed, and the people there are looking for something new. Thus, we should go there in an absolutely new way with nothing traditional.... We need to see how to carry out the spread of the Lord's recovery in the countries of Europe. Our going to Europe should be neither by a work nor by a movement but by emigration.'* (WS&DLM, p. 46)

*'The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a preparation for the Lord's coming back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation.'* (WS&DLM, p. 19)

*'We should not have the concept of going to Europe to have big meetings in the old way. The young people who are burdened to study in the universities there can talk to their classmates one by one about the truths concerning God's economy, God's dispensing, Christ, and the church. We will save and gain people in this way.'* (WS&DLM, p. 28)

*'I hope that many young people among us would go to the universities in Europe to be professional students teaching the divine truths.... I believe that some students who go to Europe can bear new fruit monthly like the tree of life in the New Jerusalem.'* (WS&DLM, p. 47)

## **Recent Blending Trip by U.S. College Students**

We have recently had a visit from 84 Texas university students. Sixty visited Cambridge, Oxford, London, Glasgow, and Edinburgh to spread the ministry. The other 24 visited the churches in Belgium and Holland as well as blending with the districts in London. These young saints have had many marvellous experiences.

*'The sights were great in Cambridge, in Oxford, and in Scotland; I've never seen anything like this in my life. I've been in the church life for four years, and going to the saints' home, amazingly, was what touched my heart the most.'*

*'I was particularly touched when we went to Scotland: that we weren't here just to see the sights and not even just to visit in a general way, but that the Lord really has Scotland on His heart.'*

*'First off, Edinburgh was amazing, just because of passing out the Rhema cards. I was shocked? just floored? that the whole city was so open.'*

*'My true experience on this trip, you know what it really was? I love the saints, I love the Body of Christ. I just want to give my life to this! This is so awesome, actually, to see God in London! To see the expression of the Triune God in London! Oh, Lord Jesus! Oh, gain what You're after, Lord! Oh, Your kingdom come!'*

## **The Importance of Great Britain in the Lord's Move**

*'Furthermore, we should realize that Great Britain is very crucial for the Lord's move throughout Europe.'* (WS&DLM, p. 48)

London is the leading city in Great Britain and a key city in reaching all of Europe. The city of London is composed of 33 boroughs, as can be seen on the attached map. It has been almost a year since the purchase of Bower House, which is located in the London Borough of Havering.

### *Bower House*

The population of the 43 countries of Europe with close to 600 million people is almost double that of the United States, yet Bower House is the first property in Europe to be owned by the saints in the Lord's recovery. In the short time since its acquisition, Bower House has been greatly used in bringing the saints from throughout Europe together for blending and training. Many saints from all over the earth have given materially to help to pay for Bower House, and approximately two thirds of the purchase price of the property has now been received. For more information on how to participate in paying for the property or in supporting full-timers serving in Europe, please refer to [www.amanatrust.org.uk](http://www.amanatrust.org.uk).

## *FTTL*

Bower House also houses the Full-Time Training in London, which began in the autumn of 1997. Trainees from 31 countries have attended FTTL. To date, there have been 92 graduates. This spring term had 6 graduates from 6 countries. It is our hope that more young seekers from Europe would be added to this training year by year. Since most of the FTTL trainees have neither churches nor families in the church to support them, we try to keep the trainee cost as low as possible. This is why we are burdened that Bower House would be free of debt so that more funds will be available to open the way for many more young people to be able to participate in FTTL.

## *Conferences*

There are more than 20 conferences throughout Europe annually as well as a variety of ongoing trainings and seminars in London. This summer, conferences will be hosted in Sweden, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic and Ireland. We hope that many will blend with these saints during these times. Please refer to [www.amanatrust.org.uk](http://www.amanatrust.org.uk) for details concerning times, hospitality arrangements, and how to register.

## *Seminars*

In London we recently held ten weeks of seminars on the Lord's Day afternoon, sharing on *The Economy of God*. More than 125 of the new ones who attended asked for home meetings. We realise that the home meetings provide the one-on-one contact that is crucial in supplying the cherishing and nourishing necessary to bring these new ones into the reality of the church life where God can be built into them and they can be built into Him. In the northeast London area alone, where Bower House is located, we have heard from more than 4,000 radio listeners who want more of this ministry. This is overwhelming and demonstrates the need for many to rise up to care for these dear, seeking ones.

## **Blending in Europe**

While much of the work is located in London, the burden is for all of Europe. The Eurostar, a high-speed train service from London to Paris and Brussels, is expanding to include a stop in the east London area, not far from Bower House. From June 2007 it will be possible to go from east London to Paris in two hours and 15 minutes. From Paris, most localities in western Europe are within a day's drive. With this ease of access, the Lord has really provided the way for the churches in Europe to blend with each other and to support the various conferences for the mutual strengthening of all the saints.

The saints in Europe are spread throughout many different countries. Please see the attached map for the number of saints in each country.

## **Brother Lee's Fellowship Concerning the Way to Go to Europe**

*'Our going to every nation is to announce the riches of Christ to people and to reveal to them the mystery of God that the churches may be produced in every nation and in every place. This is what the grace of God enables us to do.'* (BHL, p. 87)

*'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.'* (WS&DLM, p. 49)

We are preparing information on the major cities, especially the capital cities, of various countries in Europe, which have leading universities. Our hope is that there would be at least four saints who could go to each of these places to open a home near the university. As Brother Lee shared above, this will be our way.

*'Some may also go to Europe to take a job or do a business.... As the brothers are working there, they can contact people to gain them for the Lord's recovery.'* (WS&DLM, p. 28)

*'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.'* (WS&DLM, p. 59)

*'We can pray to the Lord, "O Lord, where should I go? O Lord, where do You want me to go?" May we all answer the Lord, "O Lord, here am I; send me."'* (BHL, p. 58)

For more information on how to participate in paying for Bower House, supporting full-timers serving in Europe, or conferences and other aspects of the work in Europe, please refer to:

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London Borough Map



# Europe

Figures below each country name represent number of saints

