

GOSPEL OUTREACH NEWS

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The gift of God is Eternal

Gospel Outreach International Celebrates 30th Anniversary!

GOSPEL OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL TO ROMAN CATHOLICS BEGINS IN 1976!

While studying to become a priest in the order of St. Vincent DePaul, Frank Eberhardt was asked a question about Purgatory by another concerned Roman Catholic. Since he could not answer the question, he began doing research and this led him to a year and a half study of the Scripture. When his own Biblical questions remained unanswered by the priests he decided to find his answers in a Bible teaching College.

During this time his parents in Philadelphia and sister in Convent in New Jersey were themselves beginning to question Catholicism. Being led by the Lord to the Scripture his parents came to Christ. They began attending a Bible preaching Church and arranged to have Frank and Doreen (his sister) talk to the Pastor when they both came home. Unlike the priest, this Pastor answered their questions from the Bible and invited them to be saved. Frank, coming under conviction of sin accepted Christ later that night, February 4th 1972. Doreen received Christ in March of that year.

Returning to Catholic Seminary he finished his degree, after which he attended Bob Jones University majoring in Bible. After graduation in May of 1976 he founded Gospel Outreach International to answer the questions that many sincere Roman Catholic people have about the Bible and Salvation. *"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom 10:14*

PLANTING CHURCHES CAME FIRST

The area of South Philadelphia is 98% Italian Roman Catholic and was the first place the Lord led for winning the lost. There we planted the Calvary Independent Baptist Church and helped plant the Faith Baptist Church. It was there that many of our materials began to be developed. In 1980 a Pastor friend asked us to go to Fayetteville, North Carolina to help him plant the Victory Baptist Church where the service personal at Fort Bragg brought the population to about 60% Roman Catholic.

In 1981 Frank and Kim were married and returned to Philadelphia to continue helping Churches with Soul winning, Bible Studies and discipleship.

BLESSED WITH SOULS SAVED

In the beginning of the Ministry we were printing and storing tracts in the basement and distributing them in Philadelphia. Within a year tracts were being sent around the USA and within three years around the world. That first year there were some 62 people saved, and the second year letters started coming in with people telling us they had accepted the Lord through our tracts. We know of 106 who came to Christ that second year. From there the Lord blessed with souls saved in continually growing numbers.

From our Missionary families reporting, letters of salvation from our tracts and materials, and personal soul winning we have been able to calculate the number saved through the 30 years of ministry to be 46,723. The Lord has blessed above all that we have been able to ask or think. We pray

He will continue to bless for another 30 years.

GROWTH TAKES PLACE

GO was headquartered in Philadelphia from '76 before the move to South Carolina. In those early years, the *Catholicism Explained New Testament* was developed and two of our Missionaries took part in the video documentary "*Catholicism Crises of Faith.*"

Because of his testimony, "*I Wanted To Serve God As A Priest*", the Director Frank Eberhardt was invited to preach Evangelistic and teaching meetings on the foreign field. He has preached in 14 countries and over the years developed mission contacts and seen the problems and superstitions of Catholicism first hand.

From 1984, **GO** has received requests from around the world for tracts and materials in foreign languages. Contacts and converts from Catholicism began applying to be full time Missionaries, helping us with soul winning and Church planting. A study course was developed to train these indigenous missionary candidates, and the **GO** Missionary family began to grow. Today there are 16 Missionary families in eleven countries around the world.

After 17 years the Ministry relocated to South Carolina in '93 and has been helpful in training local Churches to reach the growing Catholic population.

IS CATHOLICISM CHANGING?

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The Mission verse at **GOSPEL OUTREACH** helps point out the truth that all the lost are blind to Spiritual truth. "*To open their eyes, and to turn them*

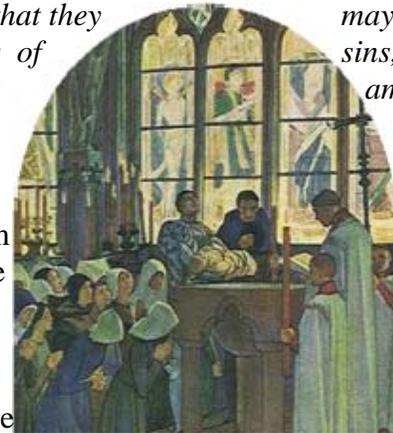
from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith in me."

Catholicism that it is the changing of Christ.

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is the same as it was during the Council of Trent with a few additions like the "Infallibility of the Pope" 1870, and the "Assumption of Mary into Heaven" 1950. Despite the Biblical language, Roman Catholics like all unsaved people, still need Salvation. **GOSPEL OUTREACH** is still there with the Bible to answer the question, "*what must I do to be saved? . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*" *Acts 16:30-31*



OVER THE YEARS

The Lord has blessed **GOSPEL OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL** over the years with a knowledgeable board, dedicated Missionaries and faithful friends and supporters. He has always led us to the people who could help get the job done, whether they were translators, typists or people to pack and tape the shipping boxes. These people have sacrificed their lives to see souls saved.

For all your help and faithfulness,

"Thank You Very Much".

GOSPEL OUTREACH would not have been able to send and help Missionaries, print Gospel tracts or see souls saved without your prayers, help and financial support. The job is not done however, please continue to pray for us here at **GO** we still need your prayers and financial support.

If you would like more information about the Ministry, about tracts, seminars, training sessions or materials from **GOSPEL OUTREACH**, contact us at:

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