

## CALL TO MINISTRY

I attended Bob Jones University after my salvation in 1972. Majoring in Bible because while studying to become a priest we had almost no Bible teaching at all, my desire was to find out more of God's precious book which teaches of Salvation in Christ alone. In the back of my mind was the question who will tell the other Roman Catholic people who like my self are questioning Catholicism?

During the summer I would often teach for Alex Dunlap at the Conversion Center (a home and Bible center for teaching the Gospel and making disciples of those saved from Catholicism) in Havertown PA. Alex had led my parents to Christ and was a full time missionary to Roman Catholic people. He had started a ministry to reach out to Catholic people and while I was in Catholic Seminary questioning Catholicism Alex had the opportunity to present the Gospel to my parents who were devout Roman Catholics who were searching for the truth in God's word.

In my third year at Bob Jones University Alex had died of cancer and we had lost a dedicated servant of the Lord who was able to reach Roman Catholic people. This burdened my heart. Like Isaiah I asked who will go for us and who will continue the preaching to the Catholics who want to find the truth? It was that year at Bible Conference; Dr Pasley said something that got my attention. It was something that made me begin following references through my Bible which led me to *Acts 26:18* "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 that is in me."

Paul had a burden for the lost and the Lord told him to go and open their eyes, he wasn't told that some one else should go but that he would go to bring the light of the Gospel. It was then that I was called to Missions. The Lord had to make me to understand that he had prepared certain people for certain tasks. I surrendered to do the Lord's will and for the next year while at Bob Jones University Ed Scallionie (a former Roman Catholic) and myself met, prayed and asked the Lord for what we could do reach the multitudes of Roman Catholic people around the world. In May of 1976 Gospel Outreach began.

Returning to my home town of Philadelphia, I worked with Pastor Parr and began to plant local Churches in South Philadelphia, a very heavily Catholic section of the city. We wrote and distributed tracts which later reached around the world. From there, others who surrendered to missions began applying to become missionaries with Gospel Outreach International to Roman Catholics and reach their local field for Christ.

Today, Gospel Outreach has 16 missionary families in 10 countries reaching Roman Catholics around the world. We have printed nearly 1 million gospel tracts and seen many thousands come to know Christ as their Saviour. This has been done with a staff that has never been more that 6 working in the office headquarters at any time. The Lord has given us dedicated Missionaries, Staff and faithful Churches over the years to accomplish His will. Pray with us that we can continue seeing souls saved for another 30 yeas.

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