



# 2023 Year in Review



## Doug and Dianne McClintic - Europe

### A glimpse at what your support made possible:

Because of your generosity, we saw growth and development of new congregations throughout our partnerships in Europe. One example is the missional impact being made in the city of Apeldoorn in the Netherlands. Christiaan van Dijk leads the Filadelfia Gemeente (Philadelphia Church) which is embedded in a residential section of the city. From the Koffie Kammer (Coffee Room) ministry they have built trust and created friendships with a highly unchurched and often skeptical group of people. This past summer a team of adults from Grace (RCA) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, came alongside the church to put on a day camp for children and to connect with the Koffie Kammer participants. A closing BBQ hosted over 80 people from the neighborhood. Our support of this ministry is crucial for this growing worshiping community to sustain a long term presence in a country where 50% of the population identifies as nonreligious.



*Above left: The team from Grace Ann Arbor in Apeldoorn in August 2023*



*Above right: The 53 participants in our Second Church Planting Week in Castlewellan, Northern Ireland.*

Because of your support, Doug McClintic has been in partnership with one of our missionaries to the Muslim world. (Name withheld for security reasons) was able to hold a Next Horizon Church Planting Consultation with leaders from across Albania. This consultation, which aims to develop an indigenous church planting movement, was hosted by several churches along with Words of Hope, which has a pioneering history of gospel proclamation in Albania. This fledgling church seeks to grow and develop new congregations in a country where 70% of the population comes from a Muslim background and endured 50 years of government enforced Atheism before the

change in the early 1990's. Our focus is on how the first wave of churches started since the fall of Communism can give birth to the next wave of new churches to reach the entire Albanian speaking world.



*Above left: Hungarian Church Planters meeting with Global Mission Leaders in Grand Rapids, Michigan in April.  
Above right: The Lord's Meadow Church, recognizing the parenting role of the Great Forest Church, and their financial support for the past 5 years (Debrecen, Hungary)*

## **Our challenges of 2023**

One challenge we've identified is the need for more church partners from North America. Our strategy focuses on coordinating three to five supporting churches in North America to focus some of their financial, relational, and spiritual resources on a fledgling congregation here in Europe. We have developed these partnerships effectively in Hungary and the Netherlands and seek to build upon this success. We need partners to come alongside new efforts in Ireland, Albania, Portugal, Germany, and Romania to build long-term relationships and sustainability.

A second challenge we've identified is developing English speaking ministries for the growing communities of native English speakers. Students, people who are part of the global workforce, and retirees are all coming to Europe in record numbers from the English speaking world. We are hoping to deploy a new native English-speaking church planter here in Hungary this year and replace a ministry couple with another. Pray that these workers would be able to raise adequate funds to support their much needed ministries.

## **Please Pray**

1. Continued good health and traveling mercies as we travel to meet with our growing network of church planters and their congregations.
2. Steadfastness and sustainable pace for our church planters who are fully recovered from the pandemic and starting to experience the stresses and joys of growth and multiplication.
3. Wisdom and creativity as we look to the future and plan for the long term sustainability of the European Church Planting Partnership.

Thank you!  
Doug and Dianne