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A VAST PROGRAM "GO ... THRU ... ALL THE WORLD"

God's vision is a worldwide vision. "For God so loved the world" Jn. 3:16. It is God's desire for us to have this vision. All the believers can have this vision, but not all can have the action. We cannot go everywhere at the same time, but we can participate in the evangelization of the world in several ways.

First of all, we must begin with "Jerusalem" before going to "the uttermost part of the world." Acts 1:8. It is logical in consequence to have the "local" vision, to take care seriously of the "community," of the evangelization of one's city, town, state, country, family, people.

But we must not limit our vision to these only. GO THRU ALL THE WORLD! ALL THE WORLD! The gypsies are everywhere in the world. To go to them, we must then go into all the world. Our thrust can only be worldwide. During 10 years, from 1952 to 1962, the missionary work has expanded in France and today there are more than 12,000 baptized believers to whom we must add 20,000 young people and children which form the Evangelical Gypsy Mission of France. Then in the last 10 years, the missionary thrust has expanded to all the countries of Europe, India and the North and South American Continents. But we have only begun. There are yet millions who are without knowing the Lord Jesus and who will never hear the salvation message if we don't have the vision of their existence and condition.

A UNIVERSAL PEOPLE

The Gypsy people is spread in all the continents, such as Israel's people. It is a people wandering for many centuries. Nobody knows from whence they came after arriving in India and

about 1000 years ago they began to leave India, dispersing throughout all the world. In contrast to the Israel people, they do not have a country. They become citizens of the countries in which they live, but they do not assimilate themselves even though they may be living in developed countries or under-developed countries.

I have met them in New-Delhi, Bombay, Madras, but also in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles. We have evangelized them in Stockholm, Hamburg, Dusseldorf, Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, Athens, Bucarest, Zagreb, Sliven in Bulgaria, Budapest, Bratislava, Varsovia, Helsinki, Mexico, Puerto-Rico, Jerusalem.....

AN IMPERATIVE COMMAND GO

It is the command of the Lord himself.

The necessity to obey is imposed on us, and woe unto us, if we do not do it. I Cor. 9:16.

If we do it WILLINGLY, we do have the reward. I Cor. 9:17.

To be at the service of a Master such as Jesus Christ, isn't it a glory?

To be at His command so imperative isn't that a "privilege?"

To be a worker with Him, isn't that a grace?

DO YOU WANT TO BE WITH US?

An athiest once asked a Chinaman: "What would you do when you will get to heaven?"

—"The first thing," answered the Chinaman, "will be to find the Lord Jesus and to thank him for having saved me."

—"Very well," answered the athiest, with a voice of sarcasm, "and after?"

The Chinaman thought for a moment, then answered him: "After that I will go find the missionary who came to my country to speak of Jesus Christ and I will thank him for his coming."

—"Really, and after?" continued the atheist with a scornful smile.

—"Then I will go search the ONE WHO GAVE THE MONEY for that missionary to be able to come to China and tell me about my Savior, for I desire to thank him also."

The atheist then retreated.

You cannot go wherever we are going and do the missionary work that we are doing, but you can be **OUR PARTNER** in this work.

In helping us to go, in supporting the missionaries in their fields of work it's just like as if you were there because you are furnishing the possibilities to go. **The one who goes and the ones who help to go are both associated in the same obedience.** In receiving our magazine and in interesting yourself in our missionary thrust you are expressing that you are already with us. I know that you are interceding for us and this is a **STRENGTH, a SUPPORT** for us in this work. But would not you want also to engage yourself more in becoming a **PARTNER** if you have not already done so?

Today, the works are many.

—African Missions

—Testimony to the Jewish people

PREACHERS IN FRANCE: 200

They are today 350 in Europe, and they go throughout all the world. Join to them by praying.

—Radio Evangelization

—Drug-addicts Evangelization

...etc.....

Programs that we must support in the perspective of this command: **GO THRU ALL THE WORLD.....** and preach the Good News to **ALL CREATURES."**

Why not include also the GYPSIES in your program, to the one of your Church...and help us to bring to them wherever they are, THE SALVATION MESSAGE. God has not said that the sinners should come to us, but He has given us the command to **GO** to them.

The GYPSIES are not off program.....and nevertheless they are not in the program of many churches. Why? Quite often by ignorance of the existence of this people of more than 10 million souls in this world and that are waiting for us. Are we going to keep our arms crossed? Certainly not! We will go, and you with us in becoming **OUR PARTNERS.**

If you want to engage yourself with us by supporting us financially in any way you judge the best, send us back the subscription enclosed. Become our **MISSIONARY PARTNER.** We want together: **TO EXPECT** great things from God, **TO UNDERTAKE** great things FOR God.

C. LE COSSEC

International Coordinator of Gypsy Work



MESSAGE TO MY
BROTHERS ROMS
SCATTERED
IN THE
WORLD



STEVO DEMETER AND HIS WIFE NINA

God declares: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Why? because God created man to be his friend. In paradise, God spake with the man. It was two persons who loved each other. It was wonderful. The man heard the voice of God and ran to him because God was coming to visit him. They were happy. They talked together of all what God had prepared for the man. The devil came and he deceived the woman and the man. They disobeyed God. After that, when man, called Adam, heard the voice of God, he was afraid. God was searching and calling after him: "Where are you?" The man answered: "I heard your voice and was afraid." The fellowship between God and man was broken. God was obliged to put man out of paradise. Since that moment sin has reached all men. This is why we need to be reconciled with God.

How is this possible?

Jesus, the Son of God said: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." God has not abandoned man. He has given his Son Jesus on the cross for him. Jesus suffered and died at Calvary in our place. His blood which shed from his hands and feet was to wash us from our faults.

The Bible says: "The blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin." How? By coming repenting at the foot of the cross. In believing that Jesus died on the cross for us personally. Neither the cross nor the grave have been able to retain Jesus in death. The third day Jesus rose. Alleluia! And today he is living among those who believe in Him. We do not see him, but he is present everywhere to help us, to keep us from evil, to heal us from our sicknesses.

My message for you is: "Be reconciled to God." Jesus Christ says to you as he said it years ago: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

On the cross, Christ reconciled men with God. From his pierced hands he put back together the link which tied God to man and that man had broken by his disobedience. Now,

if we believe, we will be reconciled with God.

May God bless you abundantly in your lives and may he reveal himself to you by His Spirit.

Stevo DEMETER,
God's servant

The ROMS represent the largest gypsy tribe in the world and they speak the "ROMANES" language.

If you know some in your town, send us their addresses or write to us and we will send to you or to them, a free gospel record with songs and sermons made in their language.

THE LORD HEALED ME
Mrs. Nina Demeter — Stevo's wife

A few years ago, I was in Belgium with my family. I was seriously sick. I went to see several doctors, and they declared an urgent operation and mentioned to my family that it was certainly cancerous. I was quite afraid before I went on the operation table.

I prayed ardently to my Lord, then right away, I was reassured and heard his voice in my heart saying to me "take courage daughter, your faith has healed you." The surgeons performed the operation, but were surprised to find no trace of a cancerous tumor. The Lord had performed the operation before them. I am completely healed and thank the Lord with all my heart for all his blessings. He is merciful. He intervenes in our lives to deliver us from our sicknesses and anxieties if with faith and all our heart we invoke him as it is written in the Bible, in Jeremiah 33:3.



GYPSY PREACHER "NONO" WORKING

My dear brothers ROMS who are scattered throughout the world, I would like to know all of you and to speak to you by word of mouth.

Not being able to do it in bodily presence, I want to do it thru the means of this letter, for I have a message to address to you, to all of you my brothers ROMS.

This message is not mine, but the one most important of all, that God addresses to all mankind.

God does not speak directly to men, but he uses his servants to call men to him. The Apostle Paul, in his second letter to the christians of Corinth, says in the chapter 5, verse 20: "So, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." My dear brother ROMS, I also address to you the same message in the name of Christ: be reconciled to God.

You might say to me: "Why do we need to be reconciled to God? We never did anything against God, we fear Him, we believe in Him, we pray to Him."

The Bible, which is the word of

An Exceptional Communion Service with the PENTECOSTAL GYPSIES in the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of MADRID

Revival in SPAIN

The Presbyterian parish of Calatrava had offered their hospitality and it was a community of nearly 200 "calos" who gathered together for some days. The fact that one of the communion services did coincide with their closing communion service of the Synod of Madrid had urged several delegates to write their impressions in the "Carta Circular." Here are some excerpts:

"The closing communion service of the Synod was an unforgettable experience. The hour of its celebration coincided with the communion service, already set up, of the Evangelical Gypsy community of Madrid, and we had the joy to partake with these new brothers in the faith, of gypsy race, and their gypsy pastors, a common communion service of praises, of thankfulness and glorification to God. To hear the gypsies pray and sing their very simple songs, to hear them tell of their prior life to their conversion and the one, actual, of born again men by the power of the Holy Spirit, produced in us a double emotion by the unexpectedness of the event.

"I believe that all the persons who assisted at this extraordinary communion service will be thankful to the pastor, Alberto Araujo, who has

given to us this opportunity to praise God gathered together with the gypsy people, recalling to us, the ("payos") that the gypsies can also be children of God and then our brother. Faith breaks the barriers of ages past and establishes the Church of Jesus Christ with men of all races.*

"Now that the Holy Spirit operates in converting the "calo" people, there is left to us "payos" to realize a new work among these people: to furnish them with an appropriate instruction that they might integrate themselves into the Spanish society. Will we be able to do it well? It is certainly worth it to try and in putting our trust in God, I hope that we will be able to accomplish it."

Rev. Hernan HERNANDEZ

* Name that the gypsies — the "calos" — give to those who are not from their race. (N. D. L. R.)

Actually, the number of preachers is growing rapidly. Last year, during our spiritual retreat in Madrid, last May, 43 new candidates to the ministry presented themselves and were accepted, which brings their number to 105. As to the number of believers, it has now grown to 5000.

THE THREE GYPSY
PREACHERS WHO ARE
NOW SUPERVISING
THE WORK IN SPAIN



Time of prayer - Jesus Christ is their Lord

AT NIGHT
IN A VILLAGE SOUTH OF FRANCE

VISION OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED

IN THE SKY
SEEN BY 50 PERSONS AT ONE TIME

Some man-ouches (gypsies), Fatar and Lechat, had told me that they had met Christ, the Son of God. I did not believe what they said.

Later on I had a vision of Christ.

It was at 3 in the morning. I woke up and saw something in the sky.

I was saying to myself:
—But you are crazy!

I covered my head.

I dared to look again and each time I would see this vision. This lasted a good while and then I called my wife:



LEON GIMENEZ

—Wake up! look, what do you see over there! Do you see anything?

—I see the Lord, she answered me.

—You see the Lord?

—Yes!

Then I got up and got dressed.

Then I went to call my daughter who was sleeping in the bedroom next to us:

—Antoinette, come here, what do you see over there in the sky, by the window?

—Well, I see the Lord!

Then, I called Jeannot, and he came and saw the Lord.

I also called the gypsies living near us, then I went to get other gypsies by car.

Around 4 o'clock in the morning we were about 50 looking up at the sky. We were seeing clearly in the night the shape of a cross and of Christ. The color was of a pale red and it was luminous.

This vision lasted about 3 hours and gave us the time to bring all this people to my home.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THIS VISION HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO THE LORD.

After we had this vision, I took my wife and my children and I went to a town called DAX to see the gypsies who were already converted and had testified to us but I had not believed them. I told them immediately:

Now I am ready for the Lord. When you will want to baptize me, I am ready. From there I left for Biarritz and I was baptized. Two days later I came back home. I began immediately to put myself to work for the Lord in testifying here and there, to all the gypsies who are here in the valley of Pau. This happened 10 years ago.

The meetings began in my home, then in the open-air, then in an old bus offered by my son-in-law. Later we built a place for worship with some lumber. Then this became too small and we enlarged the place. Now we are about 70 baptized believers. At some meetings there are more than

100 persons. The number of persons is increasing continually.

Now we have taken on a project to build a missionary center near PAU for all the gypsies of the South-West. This will consist of a hall of 500 seating capacity on two and one-half acres of ground which will also accomodate several travel trailers. There will be some dormitories to receive the pastors and those who will come to the spiritual retreats that do not come with their trailers.

We have already about ten preachers in that region and we want from this center to bring the testimony to the hundreds of families who are in the South area of France and the North of Spain.

Pastor Leon GIMENEZ

CHURCH OF
BOEL-BEZING



IN INDIA

500 BAPTIZED — 8 PREACHERS

A great hope to reach 2 million Gypsies there for Christ. The poverty in India is great, as reported by one of our Gypsy preachers who we have been supporting each month for the past three years.

Greetings to you, co-workers and helpers in the world wide gypsy work in the



wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ who still lives, gives for the perishing souls, and cares for uncared and untouchable poor gypsies, lepers, villagers and poor Orphans.

Thank you very much for your past help to preach the gospel among unheard desert living gypsies last week also we conducted special meetings at Poolampatti and Uttamarkovil gypsy camp and also we

provided good vegetable food, banana fruits and new clothes to converted christian gypsies and children.

At present, we have started regular, Sunday morning services, Sunday evening children services, Wednesday evening Bible study, Saturday fasting and prayer service and we wish to conduct monthly communion services. Our meetings are being attended most interestingly by the gypsy men and women and children. These people sing hymns and choruses more rejoicing in their own language. Our saved gypsy christians are testifying among their folk how our beloved Saviour Lord Jesus Christ saved them from the past hardship of wretched demon worship and how God is solving their day to day problems through their prayers. Besides these, they strongly defend that Christians only came forward to love, feed and to care for them and their child, but the Hindu people never came forward to help them, though they were once worshipping same Goddess Kali. In recent months our Lord's ministry is progressing rapidly. Many gypsies were converted again and we expect more gypsies to be saved soon and baptized in water. Our Lord's name is glorified more and more daily.

Once myself, my wife, daughter, son and co-workers suffered a lot of mockeries, reproaches, filthy words and chasing from their camps by

their headmen many times in spite of our love gifts of food and other eatables. But we rejoice in the Lord at present because there is good and warm welcome in all the gypsy camps for us. If we are helped means, we were preaching the glorious message of God in place of you. Actually the credit goes to you only and souls are being saved. May God bless you with all His richness.

*Yours in the Lord's
Ministry among
unheard.*

(Excerpt from Evangelist A. Jacob's letter from India.)

A 12 1/2 acre tract of ground has been purchased about 16 miles from the town of Trichy. On this ground, there will be built an orphanage for the gypsy orphans and also for other gypsy children in order to provide for their education. On this same ground a center for Bible training for the future gypsy preachers. The cost of these two buildings is \$10,000. Any support toward these projects will be greatly appreciated. We need your faithful prayers and financial support toward this work among the gypsies.



A New Dimension of the work in the U.S.A.



BAPTISMS OF GYPSIES IN LOS ANGELES.
LEFT: LOLYA DEMETER

Dear friends in the Lord's work among the gypsies. First of all I want to say: Alleluia! for the victory in the Lord! He has allowed the proclamation of the Gospel among the Gypsies in the city of Los Angeles where 21 Gypsy souls were saved and baptized.

It is very little, but many others have heard the message of the Gospel and the bread thrown upon the surface of the waters has not been done in vain.

The news of what God has done among the Gypsies of Los Angeles has gone across the U.S.A. Everywhere where

there are gypsies, we speak about the Gospel.

Then, as we wrote in our newsletter, the baptized gypsies have scattered outside the Los Angeles area, some to Sacramento, others as far as New York. Here and there they testify to other gypsies.

The Gypsy pastor, Lolya, had also settled in Newark, New Jersey, where a new work has begun among the thousands of Gypsies who live there in that region. Already, since last October, 1972, several have accepted the Gospel and have asked us to come and open a church in the surround-

ing area of New York.

Also, brother and sister Modrow, who are in charge of the translation of the New Testament in the Romanes language by the Wycliffe Society, have also settled with the Demeter family. Lolya's son, Tochat, 19 years old, also helps in the translation of the New Testament. Thus, God has prepared the road for the revival among the gypsies in the U.S.A.

In October '72, the Assemblies of God covered the expenses of moving the Demeter family to Newark, New Jersey and to give additional financial support.

I thank God also, to have allowed me to receive my B. A. degree in Missions. The Lord has directed us to a new place of work, and yet without forgetting the work that He is doing here in the U.S.A. My wife, my two daughters, and I will be leaving this month, June, '73, for France. I will be



JOHN LE COSSEC FAMILY

assisting my father in the coordination of the gypsy work throughout the world. It is a vast field, for the gypsies are not just in one country, but all over the world. We are trusting the Lord, and we believe that He will pour out His Spirit upon all the American gypsies and of other countries. God always triumphs.

Yes, we believe that the Lord will always make us more than victorious. We do need Christian warriors to pray for this work, and would appreciate to hear from you.

John LE COSSEC

Testimony Of Healing

"My name is Lisa. I had heart trouble and often I would go to the doctors. The doctors could not do anything for me because this sickness was incurable and the medicines did not help. When I was at home I was not well, and quite often I had to return to the hospital at 2 or 3 in the morning. My children and my husband had to wake up to take me to the hospital. I needed some oxygen to breathe for I had a very hard time to breathe.

"We heard that some Roms from France had come, and that they had opened a church for the Roms in Los Angeles. My husband and my daughter had decided to take me to the church. We heard the Word of God. We have found there something that we did not find anywhere else. We went 3 or 4 times and each time we felt good. The meaning of my life had changed. I asked the pastor Rom, Lolya, who had come from France to pray for me, in the name of the Lord. In my heart I knew I was healed, and felt the presence of God on me. Since then, I did not go back to the doctors and I have not touched the medicines. I thank God to have sent his servant from France. We have accepted the Lord, and according to His will we have accepted to be baptized in His Name. I am healed and I am a new person and happy in my home. I thank God, and also his servant Lolya."

GOD OPENS THE DOOR

Since my arrival in Newark, N.J. last November, 1972, we have had a hard time to find a house for rent. We finally found a place with 5 rooms on the third floor. We are sharing them with our brother and sister Modrow. We are not used to living on the third floor, but by the Grace of God, we are getting used to it. When my family was settled, I began to visit the Roms in the Newark area and to speak to them of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many Roms were open to the Word of our Lord Jesus. Then, I went with my wife and my son, who plays guitar and sang some gospel songs to them and I preached the Word of God. But when I went to find a hall to rent for the meetings, I could not find any.

I prayed the Lord to give us a place to preach His Word. After several months of opposition, for the Devil was against us and tried everything he could to keep us from having a place to preach the Word of God, God in His great Love came to our help. We found a place to rent for \$25.00 for each day we had meetings. We began the meetings and passed the address around and invited the gypsies. After 3 or 4 meetings, I found out that many Roms could not come because it was either too far or they could not find the place. But 5 or 6 people came and one of them said to me when I took him home that he would look for a place closer to the Roms. Then 2 days later, he phoned me and told me that he found a place close by the gypsies. So I went, and God did bless. We were able to rent the place from the owner for \$175.00 a month. On the first of April, we were able to move in and arrange it for meetings. The pastor of the Assembly of God church in Newark furnished us with 65 chairs. We painted the church and on the third of April we began our first meeting. The place was filled, all



Lolya DEMETER Family — and the grandmother

the chairs were used and others were standing. The Roms are very happy to know that they are able to have their own church like others. The Roms have never heard the Gospel and in hearing it they are very happy, because they hear the promises that God Gives to those who believe. God begins his work in the hearts of the Roms of Newark. God in his goodness has sent our brother Nono Demeter of the church in Paris to come and help me. He arrived at the time when I needed him most.

I thank the Lord also for the brother Modrow and his wife. They have helped us on our moving from Los Angeles to Newark. Whenever I could not speak English, my brother Modrow would translate for me, though it was hard, for he has just begun to learn our language.

I believe that God had all things prepared ahead, and what he has begun he will finish it. Pray for us that the Lord may pour out His Spirit upon the Gypsies of America and that through these gypsies of America many other gypsies in other countries may be evangelized. We do need people to pray for this work and want to thank you for your prayers.

May the Grace of God bless his children and all they that will seek his help from Him.

Lolya DEMETER

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TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE BELIEVERS THAT
THERE IS A FORGOTTEN MISSIONARY
FIELD OF ABOUT 15 MILLION
SOULS:

THE GYPSY

Our work has spread to 30 nations and growing unceasingly. To this day, 50,000 gypsies are attending meetings throughout the world. Our missionary work is only beginning.

Thank you to have accepted to be pioneers with us in this new and vast missionary field.

You can also send your offering as the Lord directs you: either to help the gypsy preachers in India or the poor gypsy orphans, either to help the gypsy preachers of Spain or to help the work which is beginning in the U.S.A. and of which the effort is particularly difficult. The administrator will send you a receipt for your offering.

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