



CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF FRANCE

2007 Annual Report

A Word from our President...

On November 21, 2004 in Nogaro, France, I was on my brother-in-law's terrace reflecting on a recent mission trip to Poitiers. As I reflected, I felt God showing me very specific plans on how to meet a need in French ministries for financial support. Using a community foundation model, I felt that I could garner support from the American Christian community to concentrate, invest, and focus financial resources on France – mobilizing those with a heart for France to multiply their impact on the nation.

Spiritually, personally, and professionally, this was a perfect synthesis of all of my life experiences, gifts, and passions and fit perfectly with the future of our family. After prayer and discussion with my wife Sophie, there was an excitement about following this direction. Upon our return to the United States, I began extensive research in the Christian philanthropic community and found that no foundation, organization, or donor advised fund group existed to serve the needs of one of Europe's most secular nations. Further investigation revealed that there were only a few foundations even giving to France's evangelical community. I met many instrumental individuals throughout the process and would come to see God's plan unfold through them as time went on.

It was while working with the Mustard Seed Foundation to translate their materials into French and send to over 400 French churches, that we decided the time was right to begin the Foundation and brought the organization into being in June of 2005. Officially incorporated in 2005, the Christian Community Foundation of France (CCFOF) received its 501(c)(3) tax status in November of 2006 and began its first full year of operation on January 1, 2007.

From the beginning of the CCFOF until now, God has directed, connected, and upheld us for HIS glory. We can't take credit because the true progress that has happened in the CCFOF has been totally – and I mean totally – out of our control. It has brought to life the Scripture about how we plant and water but it is God that gives the increase. I can never explain all the intricate and deeply personal ways that God has and continues to give us hope through His provision.

What you are about to read might seem to you to be just another annual report of what this particular organization has done last year. But, I want to tell you emphatically that what you are going to read is only a shell. It's a shell whose only purpose is to reflect in some way what GOD has done. So, as you read, ask God "What are you doing in France?"

And then listen to what He may be putting on your heart to do.

Thank you for your support in prayer and action!

In Christ,



David Broussard

Ministry Overview

Vision

The vision of the Christian Community Foundation of France is to see every French Evangelical church and ministry self-sustaining and prosperous – able to seize all God-given opportunities to reach their circles of influence with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission

The mission of the Christian Community Foundation of France is to encourage sustained strategic growth of the Kingdom of God in France by connecting American intercessors and investors with the French Christian community.

We accomplish this by:

- **Providing** comprehensive information about the French Evangelical community.
- **Mobilizing** prayer and financial resources to support French ministries.
- **Developing** partnerships and resources to increase Biblical generosity within the French Evangelical community.

Providing Information

The central activity of the CCFOF is connecting Americans with educational information and tools to help them effectively pray for and support French Evangelical ministries. Through providing access to historical information, current events, ministry profiles, and other initiatives, the CCFOF creates educational opportunities to help Americans understand the spiritual climate of France and current challenges and opportunities of French believers. By coming together as the Body of Christ around a common goal of understanding and learning from one another, we are better able to encourage one another and see the Church grow.

Mobilizing Resources

God is directing individuals to pray for and financially support French ministries and churches. The CCFOF desires to help French churches and ministries connect with those individuals through a fiscal sponsorship arrangement and presenting their projects, context, potential, and outcomes. To this end, we have developed a Ministry Partnership structure that facilitates this process. All ministries must complete a partnership request form, meet specific requirements, and be approved by our Board of Directors before being eligible to receive funds from the CCFOF.

Developing Partnerships

As a culture with deep roots in philanthropy, America has developed many different approaches to giving. By culturally contextualizing these resources and adapting them for use in the French Church, the CCFOF is directly helping French ministries stimulate and sustain growth. Additionally, through our ministry partnerships, the CCFOF staff directly and personally engages French ministry leaders and takes them through the process of obtaining funding for their ministry. Through this process, French ministry leaders get a first-hand look into the process of development.

Current CCFOF Projects



PrayforFrance.org

Pray for France is a coalition of four non-profit organizations in three countries – France, the United States and South Africa – that are dedicated to **mobilizing prayer for France**. Through providing information, prayer topics, and connections to prayer events throughout the year, Pray for France connects Americans (and all English speakers) with concrete ways to intercede for France. Our signature initiative is the seven-year old prayer initiative led by one of our coalition partners – **Objectif France**. Since 2001, during the forty days before Easter, thousands of French people have been involved in concerted prayer for all aspects of French society – from church planting to youth outreach, politics, family life, and so on. Each year has had a very specific theme that is chosen by a group of French ministry leaders after prayer, reflection, and discussion.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION

Mustard Seed Foundation Partnership

In 2005, MSF made 2 grants to 2 churches in Paris for a total of \$21,000. After we met with MSF, translated their application into French and provided them with a list of Evangelical churches in major metropolitan areas, they increased their granting over 800%!

In the last two years (2006 and 2007), **MSF sent \$363,300 to 14 French churches** in cities such as Paris, Marseille, Toulouse, Lyon, and Lille! In fact, France and French speaking Europe have become so much of a priority that they designated a staff member to develop grants for those areas. We are excited about their strategy of local church granting and look forward to helping them in any way we can.

2007 Grants Awarded

One of our key activities is mobilizing financial resources for native French ministries. In accordance with our granting policy, 100% of all contributions received and designated for a specific project in France are given to that project. In fact, even counting gifts directly to the CCFOF, we are proud to say that 92.9% of all our revenue was given to French ministries. In 2007, the CCFOF awarded grants to:

France Evangile Communication

Réseau des Etudiants Evangélistes (R2E) Training Program

\$12,100

For years, churches and Bible Institutes in the European French-speaking world have focused more on pastoral training than **the training of evangelists**. In order to reach the unsaved in France and in French-speaking Europe, the ministry of evangelism must be revived within the younger generations. Over the next 2 years, R2E will recruit 10 Christian students from both seminaries and secular universities who have a calling to evangelism, leadership ability, and a stable Christian life. Each student will go through R2E's two-year evangelist training program and be mentored by an accomplished Evangelical leader in France. Through training weekends, European Evangelism conferences, participation in the European Evangelist Network (for those fluent in English), cross-cultural missions experience and extensive personal coaching, each student will create a Personal Development Plan (PDP) resulting in a peer- and mentor-reviewed Master Strategic Plan (MSP) that will serve as a blueprint for immediate implementation. The end result will be 10 fully trained evangelists that will be personally and professionally equipped to reach France and French-speaking Europe with the Gospel and have a clear executable ministry plan to launch them into ministry. For this project, France Evangelisation is

partnering with GBU (IFES France), Agape (Campus for Christ), FEU (Foyer Evangelique Universitaire), and Operation Mobilization. Nogent Bible Institute (IBN), the Bible Institute of Emmaus (Switzerland) and the Geneva Bible Institute (Switzerland) are our educational partners.

TopMission

ConnaitreDieu Local Church Referral Project

\$76,810

This project combines internet Evangelism with personal contact to share the Gospel with the growing population of French internet users who remain largely unreached by local churches and other Christian outreach strategies. By driving them to ConnaitreDieu.com's already successful Evangelistic internet site in the privacy of their homes, this project overcomes many of the barriers that past public Evangelism efforts have encountered in France. With 100 local churches as partners, this project proposes to reach 500,000 people with materials designed to drive them to ConnaitreDieu.com. Of these, we expect 10% will actually visit the site and 20% of those (10,000 people) will indicate a decision for Jesus Christ. Finally, 25% of these individuals (2,500 people) will actually be put into contact with local churches and attend seeker groups. If successful, this project will increase the number of current Evangelical believers in France by 2.5%, encourage and grow 100 local churches (5% of all Evangelical churches in the country), and create a model for all French churches to use for effective Evangelism via the internet.

Top Chrétien

Legal Defense Project

\$11,200

On September 27, 2007, Top Chrétien was sentenced to pay \$12,000 (8,500 Euros) to the Palestinian support organization Committee for Charity and Support for the Palestinians or Comité de Bienfaisance et de Secours aux Palestiniens (CBSP). In March 2005, Top Chrétien had republished an article from a Jewish press agency that identified the CBSP as an organization that financed terrorism in Israel. The group sued Top Chrétien for defamation and lost. However, they appealed the decision and won. According to French law, Top Chrétien may not appeal this judgment and was forced to pay 8,500 euros (\$12,000) to CBSP. To help Top Chrétien continue its work without this financial burden, donors in the U.S. contributed to the CCFOF's Legal Defense Project and were able to offset most of the fine.

Alliance Evangélique Française

Pentecôte 2007: Mission Attitude

\$3,750

Pentecôte 2007: Mission Attitude was a national youth event that motivated and challenged over 3,700 young people from all over France to live out their calling and gifts in Christ – serving God and serving others. Through three days of concerts, drama, reflection on Biblical passages, testimonies, workshops, and interaction with over 100 different exhibitors, Pentecôte 2007 provided an amazing opportunity for these young people to open their eyes to the reality of God's plan in their lives, stand up and answer the call to follow Christ.

Results: AEF welcomed 3,726 youth (13 % less than 15 years old, 29 % from 15-18, 36 % from 18-25, et 22 % over 25) and over one hundred Christian organizations. In total, there were more than 4,000 people who experienced an exceptional weekend. Concerning the Micah Challenge, they sent the President of France over 3,000 post cards with a letter encouraging him to hold to the commitments made in 2000 by our governments, aiming to reduce extreme poverty by half by 2015. It was the first time that such a project was done by young Evangelical Christians in France. AEF is still keeping in touch with most of the attendees: sending regular correspondence via e-mail to encourage them to live out the « Mission :

Attitude. » The organizing committee is already thinking about the next Pentecost event « Mission Attitude 2 » - perhaps in 2010, the Lord willing. AEF is also going to maintain, in a deeper way, the connections with the various Christian organizations who participated in Pentecost 2007. They're putting in place a Youth Alliance to work on training and encouraging youth group leaders in our churches to help them organize – in their region and on a smaller scale – similar meetings.

Cours Alpha
Paris Invitation
\$77,100

Churches in France struggle with reaching non-church goers with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Catholic parishes generally lack practical evangelism programs. Evangelical churches have to confront the common fear that they are cults and find it difficult to grow. The lack of unity among churches also prevents them from having more of an impact in French society.

This project helped 100 Christian churches of all denominations in the larger Paris area to invite their non-Christian neighbors to explore the Christian faith in the non-threatening context of a dinner. The 5,000 to 6,000 guests coming to this evangelistic dinner were invited to participate in a subsequent Alpha course, a 10 week introduction to Christianity which has already reached millions of God seekers worldwide and is used by more than 450 churches in France.

The project provided churches with a much needed tool to reach non-churchgoers. 100 churches of all denominations joined forces for this project in the Paris area, working and praying together, will have an unprecedented impact on the region. Their work was supported by a regional advertising campaign reaching over 2 million people and by the production of good quality advertising material. This gave the church much more visibility in society.

Strategic partnerships have been formed with 4 Christian organizations active on the web, TV or daily press, with a dual goal: i) promote Alpha to church leaders and committed Christians so that they can either invite non Christians to the dinner or launch Alpha in their local church; ii) invite non churchgoers to the dinner.

The outcomes:

- 100 participating churches.
- 5300 guests coming to dinner.
- 2600 staying on for the subsequent course.
- 70% of churches are re-launching their Alpha course in the first quarter of 2008 because of the dynamics they have witnessed in their courses.
- Advertisements seen by over 3 million people (out of the 11 million inhabitants of the Paris region).
- 15 new churches launching alpha as a result of the project.

TOTAL Grants Awarded: \$180,960

Other French Ministry Partners

In addition to the above grants, the CCFOF has Ministry Partners in a variety of other areas. Below is a complete list of our partners (as of December 31, 2007):

VX-COM/Studio+
Institut de Développement, de Recherches et de Réconciliation (ID2R)
L'Eglise Baptist de Pontault-Combault
Objectif France
Bible et Littérature Francophone (BLF Europe)
Tribal Poursuite
Ecole La Clairière
Association des Cadres Témoins de l'Evangile (ACTE)
France Mission
Congrès International de Jeunesse En Mouvement (CIJEM)

Future Projects

French Ministry Partnerships

We continue to establish working partnerships with French ministries from across the Evangelical landscape in France. From federations to church planting initiatives and publication houses, the CCFOF desires to build our portfolio of ministries.

Foundations

Overall, establishing long-lasting funding relationships with U.S. and international foundations that are granting into the French Evangelical community is a key in stimulating the much needed growth of the French Christian community. Through acting as a fiscal sponsor for French ministries, we are able to assist foundations not only in connecting with Evangelical leaders in France but also serve them as a sponsor for projects that they wish to fund. One proposed project for 2008 is to facilitate a meeting of international Christian grant makers to discuss a concerted strategy for France.

Other Groups

We are also considering partnerships with Christian student groups to create a connection between American Christian university exchange students and French Christian students. This project would facilitate relationships between the large numbers of American students going to France each year and French Christians and churches – thereby strengthening the connections between our two countries and the potential for long-term partnerships and exchanges.

2007 Financials

	2007 actual	2008 Proposed
Income		
Contributions and Support	\$194,655.93	\$415,000.00
Investment Income	\$27.14	\$35.00
Other Income (Prayer Guides)	\$24.50	\$200.00
Total Income:	\$194,707.57	\$415,235.00
Expenses		
Grants Awarded	\$180,960.00	\$400,000.00
Staff Salary	\$1,833.93	\$6,000.00
Marketing (print/blog/internet ads/direct mail)	\$1,538.23	\$2,500.00
Graphic Design (website, printed, etc.)	\$949.20	\$500.00
Printing and Postage	\$563.96	\$750.00
Legal	\$542.40	\$250.00
Office Expenses (Supplies, software, etc.)	\$523.38	\$775.00
Internet (e-mail, hosting, etc.)	\$516.56	\$500.00
Travel	\$468.72	\$3,000.00
Bank fees	\$310.65	\$350.00
Telecommunications	\$120.78	\$150.00
Subscriptions	\$95.34	\$125.00
Food	\$34.27	\$150.00
Total Expenses:	\$188,457.42	\$415,050.00

Board of Directors

David Broussard

While pursuing his degree in French at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and during his fifth trip to France in 1994, David gave his life to Christ. Upon his return to the United States in 1995, he began to work with international and national fellowship groups in varying roles of leadership. In July of 2001, he and his wife moved to Washington, DC where David began working full-time in the non-profit sector and founded the CCFOF. David and his family currently live in the Atlanta metro area.

David Detert

David was educated in electrical engineering and worked for 26 years in the telecommunications field as an executive with marketing, operations, and strategy responsibilities. He had extensive business activities in Europe including six years living in France. He also chaired for nearly six years the international board of the World Evangelical Alliance, the global association of national and regional Evangelical alliances for over 110 countries. Dave has a long history of active involvement in the local church with adult education experience extending over more than 30 years. In retirement, he serves on the Board of Directors of Genesys Conferencing, SA in France and resides in Door County, Wisconsin, USA.

Jean-Marc Potenti

In addition to serving as pastor of an Evangelical church in France, Jean-Marc is a member of the National Council of Evangelicals in France (Conseil National des Évangéliques en France) and the founder of the Institute for Development, Research and Reconciliation (Institut de Développement, de la Recherche et de la Réconciliation). His rich experience working with other notables within the Evangelical world in France and the United States is invaluable to the Foundation.

Andre Pownall

Andre is a professor of Practical Theology at the Nogent Bible Institute and has established many important working relationships with those in the French Evangelical community. His knowledge and experience has attracted the attention of many including Christianity Today as a reliable source of insight into the Evangelical movement in France.

Mark Wilkinson

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Mark spent much of his childhood growing up in Japan as the son of missionaries. A graduate of Cincinnati Bible College and Seminary, Mark is an ordained pastor who has had ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio; Seattle, Washington; Jacksonville, Florida; and Albany, New York. He has a passion for church planting and is actively engaged in sending and preparing teams to minister in France. He is currently the Washington, DC Regional Representative of the Orchard Group and is lead pastor at Journey's Crossing Christian Church.

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