

At a conference in 1977 in Stuttgart Germany, Brother Lee presented a clear word to the Recovery concerning what needs to take place in Europe:

Who is willing to be burdened to go to a major city in Europe so that the Lord may have a church there? **The Lord is calling! He is calling you and me to bear the burden for the major cities in Europe so that He may have churches built up in the territory of the coming Antichrist.** Go and tell others that today the Lord needs churches! *Kernel of the Bible, (1977) pp. 335-336)*

With this burden before us, this is to update you concerning what the Lord is doing in the major cities in Europe. First, there has been consideration given to defining what a “major” city is. The criteria include population size, capital of a country, or other historical or political significance. As a result, six cities were originally targeted for prayer and emigration; Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich. We rejoice in reporting that the Lord has done much to answer the prayers.

In Barcelona, the second largest city in Spain, the church life has been greatly strengthened, and the average Lord’s Day attendance is now 50 saints. In Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, the Lord raised up a new lampstand in 2022, and this new church has grown to an average attendance of 50 on the Lord’s Day. The church is now in need of an adequate meeting hall. In Zurich, the largest city in Switzerland and a major center of the Reformation, the Lord also raised up a new lampstand in 2022, with a solid number of saints enjoying the Lord.

As a result of the Lord’s advance in these three places, six more cities are being added to the original list for a total of nine target cities: Athens, Belfast, Brussels, Dublin, Geneva, Paris, Prague, Rome, and Vienna.

1. Athens. As the capital and largest city of Greece, the city of Athens has scriptural and prophetic significance. In Acts, it says: “And while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he beheld that the city was full of idols.” (Acts 17:16) Also, Brother Lee felt strongly

that the coming Antichrist will be a Greek descendant. The saints have been meeting at the church there since 2006 with about 25 on Lord's Day.

2. Belfast. There are about 20 saints meeting there with the aspiration to start the Lord's Table at the right time. It is the capital and largest city in Northern Ireland. With a troubled and violent history of religious strife between Catholics and Protestants, it would surely be a shame to the enemy to raise up a church there on the ground of oneness.

3. Brussels. This city is the administrative center of the European Union (EU) and the capital of Belgium. It has a population of over 1 million. There is a local church here that started in 2000 and now has about 45 saints meeting, but the burden is for the strengthening of the Lord's testimony in such a crucial location.

4. Dublin. The church life began in 2005, and there are about 50 saints meeting on Lord's Day. It is the capital and largest city in Ireland. The burden for this locality is based on the belief that there is much opportunity for the Lord to gain more in this nation. One reason for this is that Ireland is the most prominent nation in the EU with English as its primary language. Hence, this city has strategic importance.

5. Geneva. The second most populous city in Switzerland (behind Zurich) and the largest city in the French speaking region of the country. For the past several years, the saints in Geneva have been meeting in Lausanne. However, based on the recent gospel trips in France, there is a clear sense that the Lord is brooding over Geneva, and saints are preparing to migrate to this key city.

6. Paris. One of the most significant cities in the world, Paris is the capital of France. The church life was established there in 2002 and has over 100 saints meeting. Because of the Lord's present move in the French speaking countries, the burden is to strengthen the Lord's testimony in this crucial city so that it can serve as a base for the Lord's move.

7. Prague. The capital and largest city of the Czech Republic, a country in Central Europe. There have been about 20 saints meeting there since the church began in 1999. Due to its location and history, this city can serve as a base for the Lord's move in the major cities in eastern Europe.

8. Rome. There is a continuing burden for Rome, due to its crucial significance in history and in the prophecies of the end times. If the Lord gains a church here with 150 saints worshiping God in spirit and truthfulness, this would utterly shame the enemy and signal the Lord's soon return. The lampstand was established in 2012, and there are currently 20-25 meeting there.

9. Vienna. Vienna is the fifth largest city in the European Union with a population of almost 3 million. It is also the capital of Austria. Approximately 15 saints meet there as they anticipate the establishment of a lampstand in that important city.

May the Lord fully gain the prayers and response needed so that His kingdom may come to the earth!