



CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF FRANCE

2008 Annual Report

A Word from our President...

2008 is a year that none of us will likely forget.

Although it began as “normally” as expected, by the end of the summer, many were already experiencing the initial consequences from the downturn of the housing sector. At the end of 2008, we knew without a shadow of a doubt that the challenges ahead would be hard.

But, I am always encouraged when I see radical changes in our world. I know that God is in control and that the next phase of His plan is simply coming to pass. We can be encouraged that whatever lies ahead that our trust, faith, and everything we are is fully in Him. We are His, hidden in Christ!

While the CCFOF had a wonderful year – receiving over \$850,000 in contributions (more than doubling our projected budget) – our success cannot be measured only through financial growth. We had a successful year because we followed God, were obedient, and opened our hearts and minds to the teaching and leading of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Personally, in the service of God, in our work – wherever we are, this is the measure of true success.

In 2009, we have already seen a huge increase in our Pray for France campaign in March and look forward to continuing to build relationships with current and new foundations, and working diligently to make our partnership structure more efficient.

In France, as openness to the Gospel continues to increase – although slowly – but the unity of Christians is surprisingly strong. Additionally, new arts ministries are beginning to flourish and the youth continue to be a priority for many.

I look forward to keeping in touch throughout this year and continuing in God’s plan!

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 American 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.

2008 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.

2008 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 98.14% of all our revenue was given to our partner ministries. Two projects received contributions that were held for disbursement in 2009.

In 2008, the CCFOF awarded grants to:

- **Cours Alpha (Alpha Dinners/Course)**
National Invitation
\$266,515

After an enormously successful invitation in the Paris area last year, the Alpha leadership felt that they should go “all out” and organize a national invitation.

This project helped thousands of Christian churches of all denominations throughout all of France to invite their non-Christian neighbors to explore the Christian faith in the non-threatening context of a dinner. The tens of thousands of 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.

Churches in France struggle with reaching non-churchgoers 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 they find it difficult to grow. The lack of unity among churches also prevents them from having more of an impact in French society.

The project provided churches with a much needed tool to reach non-churchgoers. Over 400 churches of all denominations joined forces for this project throughout all of France, working and praying together, and had an unprecedented impact on the entire country. Their work was supported by regional advertising reaching some 32 million people nationwide.

Strategic partnerships continued with four Christian organizations active on the web, TV or daily press, with a dual goal: a) 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.

The outcomes:

- 450 participating churches.
- 11,000 guests coming to dinner.
- 6,500 staying on for the subsequent course.
- 50% of the participants were unbelievers.
- 525 Alpha Courses registered as of the beginning of March 2009.

- **Top Chrétien**
GodRev.com
\$175,000 (and \$170,000 held for 2009)

The CCFOF supported a very special project in 2008: GodRev.com. This project is one that accomplished a two-fold purpose in direct relation to our mission. First, it created a missionary opportunity for French believers – reaching out to evangelize English-speakers, especially in American. Secondly, it created a technological platform from which the French ministry could grow in capacity to engage in greater outreach in France.

GodRev.com builds on the success of TopMission's other evangelistic websites in French, Chinese, Arabic, German, and others by developing and expanding the reach of the English-language Christian internet portal GodRev.com.

This project also establishes a spiritual follow-up network within the United States for those coming to Christ through the connected evangelistic website knowing-god.topc.com.

As part of their strategy to reach 99% of the world's internet users, over the last two years TopMission has already invested \$250,000 to develop the English language website (English being the most widely used language on the internet) – complete with a new content management system.

By providing the latest and most relevant information using cutting-edge technologies they aim to attract and retain worldwide visitors while exposing them to the best message available to mankind: Jesus Christ. Additionally, as with TopChretien.com, by creating a portal site for users, this project directs many Internet users to the evangelism site, and subsequently many more people receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From their experience with the French-language portal, nearly 30% of the people who pray to receive Christ come directly from that portal. Additionally, Christians are able to refer the site to their non-Christian contacts; approximately 20% of the French users who accept Christ through their site indicate that a friend referred them to it.

Creating a portal site also provides a self-sustaining way of maintaining traffic to the evangelism site; once the portal is advertised and well known, there is little need for advertising dollars to continue evangelism efforts. This justifies the creation and maintenance of a portal site not directly focused upon evangelism. An additional benefit of the portal site, if well known, is to become a tool in the mobilization of churches to be involved in the ministry, the promotion of evangelism in Christian events, and the encouragement of Christians to pray for world evangelism.

In 2008, GodRev.com received 870,912 visitors.

- **Muslim Outreach ministry (name confidential for protection)**
North and South France Outreach
\$99,500

In the summer of 2008, this ministry held two evangelistic and training campaigns in the north and south of France. These two campaigns involved partnerships with 23 churches in and a team of 35 staff and trained volunteers. The ministry chose the south of France not only because of its Muslim population but also because they had already been working in several southern cities where large populations of Muslims live. In the north of France, where many Muslims also live, there had been almost no targeted outreach.

The campaigns involved two specific aspects: evangelistic projects in the cities and the training of church leaders. Overall, the group trained 58 people through two trainings in “Evangelism among Muslims.” The trainees came from a wide variety of careers (truck driver, computer technician, teacher, sports coach, policeman, retiree, high school student, pastor) and received more than 40 hours of evangelism and discipleship training over each twelve-day project.

In the course of the two projects, they distributed 40,170 evangelistic pieces of literature and DVDs; had approximately 9,000 personal contacts, 3,700 serious evangelistic contacts and 50 decisions for Christ. In one city, outreaches were held in the market and three other neighborhoods which are more than 90% Muslim. For the evangelistic outings, the ministry put together evangelistic kits including literature and DVDs and distributed them door-to-door, in mailboxes, at the market and in the center of town. This package of evangelistic tools was accompanied by an event that was organized later in the afternoon. The events included a giant barbecue, multicultural concerts, programs for children, or an evangelistic evening with a partnering church, which included preaching, songs and testimonies. Distribution of materials continued during these events.

Two testimonies from this project:

A young man received an invitation in the street and came to the meeting at the church. He had some knowledge of the Christian faith and asked a lot of questions. After a long discussion with some brothers, we prayed with him and he received the Lord Jesus as his Savior. He was put in contact with the local church and since then he has phoned us. He is following the way he began.

At the market one of our trainees met two men. The first approached him, although he had never met the man before; this man told me that he had been waiting for him a long time and held out his hand. Without knowing what to think about this, the trainee gave him an evangelistic kit. Then he met a second person who said, “For several days two questions have continually come to my mind, ‘How did they kill Jesus? And why did they kill Jesus’”. He was thrilled to receive the DVD because he finally had the response to his two questions.

- **Jesus Freaks International (JFI)**
Leadership and Church Planting Strategies
\$50,000

This special project was an opportunity for the CCFOF to encourage a movement that is still very much under the radar in France but more developed in Germany – Evangelization and church planting among the European alternative culture. The French group, **les Accros de Jésus** is the French expression of this German ministry focusing on “those who are ready to pay the price to see a change.”

This project focused on re-energizing and encouraging the leadership and church planters of JFI as well as other alternative youth culture church planting movements across Europe and abroad in order to reach the non-Christian alternative youth of Europe and abroad with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This project allowed JFI to get back to its roots as a radical organization with an intentional church planting strategy among those in the margins through clearly communicated mandates and training to engage in an aggressive church planting strategy. The other church planting movements needed the encouragement and the expertise of JFI to increase their impact in their own countries.

As a result of this project, JFI expects to plant 60 churches in Germany and 10 churches overseas by 2017. By the end of 2007, they started 5 new churches – 3 in Germany and 2 in Israel and Japan. By the end of 2008, they started an additional 7 churches. 5 of these were in Germany and one in Japan. By 2012, they will have started churches in 6 overseas countries. The countries with highest priority are Japan, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Poland and Austria.

By 2017, they will have initiated church planting projects in all 43 of the remaining key cities in Germany. They will also have started churches in 10 countries and at least 10 smaller German cities and towns. They also have solid networking relationships already established to facilitate these church plants with groups such as the European Church Planting Network (ECPN), Jesus Freaks Holland, the Freakfest Festival and the SLOT Festival.

- **TopMission**
ConnaitreDieu Conference
\$41,000

Through this project, Top Chrétien will provide support to the 28 ConnaitreDieu coordinators and assistants in their Internet ministry work for 11 languages. These coordinators are working in their respective countries and languages and, while connected to the central ministry headquarters in France, are by and large working alone.

Connaitre Dieu is large enough at this point that there exists a real need to come together for a specific time of fellowship, prayer, idea sharing, and communication of best practices so that these ministry leaders can continue to maintain and grow their respective internet evangelism outreach projects. Therefore, in March 2009, TopMission will gather all 15 coordinators and their assistants in Paris so that each one will be able to report on the progress and difficulties of their work, to meet the other coordinators and to share ideas. TopMission has also invited 10 other representatives of potential partner organizations that could coordinate the site development and follow-up network of Connaitre Dieu in other languages.

The first outcome of this conference will be a single document with all the best practices of the different coordinators and languages. Additionally, 25% of the coordinators will start a church connection initiative like Top Chrétien is doing in France. And, finally, the project should inspire every coordinator to try at least one new idea from the best practices document that will result in an increase in decisions for their respective languages/countries after the idea's implementation.

- **France Mission**
Church Plant in Taverny
\$8,010

- **Scholarship for Raphael Anzenberger**
Columbia International University
\$5,000

Currently in France, for every one pastor entering the field, two pastors retire. There is therefore not only the challenge to replace the existing workforce, but also to raise up a new generation of workers. The question is, how do we mobilize current para-churches and church denominations in a way that maximizes French resources and create synergies allowing them to work together to accomplish this goal?

The national goal for church planning is to have 1 church for 10,000 inhabitants. There is currently no clear-cut road map on how to get there. This fruit of this Doctoral thesis will be such a road map. Part of the challenge will be to assess who is doing what, repositioning churches, para-church organizations and training institutes in fulfilling this great objective. Part of the research will also raise the question of human resources allocation.

Raphael Anzenberger is currently Secretary General of France Evangélisation – one of the CCFOF's partner ministries – and is one of the most dynamic and strategic leaders in France today. Through his work and his position within current national French leadership, this thesis has the potential to transform the landscape of French church planting methodology.

- **AJC-Strasbourg**
Summer Outreach
\$1,800

Inspired by the evangelistic effort in the U.K. called *Soul in the City*, AJC-Strasbourg was started in France in 2006 by Arnaud Schrodi. Focusing on Strasbourg, an organized and passionate group of 250 young people spent five days **servicing the city of Strasbourg** with the love of Christ. Groups came together and were sent out to freely give acts of service to residents of nursing homes, difficult neighborhoods, and anywhere they could find people in need.

In its first year, organizers saw three local press articles and dozens of projects and events. And, in France, young people who don't know Jesus are also the most open to His message! In a recent national survey, 48% of the overall French population said that they were *less interested* in the spiritual dimension of life. But **40% of young people** (30 years old or younger) said they were actually **MORE** interested in spiritual aspects of life (Source: France 2 - Cultures et Loisirs, April 2007).

In 2008, 130 youth reconvened in Strasbourg to spend eight days serving people through dozens of projects and targeted city-wide evangelism. During the day, these young people were engaged in the following projects:

CUS-Habitat: Apartment renovation

Par Enchantement: In the Koenigshoffen neighborhood, young people led board games and activities to engage the neighborhood parents to interact and build stronger relationships with their children.

Salvation Army/Elasau – Agape/Hautepierre – Le Phare/Neuhof: Each of these efforts allowed AJC participants to partner with local Christian groups in outreach to the children and families of poor neighborhoods.

L'Oliveraie: Repainting of several rooms of the Christian school l'Oliveraie

Vendenheim: Renovation and cleaning of the Vendenheim neighborhood

Lingolsheim: In partnership with l'Eglise Evangélique Bonne Nouvelle, AJC participants led games for the children of this neighborhood and later helped lead activities for the residents of a center for handicapped persons in the same neighborhood.

Illkirch: In addition to cleaning up neighborhoods (pressure washing walls, garage doors, etc.), AJC participants also collected non-perishable items for the local food bank.

- **France Evangile Communication**
Réseau des Etudiants Evangélistes (R2E) Training Program
\$860 held for 2009

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 and train 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 the educational partners.

- **Objectif France**
Gift in Support of Prayer Campaign for France
\$290 (250 euros)

TOTAL grants awarded or approved for distribution: \$817,115

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, 2008):

Association des Cadres Témoins de l'Évangile (ACTE)
Alliance Évangélique Française
Bibles et Littérature Francophone (BLF Europe)
Congrès International de Jeunesse En Mouvement (CIJEM)
L'Église Baptiste de Pontault-Combault
France pour Christ
Groupes Bibliques Universitaires (GBU)
Ecole La Clarière
Metanoia Presse
Objectif France
Tribal Poursuite
VX-COM/Studio+

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 for 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 to serve them as a fiscal sponsor for projects that they wish to fund.

Other Groups

One partnership that we feel strongly about developing is the relationship between the CCFOF and United Prayer for France – the South African group. This group already does prayer trips to France and we are exploring collaborative activities. We are also still considering partnerships with Christian student groups to create a connection between American Christian university exchange students and French Christian students.

2008 Financials

	2008 Actual	2008 Projected
Income		
Contributions and Support	\$855,059.32	\$415,000.00
Investment Income	\$249.41	\$35.00
Other Income (Prayer Guides)	\$378.30	\$200.00
Total Income:	\$855,687.03	\$415,235.00
Expenses		
Grants Awarded	\$647,115.19	\$400,000.00
Grants Approved for 2009 payment	\$170,830.10	
Staff Salary	\$5,754.16	\$6,000.00
Marketing (print/blog/internet ads/direct mail)	\$2,236.50	\$2,500.00
Graphic Design (website, printed, etc.)	\$2,237.75	\$500.00
Printing and Postage	\$736.09	\$750.00
Legal/Accounting	\$998.40	\$250.00
Office Expenses (Supplies, software, etc.)	\$3,879.58	\$775.00
Books/Publications	\$292.42	\$0.00
Conferences/Events	\$500.00	\$0.00
Internet (e-mail, hosting, etc.)	\$2,139.89	\$500.00
Travel	\$3,489.18	\$3,000.00
Bank fees	\$576.65	\$350.00
Communications (FAX, Telephone)	\$151.47	\$150.00
Subscriptions/Dues	\$256.85	\$125.00
Misc.	\$592.13	\$150.00
Total Expenses:	\$841,786.36	\$415,050.00
Balance as of 2009	\$13,900.64	
Organizational Efficiency		
Program Expenses (98.51%)	\$829,241.79	
Administrative Expenses (0.89%)	\$7,472.26	
Fundraising Expenses (0.60%)	\$5,402.31	

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 served on the board of directors of Genesys Conferencing, SA in France and is a board member of Mission:Chad. He 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. (Mark has resigned effective April 20, 2009)

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