

Jim & Dar Rossi

Assemblies of God Missionaries to Europe – Amsterdam, Netherlands

The Field: The Netherlands

Location: On the western coast of Europe bordering the North Sea, between Belgium and Germany.

Area: 41,526 square kilometers (about 2X New Jersey)

Population: 16,318,199

Urbanization: About 94%

Capital: Amsterdam – The Hague, seat of government

Official Languages: Dutch

Literacy: 100%

Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Religion: Non-Christian 44.1%; Muslim 10%;

Evangelical 4.5%; Assemblies of God – 10,000

The Ministry: Teaching

Jim and Darlene are veteran missionaries to Europe. They have served at Continental Theological Seminary in Belgium for 20 years. Jim taught in his specialty area of Old Testament, as well as in the areas of New Testament, Theology, Hermeneutics, Church History, Christian Education and Ethics.

Jim and Darlene will continue their ministry of training men and women for ministry at Azusa Theological Seminary / The Free University Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Jim will serve as Academic Dean and Professor of Bible and Theology. Dar will manage the office for English speaking students. This is a new opportunity to train English speaking men and women from around the world in Pentecostal studies.

Background and Education

Jim and Darlene have experienced overseas ministry for the past 20 years as appointed missionaries serving at CTS.

Jim has ministered in several countries during their tenure of missionary service. He has preached on live radio in Sweden, in a soccer stadium at the first High School Baccalaureate service in Rivna, Ukraine and conducted pastors' seminars and cult awareness seminars in Russia. He also taught in a Bible school in Ukraine.

Jim has also served on the Academic Affairs Committee, and as the Librarian and Systems Administrator at CTS.

Darlene's ministries at CTS were to serve on the missions committee, organize special events, supervise hospitality and housekeeping and teach English as a second language. She also organized and led a Moms in Touch group, served on the missions committee at Christian Center International Church, taught children's Sunday School and Children's Church, was involved in Women's Ministry and led "Heart to Heart" a ministry to missionary women in Benelux. While on furlough, Darlene has enjoyed speaking for women's groups with her unique style of humor and passion for God.

Prior to his missionary appointment, Jim served as Academic Dean and Professor of Bible and Theology at Capital Bible College in Sacramento. He also concurrently taught Bible and Theology at Simpson College. Jim served as pastor and associate pastor for several churches in California.

Jim graduated from Southern California College in Costa Mesa, with the B.A. in Religion and Bible. He graduated with honors from Simpson College Graduate School earning the M.A. in Bible and Theology with an emphasis in Old Testament. He has done graduate study at California Graduate School of Theology, the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and Biola University. He also received a Diploma in French Language and Literature from Roi David Language School, Lausanne, Switzerland and graduated from Golden State University with a B.A. in French. He has also studied French at the Université Catholique de Leuven, Brussels, Belgium earning an advanced level certificate. Jim is currently pursuing Ph.D. studies in Old Testament at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Darlene attended Southern California College. She received a Diploma in French Language and Literature from Roi David Language School, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Missionary Call

The LORD spoke to Darlene at the age of 9 calling her to missions. She was continuously impressed by the LORD from that point to become a missionary. In 1969 God spoke to Jim and impressed him of the need in Europe. Early in 1981 God gave Jim a dream concerning CTS. God reaffirmed His call when Jim visited CTS in the summer of 1981. In August 1986 the Rossi family departed for Europe to fulfill the call of God on their lives. Now, after 20 years of serving at CTS training hundreds of men and women for ministry, they have received an invitation to assist in setting up a degree program in Pentecostal Studies at Azusa Theological Seminary / The Free University Amsterdam. They continue to sense God's call to minister to students and train men and women for ministry. They feel that this new opportunity is in the providence of God.

