

Jim & Dar Rossi

Assemblies of God Missionaries to Continental Theological Seminary - Brussels, Belgium

The Field: Belgium

Location: On the western coast of Europe opposite the British Isles - often called "The Crossroads of Europe"

Area: 11,781 square miles

Population: Over 10 Million

Urbanization: About 94%

Capital: Bruxelles (Brussels)

Official Languages: Flemish (Dutch) 57.3%, French 33.4%, and German .65%

Literacy: 98%

Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Religion: Atheist 7.7%; Muslim 2.9%; Jewish .4%; Roman Catholic 85.5%; Protestant 1%; Evangelical .4%; Assemblies of God - 4500

The Ministry: Teaching

Jim and Darlene are veteran missionaries to Brussels, Belgium. They serve at Continental Theological Seminary. Jim Teaches in his specialty area of Old Testament, as well as in the areas of New Testament, Theology, Hermeneutics, Church History Christian Education and Ethics.

Continental Theological Seminary - CTS - (formerly Continental Bible College), founded in 1969, offers a three-year diploma, a four-year B.A. degree and an M.A. in Bible and Theology. The first three years may be studied in either English or French. Students from more than 30 countries throughout Europe and the Middle East each year attend the seminary. CTS graduates are spreading the Gospel to more than 50 countries on four continents. These students are able to reach countries, some of them their own, where missionaries are unable to go. CTS is in a strategic position for evangelism in Europe and the Middle East.

Background and Education

Jim and Darlene have experienced overseas ministry for the past 18 years as appointed missionaries serving as 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 have been to lead 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.

Prior to 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 a Ph.D. candidate in Old Testament at the Free University of Amsterdam, Holland.

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. They continue to sense God's call to minister to the students at CTS.

