



# Global Evangelism

Since 2011 Paradosi has embarked on international outreach tours partnering with local churches and missionaries to share the hope of Jesus during major festivals and outreach events throughout Europe. We have found that the arts have the ability to cross cultural, social, language, and economic boundaries like no other medium. The people of Europe tend to have an immense appreciation for the arts and artists who execute their craft well. When Paradosi dances in worship during outreach events, people know that there is something different about what they are seeing. They often stop, watch, and listen. We have seen time and time again many who do not understand the peace and joy that they are experiencing and seeing. Some have broken down in tears while others have started to ask questions; questions that will change their life forever.

We feel that now is the time to proclaim the name of Jesus more boldly than ever to the nations. We have seen and experienced the impact that these outreaches have had first hand and we are excited to be a part of the work that God is doing to call the people of Europe a back to Him!

We want to go where God is calling us to share His message of Hope through Jesus no matter where that is in the world. Please prayerfully consider supporting the gospel work of Paradosi through a gift to our missions fund.



*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."  
Matthew 9:37-38*

## Ways to Give

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## WHY EUROPE? WHY NOW? WHY BALLET?

### CIA Factbook Statistics on Religions\*

	USA	France	Belgium	Switzerland	Germany	Austria	Spain
Catholic	20.8%	47%	57.1%	34.4%	26.7%	55.2%	58.2%
Protestant & Other Christian	47.4%	2%	2.3%	28.2%	24.3%	8.7%	-no data
Muslim	0.9%	4-9%**	6.8%	5.4%	3.5%	8.3%	-no data
Other	7.5%	5%	1.7%	1.5%	4.8%	5.5%	2.7%
Atheist & Agnostic	23.4%	42%	29.3%	30.5%	40.7%	22.4%	28.4%

\*The data in this table may not represent the current state of religion in these countries. These estimates are from 2010 – present.

\*\*Most other resources on Islam in France show that the current percentage is estimated between 7-9% of the population

### Pew Research 2018: Study on the current state of religion in Western Europe

	Western European Christians	U.S. Christians	Western European • All Religions	U.S. • All Religions
Say religion is very important in their lives	14%	68%	11%	53%
Attend religious services at least monthly	31%	64%	22%	50%
Pray daily	18%	68%	11%	55%
Believe in God with absolute certainty	23%	76%	15%	63%

### What does this mean?

Christianity has been in a sharp decline for decades across the European continent. Much of Europe is now considered to be living in post-Christian societies. The Europe of the past that held Christianity at its center is now fighting for its spiritual life! Even the secular media recognizes the decline of Christianity across Europe. An article in the New York Times from April 2006 states that: *"Contemporary Europe is the closest thing to a godless civilization the world has ever known."*

Looking at these statistics, we can interpret that many identify as Christian; however, they may not actually have a relationship with Jesus. We have personally encountered and heard many stories from our ministry partners of individuals that identify as Christian who never pray, attend church, have held a Bible, or even know the message of the Gospel. To many, Christianity is more of an inherited cultural identity rather than a personal faith. *My family has always been Christian, so I am a Christian.*

In addition to many Europeans living in a post-Christian culture, Islam is on the rise throughout Europe and is growing at a rapid rate. Most of this population increase is from immigrants moving from the 10/40 window. During the summer festivals there is also a large rise in tourists on vacation from North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. This gives us a unique opportunity to proclaim the Gospel with those with whom it may not be safe for them to listen to us sharing about Jesus if we were in their home countries. Night after night we see the same people coming back to where we are dancing in praise, especially the women and children, and they will often stay for hours at a time. They hear the worship music, they hear the testimonies, and when we ask if they want prayer they almost always say "YES, please!" It's hard to express the feelings you have when someone is open to hearing about Jesus and then praying with them that the God of the Bible will reveal Himself to them in a powerful way. When you can give someone a Bible in their own language and you see their eyes light up with excitement, it is such a beautiful experience!

More and more when we go, we are encountering people who are curious and open to hearing the message that we have to share. They know that there is something more, but they do not know what that is and they are looking. When we are dancing in worship on the streets praising God for who He is, people are often overcome with emotions. We have had encounters where people come up crying asking: What is this? Why do you have so much joy? Why am I crying? What kind of magic is this? It is in those moments where we get to share that what they are feeling is the presence of the Holy Spirit and it opens the doors for both us and our ministry partners to share about Jesus. Our goal is to have spiritual conversations pointing to Jesus and to pray with people that God will reveal Himself to them in a life changing way. We know that sometimes we are planting seeds, sometimes we are watering seeds, and in some cases we may help people in taking the next steps to a relationship with Jesus. We feel so humbled and honored to be used by God as ambassadors of His hope!

There is hope. God is at work. He uses us and others. We are ready to go!

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
Matthew 28:16-20

### A testimony from one of our European ministry partners about the impact that Paradosi has in Europe:

*"In the middle of the Festival of Avignon, hundreds and hundreds of people were touched by the glory of God that was poured out through the majestic dances of the Paradosi dance troupe. God used this team so powerfully that even those who were resistant to the Gospel were touched, stopped in their tracks, ready to talk and ask questions. We clearly felt that their dances, full of the presence of the Lord, opened the heavens and gripped people's hearts. It was as if God cleansed the square through what they were doing. This magnificent worship of such artistic quality, danced with all their heart and joy, shone with purity, consecrations, and anointing. All of this is unknown to this audience."*

Pastor Phillipe Chaudon - Les Sources Church - Avignon, France