

witness. If we could send a couple to this city and another couple to that one, it's better than putting both couples together in the same city. I think we've seen now that that's not the wisest policy and that it is important to find missionaries that we can put together in teams and as a result they can strengthen each other, they can share their spiritual gifts; well, there are many advantages which maybe you'll ask me about later, I don't know.

JG: I think you mentioned that there are 30,000 cities in Italy that have no witness at all.

GM: No witness of any kind, 30,000 cities in Italy with no Gospel witness. That could be multiplied into Western Europe; west of the Iron Curtain we have 250,000 cities and towns with no Gospel witness, and we're talking about sizable places.

JG: In what city are you working presently?

GM: We're working in the city of Pordenone which is about an hour north of Venice, driving time.

JG: And are you working there with a team?

GM: Yes, we are building a team. We have not completely built the team the way we would like it to be, but we are experimenting with the team concept and very happy so far with what has been happening. We have five full-time workers in Pordenone and five more joining us within the next few months after they finish their formal language study. So we'll be a total of ten.

JG: What do you look for in a team worker?

GM: Well, I think you have to ask yourself not only who works best in a team, but what is the team going to be doing? In our particular case, the teamwork that we're talking about is teamwork in a pioneer type situation where you are moving into an area where nothing has been done in the way of Christian work at least for centuries. There is no Christian presence or even the slightest hint of anything Christian in that area. We're going there to do grass roots evangelism in church planting. As a result, we need people that have that particular interest also. They must be willing to move into a pioneer situation, and they must be willing to get involved in the nitty gritty of talking with people as over against working behind a desk, that kind of thing. So we are looking for people that are really convinced of the primary importance of evangelism and church planting. Then having that conviction of course, is not enough. We are looking for people also that are willing to work with other people. I guess this is your biggest strength in a team and your biggest