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## Vision for Patmos Austria

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After being kicked out of the local synagogue in Ephesus for preaching the Word of God, Paul wasn't about to give up. In Acts 19:9 we read "he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus..."

Ephesus and modern day Europe have a lot in common as there is an urgent need for the Gospel and sound doctrine to be preached. Imagine the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with only 5,000 born-again Christians. That statistic describes the number of Christians living in Lyon, France's second-largest city. Think of the entire state of South Dakota with only 130 believers attending just three evangelical churches. That is equivalent to the country of Montenegro. Europe is a tragic paradox, an empty appearance of Christian symbolism that masks a reality of spiritual darkness. More than 200,000 villages, towns, and cities in Europe do not have a gospel witness. In 22 of Europe's 36 countries, less than 1 percent of their populations are born-again Christians. In many countries, more than 98 percent of those who walk the streets are lost souls.



Pictured: Daniel Panton, Patmos: Reality Discipleship Austria Manager

Paul wasn't about to give up his fight to get God's Word out in Ephesus, as the Holy Spirit had a strategic plan in leading Paul to teach at the school of Tyrannus. Just as God had a plan in Paul's day, He has a Master plan for Europe. Paul's dedication to proclaiming the truth in Ephesus was evident by his two-year stay at the school where he taught daily.

Discipleship is a lifestyle, and Paul's steadfastness is a model more of Europe desperately needs. This year, the Lord has opened a door in Europe for a modern day school of Tyrannus. After a couple visits to Austria, Pastor Chet (of Calvary Chapel Ft. Lauderdale and founder of Patmos Reality Discipleship) saw the same need as Paul did and by faith initiated the process of starting Patmos Austria. The Lord is using Patmos Reality Discipleship

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to raise up disciples who are willing to go anywhere and do anything for the sake of the Gospel. Why Austria? Austria is strategically located in the middle of Europe, which makes it an ideal location for Patmos, to make disciples and send them out.

One of Patmos' main strengths is its partnership with the local church, and Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale has played a vital role in the Patmos discipleship process since its beginning. Now, Calvary Chapel Salzburg is very excited to team up with Patmos and support the new launch of Patmos Austria this spring as a team from Fort Lauderdale is already moving to Austria to begin preparations for the inaugural term in Europe.

Two young adults from Calvary Chapel Salzburg are currently in El Salvador as students, and have committed to go back and intern in January for the first term. One of the greatest needs in churches today in Europe is faithful servants and stewards of the Gospel, and Patmos Austria plans to send out disciples to fill this need. As Jesus said, "the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Please keep the Patmos Austria team in your prayers as they follow the Lord's calling to make disciples in Europe. Europe is hard soil, and your prayers will strengthen their hands in their efforts in breaking fallow ground.

Patmos Austria is looking forward to the same testimony and fruit throughout Europe as the school of Tyrannus had on the entire region of Asia.

"..so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus..."

### Article from the PATMOS NEWSLETTER

Pray for Danny. Living in America where good Bible-teaching churches are more abundant than Walmart and Starbucks combined, it is difficult, if not impossible, to understand just how alienated Europeans are from the Word of God. Most have never heard or understood the Gospel.

***If you would like to send a gift or donation directly to Danny, please send through PAYPAL: [danny@calvarysalzburg.com](mailto:danny@calvarysalzburg.com)***



Salzburg 2012



Egypt 2005



Seeboden 2007

The Danny we all know and love.

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## First ROMANIAN Bible Study

“If you were to die tonight, would you go to heaven?” was the question at the end of our Bible study. Without hesitation Tabitha, our twelve-year old translator said, “No.”

“Why not?” I asked.

“I’ve never done this before,” she replied, referring to receiving the free gift from God we learned about in Romans.



Alin, Catalina, Tabitha, Monika and Robert

“Would you want to go to heaven?” Monika asked.

“Yes!” was Tabitha’s emphatic response.

It was an exciting first Romanian Bible study. Children understand it so simply and get it so easily; just way God meant it to be. I’ve done wrong, I need to be forgiven, Jesus died to pay for my sins. Be forgiven and take the free gift of eternal life by asking Jesus into my heart, and start a new life with God.

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### PRAY FOR:

**Danny:** outreach to encourage the Egyptian Christian community - Pray for safety.

**Robert:** teaching an Evangelism seminar - Pray for simplicity and clarity; and the various writing projects

**Monika:** the start of E-Club. Pray for physical strength, wisdom & direction