

2019 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**PAUL
ESTABROOKS**

Rev. Paul Estabrooks is a veteran foreign missionary with a deep concern for Christians in restricted countries. He has completed thirty-eight years of ministry to Persecuted Christians with Open Doors International.

Paul is also a story-teller who loves to share the joys and triumphs—as well as the challenges—of members of the part of the Body we call the Persecuted Church.

Over the past thirty-eight years Paul has distributed Bibles, brought encouragement, training and other assistance to Christians living in areas where they are persecuted or are restricted in living out their faith...encouraging them to reach out to others around them.

Estabrooks joined Open Doors-Asia in 1979 as Research Manager for the Asia region. Prior to joining Open Doors, he served with the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) in Manila, Philippines as head of Overseas Radio Programming. There he studied the Tagalog language and he and his wife adopted a Filipino baby girl – Melinda (host of the new women’s web video program “*See, Hear, Love*” from 100 Huntley Street).

It was during those years of considerable travel throughout Asia for FEBC that Paul developed an awareness and concern for Christians in spiritually needy countries like China, Russia, Vietnam, Cambodia, India and Burma.

He was the project coordinator for the delivery of one million Chinese Bibles (232 tons) to Shantou, China in one night — June 18, 1981—called **Project Pearl**. TIME magazine called it “**Risky Rendezvous in Swatow**,” but Paul says, “*for me it was the most exciting night of my life! The subsequent testimonies of Chinese people who received those Bibles suggest it was also the most significant activity of my life...as well as for the other nineteen men on the team.*” This project is the subject of one of his books and a DVD documentary. He also served Open Doors for three years as Southeast Asia Coordinator—based in Singapore—as well as the first full-time Director for Open Doors Canada for five years (1986-1991).

Paul is the author of five books and a number of booklets. One is a major training manual used around the world in 43 languages titled **STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE STORM (SSTS)**. His latest volumes are **ESCAPE FROM NORTH KOREA, NIGHT OF A MILLION MIRACLES: The Inside Story of Project Pearl and DAILY INSPIRATION FROM THE LION’S DEN: Devotionals to help you “Stand Strong Through the Storm.”**

Paul has led mission trips to Asia for many years. In the summer of 2010 he led a team of sixteen on a prayer walk to northeast China and North Korea.

As a representative of Open Doors, he has visited Christians in numerous restricted countries and has shared his experiences of meeting Persecuted Christians with audiences around the world.

Paul teaches “**Standing Strong Through the Storm**” (SSTS) seminars internationally as well as a seminary-level course titled “**Theology of Persecution and Discipleship**” (TOPAD). In North America, he also teaches a 1-day SSTS seminar which shares the biblical principles learned from the Persecuted Church.

- Paul will be teaching “**Standing Strong Through the Storm**” (SSTS) at Great Commission Coaching on Friday (see ITD info to register). Paul will speak at the Opening General Assembly on Friday Night; he will be on the Panel Discussion and presenting the Seminar **Red Skies @ Dawn: The Coming Storms Update** on Saturday; and will also speak at the Sunday afternoon General Assembly.



**KEVIN & JULIA
GARRATT**

Kevin and Julia first went to China in 1984 as English teachers. Over the next 30 years they lived in seven different Chinese cities, working in the following various capacities: teaching English (ESL), and starting consulting companies. In addition, they worked in a training centre, a translation company and a family centre. They also operated an orphanage—in conjunction with Chinese authorities—and founded a bilingual kindergarten. In addition, they worked with both House and Government churches. In 2007, Kevin and Julia moved to the Chinese border city of Dandong on the Chinese-North Korean border and started Peter’s Coffee House. They have participated in aid projects in North Korea since 2008. On August 4, 2014, they were “arrested” by the Chinese Ministry of State Security (MSS)—the FBI of China—and charged with spying and espionage. They spent the next six months in isolation being interrogated by three investigators for up to six hours a day. Then Kevin spent the next 19+ months in a prison with 900 other inmates while Julia was placed in “quasi house arrest” on bail, pending trial. They were detained for 775 days in China. Julia was released in August 2016 and Kevin, after being pronounced guilty of spying and espionage, was deported on September 15, 2016—because of the prayers of many thousands around the world. The Prime Minister of Canada, upon their release, in a statement to the press, said; “*We remain deeply impressed by the grace and resilience of the Garratt family, especially Kevin and Julia.*”

Were they spies? Come and hear their amazing story of God’s faithfulness and deliverance.

- Kevin & Julia are speaking at the MFA Luncheon on Friday; Saturday they are on the Panel Discussion and speak at the evening General Assembly; Sunday they will speak at Sing to the Nations; Kevin will be presenting a Seminar on Friday and Julia on Sunday. Saturday at Intensive Training Day II, Kevin is a presenter at “*Men on a Mission*” and Julia is a presenter at “*Connections for Women*” (see ITD info to register); Julia is a presenter Friday Evening in Children’s Ministry.



**DANNY
MACKAY**

Danny MacKay’s message inspires people to be passionate about Christ and the call to build His kingdom. Taking the Gospel to some of the most unreached parts of the world is at the heart of his work. Whether unsaved, seeking, or believers looking for the next level, he has something for them all. Combining humor and depth, Danny’s ability to bring Scripture to life moves listeners to a deeper love for God and a commitment to reach the world around them.

As a wild youth, Danny was radically saved when he met Christ at 17. While on the run in a stolen car, he stumbled upon a book that introduced him to the Savior. He has never been the same. Since then his journey through ministry has included 7 years of camp ministry, 10 years as a worship leader in Canada, the US, and New Zealand, 3 years as the Youth Pastor of an 850 student school, and 4 years as a national spokesman for World Vision.

Now having been called to plant churches around the world with ‘*I Am Second*’, Danny is a sought-after speaker at men’s events, breakfasts, churches, schools, retreats, conferences, and concerts as well as making regular appearances on radio and television. He speaks to all ages and inspires them to get involved in building God’s kingdom.

He has shared the stage with Tony Campolo, Josh McDowell, Newsboys, Skillet, Seventh Day Slumber, Tree 63, SuperChick, Thousand Foot Krutch, Kutless, The City Harmonic, and has made appearances on It’s a New Day, The Miracle Channel, Full Circle, and more.

Danny lives in Manitoba and attends New Life Church with Naomi his wife of 22 years and their two children Ethan (19) and Samara (17).

- Danny is the speaker at the Youth & Young Night on Friday; Saturday he will be on the Panel Discussion and speak at the afternoon General Assembly; Sunday he will speak at Sing to the Nations; he will be presenting Seminars on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.