

2. North Africa

3. Great Britain

There are important lessons to be learned in this although the church has proved to be a slow learner in many ways. It must be remembered that no place is permanently won until the Lord comes and ends the confusion of the enemy. And there are those who feel the early church was not sufficiently aggressive but such is not the case..realistically thinking, there was a great movement for truth, accomplished in the face of innumerable difficulties and drastic world changing situations.

E. Monasticism

Monasticism was a primary missionary institution in that it taught, among other things, a go and establish procedure that would put church communities in many parts of the world..and in that it moved groups of people to serve more than just individuals. It is a diverse and complex study so we will note some of the particulars and move forward from them.

1. The earliest ideas

Retreat and sanctuary! Not much help for missions but establishment of a reputation.

2. Monastic ideals

--Hermits (Anchorites, etc.)

--Cenobites (Pachomias and gang)

--Communalists

*St. Anthony
St. Pater
St. Basil*

Benedict

3. The Rule

Monastic problems..just a brief summary.

The concept of a "rule" or guideline for living, was intended to deal with these. We note especially the work of:

Basil...

Benedict of Nursia...

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