

BIODATA OF REV. PAUL M.F. ESTABROOKS

Storyteller • Speaker • Writer • Teacher

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



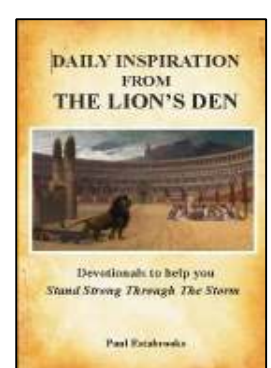
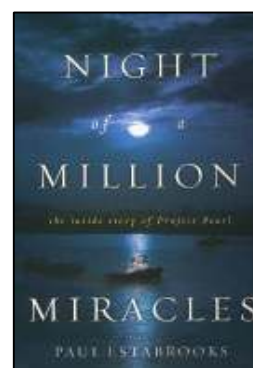
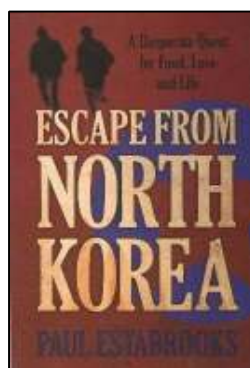
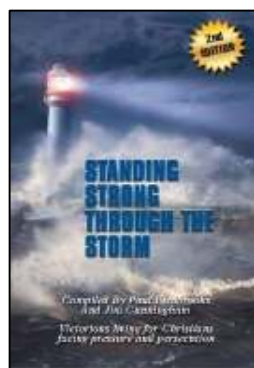
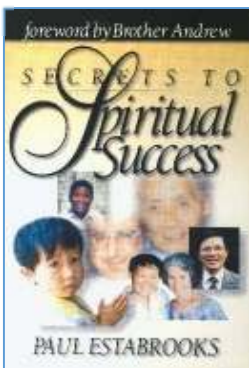
Paul is a storyteller and loves to share the joys and triumphs as well as the challenges of members of the part of the body we call the Persecuted Church. Over the past forty years, he has distributed Bibles, brought encouragement, training and other assistance to Christians living in areas where they are persecuted or are restricted in living out or sharing 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, Estabrooks - whose roots are in Maritime Eastern Canada - served eight years 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 young women’s web/video/TV program “**See, Hear, Love**” from 100 Huntley Street - Crossroads Television – YES TV).

It was during those years of considerable travel throughout Asia for FEBC that he 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 he 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 more than 50 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** which are also posted daily on his Facebook page.



Speaking Topics

Paul Estabrooks is available to speak/teach for weekend church services, seminars, one-week intensive courses and special events: **RED SKIES AT DAWN:** Coming storms facing the church in the West and how to respond.



STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE STORM

Victorious living for Christians living under pressure, discrimination and persecution.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD DOING?

A survey of places and peoples among whom God's Spirit is at work.

LIVING LIKE A LAMB IN A WOLF'S WORLD

Qualities that enable us to be like Jesus – “full of grace and truth.”

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE LION'S DEN

How the Persecuted Church members model victory, endurance and perseverance.

THEOLOGY OF PERSECUTION AND DISCIPLESHIP

Seminary course with biblical perspectives on persecution, suffering and martyrdom.

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 North-east China and North Korea.

As a representative of Open Doors, he has visited Christians in restricted countries as diverse as Cuba, Tibet, Iraq, China, Bhutan, Mongolia, Iran, India, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East. He has shared his experiences of meeting Persecuted Christians with numerous audiences in Europe, Australia, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and South and North America. He also chairs the board of HOPE Outreach of Canada, assisting ministries in the Holy Land and visits that region every year.

He co-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 that shares the biblical principles learned from the Persecuted Church.



Estabrooks graduated from **Tyndale University** (LCBM - London, Ontario) in 1966 with a Bachelor of Theology honours degree. He later received a Bachelor and Master of Arts (with distinction) from **Wayne State University** in Detroit, Michigan majoring in Mass Communications. In 2016, Tyndale University selected him as the **Distinguished Alumnus of the Year!**

He and his wife, Dianne, have been married for more than fifty-seven years. They have three grown married children and eleven grandchildren. They make their home in London, Ontario, Canada.

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