

ChezSlaughter News

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the Ministry Newsletter of Jeff & Kathy Slaughter, Missionaries to Europe



Welcome!

Welcome to ChezSlaughter News! In this edition, we feature our ministry news in 'ChezShorts'. We take a look ahead in 'Outlook 2013'. And we detail our latest fundraising campaign in 'Strong Start 2013'. As always, we'd love to hear from you too. See our contact info and drop us a line! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jeff and Kathy

ChezShorts

MAKING ART IN KOSOVO

Jeff taught piano at an arts camp for teens in Kosovo last summer at which 75 attended. The camp was intended for Christians, but Muslim youth attended too. The teens were exposed to Christian worship, Biblical words of encouragement, and instruction from dedicated Christian artists. Although we were unable to evangelize directly due to laws in the country about proselytizing minors, we believe seeds were sown that week in many hearts and lives.



WE WRITE THE SONGS

We organized a worship songwriting seminar October 12-13 in Brussels attended by 35 songwriters. Instructors were Dr. Pete Sanchez and Dr. Wes Tuttle, who worked at Integrity Music (Dr. Sanchez wrote the popular worship song 'I Exalt Thee').

BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN

As part of the development team for the Fellowship of European International Churches, Jeff travels to Vienna, Austria each year for a leadership Summit. This year, sixty leaders met October 15-18 to hear speakers, discuss pertinent issues, and enjoy times of encouragement and fellowship. Jeff's roles included leading worship and helping with communications. It's a blessing to hear what God is doing in some of the 50+ churches from 27 countries in the network.

BRIDGE 'OPENS DOORS'

We held an 'Open Door' event September 16 at The Bridge and welcomed 120+ who enjoyed a special service with testimonies, children's activities, refreshments and Life Group sign-ups. We've enjoyed meeting new people from Scotland, the USA, India, Malaysia, Cameroon and other nations. We've also been blessed with much-needed new worship team members, bringing our team to 18.



CONVERGING IN VIENNA

Following the FEIC summit, we held a ConVerge training seminar in Vienna on October 20. Nigel Wiggins, a former Bridge team member, and Jeff taught seminar sessions and conducted workshops for band members, vocalists and sound techs. We had a great time connecting with team members from Vienna Christian Center, a 1,500-member international church.

'GOD COMES DOWN' IN BRUSSELS

More than 700 attended 'God Coming Down', the annual Christmas outreach program on December 2. Jeff produced and directed the program and Kathy designed and sewed dance costumes. To see the program see the video section at: www.christiancenter.be

WEBSITES GET MAKEOVER

It was high time for makeovers at www.chezslaughter.com and www.europeanworshipinstitute.com. Check out our new and improved websites!

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Outlook 2013

2013 is shaping up to be a productive ministry year as we plan special events mixed in with everyday ministry activities. Our primary focuses: international church ministry (directing worship and media ministries in Brussels and Paris), the European Worship Institute (training leaders and teams), and Artrageous (outreaches and artist training.) Here's how our 2013 looks so far:

CHRISTIAN CENTER

- Directing worship and media team of 45
- Spring Outreach Concert
- Broadmoor Missions Team (VBS & Serve The City)
- Friendship Festival Outreach
- Christmas Outreach Concert

THE BRIDGE

- Directing worship and media team of 18 (see photo below)
- Team Transitions (Jason & Celeste Brown as well as Katie Bailey) return to the USA for fundraising. Todd and Amanda Tyson return from USA. Due to smaller leadership team, we hope to be more involved at The Bridge.)

EUROPEAN WORSHIP INSTITUTE

- 9 ConVerges
- 1 Conference
- Website Training: will write training articles in English and French

ARTRAGEOUS

- Spring Arts Café Series
- Autumn Arts Café Series
- Autumn Artists' Seminar

As it says in Proverbs 19:21, *"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."* So while we believe it's wise to make plans, we do trust the Lord that His purposes will prevail over our plans!

Help Us With a Strong Start in 2013

A few years ago, we were encouraged to conduct a 'Strong Start' campaign each December to make special needs known. Our monthly support level does not cover special needs like the ones described below. In fact, we had to appeal to some of our supporting churches this fall for extra help as we had several bills that we just didn't have the funds for. Now that those are taken care of, we turn

our attention to two new needs: a car for Kathy and an operating budget for the European Worship Institute.

KATHY'S CAR

Kathy's car died a slow death last May. Well, it didn't really die – it just didn't pass the rigorous inspection required each year. (You know you're in trouble when the auto inspector comes out from under the car with oil dripping on his forehead.) We sold the car for a song to an African brother who shipped it off to Liberia where they don't mind engines that leak oil. And now we need to raise funds for a 'new used' car for Kathy. Due to Jeff's travel schedule and constant errands for Christian Center, Kathy really does need wheels. **Project Goal: \$5,500**

EWI 2013 BUDGET

We have 10 events scheduled so far in 2013 – by far, our most ambitious year to date. In March we'll be in Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and France. In April we go to Venice, Italy and in May we hold our first multi-day conference in Belgium. In September, we travel to Serbia and Kosovo and in October we're in Vienna and Rome. Our needs for these events include: travel; graphic design and printing for seminar notebooks, name badges and posters; web maintenance; and telephone/ mailing expenses. By contributing to Strong Start 2013, you will bless hundreds of worship leaders and team members in at least 8 European countries. **Project Goal: \$5,000**

Would you prayerfully consider helping us with these projects? It would be a great encouragement to us and give us a real strong start for 2013! To make your tax-deductible contribution you can write a check to:

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Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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