

Coeur à Coeur

Heart to Heart with the Slaughters in the Capital of Europe



Bienvenue

Welcome to the latest edition of our ministry newsletter. We've enjoyed a productive autumn including working with our new Christian Center pastor and his wife, Ron & Wanda Sommers. And we're looking forward to a spring full of ministry opportunities. Thanks for taking time to catch up with us. Let us hear from you too! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- The Slaughters

BEWI Hosts Bob Fitts 'Restore' Concert in Brussels

About 350 attended the Bob Fitts 'Restore' concert organized by the Brussels-European Worship Institute. Bob, an Integrity worship leader and songwriter, toured Europe with his band to raise awareness of the plight of widows and orphans. In Brussels, Bob and band led an evening of worship and prayer with Brussels church leaders at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, followed by the 'Restore' concert at Christian Center.

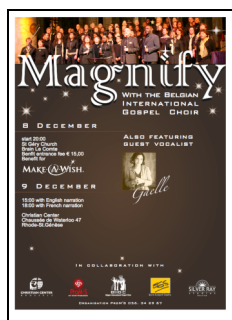


EXO Presents Worship Concert In Paris on Halloween

Jeff traveled to Paris on Halloween night with EXO, presenting an outdoor concert in the Place du Pantheon. Some 2,000 came out for the concert, which featured a number of other Christian French artists. Dubbed 'Holywins', the evening was planned to counteract the growing attraction of the French with the American tradition of Halloween.

Jeff Participates in FEIC Annual Summit

Jeff attended the annual summit of the Fellowship of European International Churches where he presented a workshop on 'Worship & Ministry Communications'. About 40 pastors from Belgium, Holland, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, the Canary Islands and even Brazil attended the summit. Jeff works with FEIC on an ongoing basis, helping former Christian Center pastor Terry Hoggard with communications for the organization.



Christmas Is Around the Corner

One of the great things about the Christmas season is that it primes the hearts of people to hear the heart of the gospel. At Christian Center, we take full advantage of the season, offering outreach choir concerts, children's programs for our English and French congregations, special music on Sundays, a holiday banquet and a Christmas Eve service. This provides plenty of opportunities for our congregation to bring friends and family members to hear the Christmas message.



What's Coming Up

December 8-9: The Belgian International Gospel Choir will present three outreach concerts, one as a benefit for 'Make A Wish' and two at Christian Center.

December 28-January 1: Jeff travels with EXO to Togo, a small west African nation, for two national concerts. *(Left: see map of West Africa with Togo highlighted in red.)*

February 16-17: BEWI and Christian Center hosts The Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda. We saw this energetic choir of Ugandan orphans at a Hillsongs Conference in London and invited them to Brussels for a weekend of outreach concerts. *(Left: see photo of the choir at the Hillsongs Europe conference.)*

March 3, 10 & 17: BEWI partners with 'Manifest' a French youth organization to offer instrumental and vocal workshops on three consecutive Monday evenings to inspire experienced and novice musicians.

March 8: EXO concert in Brussels

April 12 & 19: BEWI holds 'Worship Team Tune-Ups' in Brussels and Rotterdam featuring Calvary Baptist worship pastor Bryan Grisham and his worship team.

May 24: EXO concert in Switzerland

Family News

Kayleigh is finished with the first semester of her sophomore college year. She is very involved with a church plant in Shreveport called "Christ Fellowship" where she recently helped organize an event bringing attention to the problem of human trafficking. She is also working in the Family Life Center at Calvary Baptist.

Justin, who just celebrated his 17th birthday, is in the middle of his junior year at St. John's. In addition to his normal slate of classes, he stays after school three days a week to take ballroom dancing (!), choir and guitar lessons.

Nick is in 5th grade in Belgian French school. In addition to his French studies, he is learning Dutch. And, he has a 'starring' role in the Christmas children's play.

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Our Projects

With the dollar weakening against the euro, our purchasing power has plummeted over the past few months causing major 'budget strain'. After cutting our budget to the bare bones, we are looking to raise an additional \$700 in monthly support as well as funds for these special projects:

Justin's Tuition Fund... We have friends who have pledged to pay for half of Justin's tuition bill this year. Praise the Lord! We are trusting for the other half through churches and supporters. We need to raise the remaining 2800 euros (about \$4000.00) to pay for the rest of his 2007-08 tuition. This is a priority project because keeping Justin in school keeps us on the mission field. **Project cost: \$4000.00.**

Clothes Dryer... In October, our clothes dryer died a quick death. Since then, we've been trekking to the laundromat - which is somewhat inconvenient and expensive. If you help with this project, you will be a blessing to Kathy and make her life easier! **Project cost: \$700.**

Kayleigh's Airfare... Kayleigh returns home for Christmas Dec. 16 and we are SO looking forward to her visit home. If you would like to help Kayleigh get home for the holidays please consider contributing to the cost of her airfare ticket. **Project cost: \$800.**

