

Coeur à Coeur

Heart to Heart with the Slaughters in the Capital of Europe



Bienvenue

Welcome to this issue of *Coeur à Coeur*. In this issue you'll find news about our upcoming Christmas program, recent ministry activities, and a description of our project needs. We hope you enjoy catching up with us. As always, you can find more information about what we're up to by going our website (www.chezslaughter.com) and clicking through to our blog.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And please let us hear from you too!

Jeff & Kathy

Christian Center To Present 'Christmas At Bethlehem'

We're hard at work at Christian Center preparing for our annual Christmas program. This year, we've put together a combined program featuring the worship choir, a children's drama team, and Salt & Light Dance Company.

The program centers around a play written by Jeff called, 'Christmas At Bethlehem Inn'. It tells the Christmas story through the eyes of the Bethlehem innkeeper and his family, and includes the traditional cast of characters such as Joseph, Mary, the angels, shepherds and wise men.

Choir songs and dance numbers are interspersed throughout the drama, using Travis Cottrel's Christmas musical 'Everything Glorious'.

After the presentation, Christian Center will host a church-wide reception for members and guests.



Left: Kathy is making patterns and sewing skirts for 'Salt & Light' dancers to wear in the Christmas program. **Above:** The 'Timothy Kids', a group of pre-teens, are the cast for the 'Christmas at Bethlehem Inn' drama. Our son, Nick (far left) plays the role of Joseph.



European International Church Pastors Meet in Vienna for Summit

Some 60 pastors, wives and leaders met in Vienna for the annual summit of the Fellowship of European International Church pastors. As worship and communications consultant for the FEIC network, Jeff works closely with former Christian Center pastor Terry Hoggard (coordinator of the network) to plan the summit. That includes producing an annual summit video. This year, Jeff used, 'God Of This City' as the theme song for the video and featured photos of all 33 member churches and their cities located in 21 European countries.

Bayless Conley Visits Brussels

Some 400+ people from Belgium, Germany and Holland attended a regional gathering featuring Pastor Bayless Conley of California, September 24. Conley is a well-respected minister featured on a number of European television stations. Jeff and the Christian Center worship team led worship for the event at which a number of people came forward for prayer and for salvation.



Church Launches 101 Days of Prayer

Christian Center launched a "101 Days of Prayer" campaign extending from September 21 through December 31. Throughout the campaign, we've encouraged the church to pray in home groups, ministries and church-wide prayer meetings. Jeff led bi-lingual worship at all-church prayer meetings in September and November and will lead at the final gathering New Year's Eve.



Our Projects...

We have some special projects that are not covered in our monthly budget. Would you prayerfully consider helping us with one of these projects before December 31, 2008? Your contributions to our 401c3 organization, Cornerstone International, are tax-deductible. If you feel led to help, see contact info at left.



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Electric Shock!



A few months ago, we received a bill from our electric company for 3,000 euros (\$4000) in additional charges. The charges were traced to an electrical 'leak' in the house due to a large unused transformer left by the former tenant. Our landlord's handyman discovered the leak and disconnected the transformer, but not before the company racked up a nice sum.

We are responsible to repay this amount to the company. Fortunately, the tenant who had the house before us has offered to pay part of the bill since part of the cost is probably his. But we have to pay the remainder. **Project costs: \$2500**

BEWI 2009 Conference

We're planning a conference next spring for the Worship Institute around the theme of 'Creativity in Ministry'. Our goal is to expand our normal target audience of worship leaders to include youth leaders, children's workers and artists. We'll hold general sessions on creativity in ministry and then offer specific sessions for the various areas. For the past two years, Calvary Baptist in Shreveport has joined us for the training, but this year we need to hire a speaker and pay travel expenses. **Project costs: \$1500**



Children's Needs

Kayleigh is flying home for the holidays. We used some frequent flyer miles to discount her ticket but still have to pay mileage transfer fees and taxes. **Project costs: \$600.**

We're at the halfway point in paying for Justin's senior school. Yeah! **Remaining Project costs: \$3000.**