

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're in the USA on summer furlough. During this time we will visit churches, supporters and friends, working to raise financial support for special projects and our monthly budget. If you'd like to get in touch with us, see the contact information on page 2. Thanks for taking time to catch up with us! - The Slaughters



200 Attend Worship Institute Events in Brussels & Rotterdam

More than 200 worship leaders, team members and choir members attended the three BEWI events in March including "Worship Team Tune-Ups" in Brussels and Rotterdam and a "Sing Gospel Workshop" in Brussels. Bryan Grisham, worship pastor at Calvary Baptist in Shreveport brought an 11-member team to teach the events and conduct coaching sessions for local worship teams.

Jeff Tours French Caribbean with EXO

Jeff toured the French-speaking Caribbean islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe and the South American country of French Guiana with EXO, March 30-April 8. We ministered faith, hope and love to thousands during the five-concert tour.

Christian Center Choir Sings 'Amen'

Jeff directed the 40-voice Christian Center worship choir in two outreach concerts June 3 featuring the Geron Davis gospel musical 'Amen'. More than 800 attended the concerts which celebrated God's goodness, faithfulness and victory. The choir also presented selections from the musical at an "International Family Festival" outreach event sponsored by Christian Center on June 23.

100 European Artists Attend 'Imagine'

Some 100 artists from nine nations attended the first 'Imagine' conference in Brussels, May 18-20. As staff of Creative Arts Europe, we served on the organizing team, helping to plan and host the event. Kathy directed the 'Dream Café', serving meals and snacks during the two-day conference which featured speaker Steve Turner, author of the book, "Imagine: A Vision for the Arts & Christianity."

Coming in 2007-2008

Here's a preview of some of our ministry plans for next season...

The Brussels-European Worship Institute...In October, BEWI is organizing a concert with Integrity worship leader Bob Fitts during a benefit tour for Romanian orphans. Plans for 2008 include institutes in Brussels, Rotterdam, Scotland and France.
Christian Center...In mid-August we return to Christian Center under new leadership as we welcome Ron Sommers to the position of senior pastor. We are excited to have a permanent pastor who will cast new vision and direction for our church.

Belgian International Gospel Choir...In September, we've been invited to sing at a celebrity soccer tournament. In December, we'll reunite for a four-concert Christmas tour of Belgium. And in March, we begin a national outreach tour.

EXO Tours...EXO ministry tours are planned for Canada, the African nations of Gabon and Togo, as well as dates in French-speaking Europe.

Photos: (1) BEWI promo poster featuring Calvary team (2) Jeff and Calvary team with BEWI participants in Rotterdam (3) Jeff with EXO in French Guiana (4) Jeff, choir & 'AMEN' (5) Nick helped Kathy run the 'Dream Café' at the 'Imagine' Arts Conference in Brussels.





Opportunity's Knocking

Have you ever wanted a reason to come see us in Europe? How about two reasons? We have at least two opportunities for individuals and mission teams to connect with us on the field in Europe next year.

Brussels-European Worship Institute...In 2008, we will host BEWI events in Brussels and Rotterdam and quite possibly in Scotland and France. We could use a small team to help with administrative duties including registration, preparing lunch and coffee breaks and other important tasks.

Serve The City...In July, 2008, we are prepared to host a team of volunteers from the USA to help with 'Serve The City' projects in Brussels. This mission opportunity uses volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to do a variety of service projects for churches, community groups and others, in order to share the love of Christ.

For more information about these and other possibilities, e-mail us at: JeffKathyS@hotmail.com

Family News

Many of you will remember that **Kathy** broke her ankle last fall and developed a condition requiring two months of physical therapy. Well, just after her ankle healed, we had another health scare....Kathy had been experiencing some strange sensations in her head so she had a CT scan. The scan revealed some potential abnormalities which necessitated an MRI to get a better look. After a few weeks of mulling over potential diagnoses – none of them good – the MRI revealed nothing more than a varicose vein on her brain. Needless to say we were relieved and thank God.

Kayleigh completed her freshman year at LSUS and made the dean's list! She is spending her summer with friends in Philadelphia working as an 'au pair'.

Justin finished his sophomore year at St. John's, flew to the USA to attend a youth camp, and will work at Calvary Baptist this summer.

Nick finished his 4th grade year at St. Ferdinand and is enjoying life in the USA.



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SUMMER FURLOUGH

*During our summer furlough we're based in Shreveport, Louisiana, and staying in a missions house provided by supporting church Broadmoor Baptist. We hope to see as many of our supporting churches and individual supporters as possible while here. We also want to connect with **NEW** churches. If you have a church you can connect us with, please e-mail us: JeffKathyS@hotmail.com*

One of our goals is to raise funds for special projects. Enclosed, you'll find some project cards. Would you pray about helping us with these projects during our summer furlough? Or perhaps you would like to spearhead a fundraiser in your church to help. Thanks for your consideration.

Children's Education Fund...We are raising an Education Fund to cover the first half of Justin's 2007-08 high school tuition. This is a priority project because keeping Justin in school keeps us on the mission field. Project cost: \$5000.00.

Health Insurance...While we have health insurance in Belgium, we are not covered in the USA. A recent medical 'scare' (see above) underscored our need for health insurance so we can be covered in the USA. Project cost: \$4000.00

Laptop Computer...Jeff's laptop went 'kaput' recently after a hard two years on the road. Having a laptop enables Jeff to work whether he is home, at the church, or on ministry trips in Europe and beyond. Project cost: \$1500.00. *(Do you have a used laptop that you would like to donate to our ministry? If so, e-mail us at: JeffKathyS@hotmail.com).*