

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 we report on our recent Worship Institute, Arts Café and Watoto Children's Choir events, and our upcoming Christian Center Spring Concert.

You will also find a letter enclosed announcing a ministry transition we're planning in 2010 that involves helping lead an international church planting team in another major European city.

As always, you can find more information about what we're up to by going our blog (<http://chezslaughter.typepad.com/>). We hope to see our USA friends soon!

Jeff & Kathy

BEWI Hosts 50 Leaders from Nine Churches

Some 50 worship leaders and team members from nine churches joined us for our 2009 worship seminar, "Exploring The Worship Journey," March 14.

Karry Godwin, worship teacher and professional guitarist, served as seminar teacher this year. Karry has ministered locally and internationally for over 20 years and serves as president of Worship Discovery.

The 2009 theme, "Exploring The Worship Journey... From The Secret Place to the Corporate Gathering," helped worship leaders and team members revisit the joy of keeping their worship journey fresh.

Karry addressed this through seminar topics including: "Worship In The Secret Place"; "The Worshiping Musician"; and "A Journey in Corporate Worship." In the afternoon, the event featured workshops for musicians and vocalists.

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BRUSSELS - EUROPEAN
WORSHIP INSTITUTE
SÉMINAIRE D'ADORATION 2009
"EXPLORATION DU PARCOURS DE L'ADORATION"
Depuis le lieu secret jusqu'à la réunion d'église

avec l'orateur invité Karry Godwin
professeur de louange, guitariste d'adoration, amoureux de Dieu

SAMEDI 14 MARS, 9h - 17h

MATIÈRES DU SÉMINAIRE:
Adoration dans le lieu secret
Le musicien qui adore
Voyage dans l'adoration d'église
Ainsi que des ateliers musicaux et vocaux

20 euros par participant (comprend le repas de midi et les pauses café)
Christian Center, Chaussée de Waterloo 47, Rhode-St.-Genèse, Belgique
Plus d'information sur: www.bewi.eu
ou par email au: bewi2009@hotmail.com

N'oubliez pas
Soyez des nôtres en soirée pour le 'Arts Café'
avec de la musique à la guitare acoustique par
Karry Godwin et des artistes invités de Bruxelles

Arts Cafe
Entrée: 5 euros (comprend le droit d'entrée, le café/thé et le dessert)
14 mars à 19h30

creative arts
Arts Cafe
March 14, 19:30
featuring
Karry Godwin, guitarist
Jim & Anne Mills
Salt & Light Dance
Peta Pick, stained glass artist
Admission: 5 euros
(includes dessert, coffee/tea)
more information
www.bewi.eu
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Arts Cafe Hosts 70

We hosted our second Creative Arts Europe 'Arts Cafe' March 14 at Christian Center. Featured artist was professional guitarist Karry Godwin. Other invited artists included Jim and Anne Mills of Creative Arts Europe, Salt & Light Dance Company and stained-glass artist Peta Pick.

Our vision for Arts Cafes is to provide a relaxing, sociable environment for both believers and non-believers to come and enjoy coffee, tea and dessert as well as great Christian art. Our hope is to inspire believers, introduce non-believers to Christ and honor the giftings of Christian artists.

We are talking with artists from England and South Africa about performing in Arts Cafes next fall.

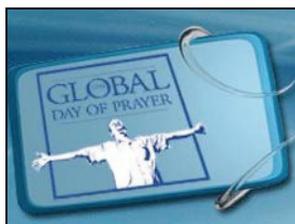


Watoto Children's Choir Returns to Brussels

We organized an outreach 'Concert of Hope' featuring Watoto, a children's choir comprised of Ugandan orphans, in Brussels May 6. The choir presented two half-hour concerts at St. John's International School followed by a full evening concert at Christian Center. The lively African choir ministered to believers and non-believers alike with their message of faith, hope and love in a God who has a special place in His heart for orphans.

Christian Center Spring Concert in May

We're hard at work on our annual worship department spring outreach concert scheduled for this month. Our theme is 'A Reason To Sing' and this year we're involving our children, our youth, a drum arts group, a professional violinist and a Christian dance company.



Our May-June Calendar

- May 17: Christian Center Spring Concert
- May 28: Planning meeting with team for Rotterdam Worship Institute
- May 31: Jeff leads worship at national Global Day of Prayer event
- June: 2-3: Jeff leads worship at European-wide church planting conference
- June 19: USA Connection Tour begins

Summer Plans and Our Fundraising Projects

Over the past nine years we've made summer fundraising trips to the USA once every two years. Our purpose during these trips is to reconnect with supporting churches, individual supporters and contributors, as well as other friends and family.

As you will see in the enclosed special announcement letter, we are pressing forward with a ministry transition in 2010 and have been advised by our mission agency, Cornerstone International, to take an extended period of time to raise funds for this new ministry direction.

Therefore, as of June 19, we will base the family in a mission's house in Shreveport (thanks to supporting church Broadmoor Baptist) while I (Jeff) itinerate in July/August/September. I am returning to Europe October 1-December 15 to maintain ministry commitments and will continue fundraising in January/February of 2010 before returning to Europe in March and April to hold worship institute events and begin our ministry transition.

While I travel, Kathy will stay in Shreveport to help Justin transition to commuter college life, put Nick in a local school and enjoy some special time with Kayleigh before she graduates from Louisiana State University in 2010 and heads to parts unknown.

As we begin this transitional season, we have two important fundraising projects that we'd like to ask you to consider helping us with...



Kayleigh's Car... We need to purchase a reliable used car for Kayleigh so that Justin can drive her current car. (Since Justin's the new driver, he gets the 'hand-me-down' car.) Our budget for this project is \$3500. (Note: does anyone have a car they would like to sell or give away?)

Moving and Transportation Costs... We'll be leaving most of our belongings in Brussels, but will need to send a small crate of necessities back with us. We also need to raise funds for our transportation to Shreveport, including airfare from Brussels. Our budget for this project is \$3000.

If you would like to help with these projects, please see the enclosed project cards. Thank you for your consideration.



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Our New Ministry Direction: Church-Planting in Paris 2010

After nine years in Brussels serving as worship pastor of Christian Center, running the Brussels-European Worship Institute, touring with EXO, and working with Creative Arts Europe, God is leading us to help lead a church planting team in Paris. The church, to launch in April, 2010, will be called 'The Bridge' and will be an inter-denominational international church plant reaching out to the more than 500,000 English-speakers who have relocated to Paris from all over the world.

Our Role as 'Bridge Builders'

As Worship & Arts Pastor of The Bridge, Jeff will develop worship leaders, instrumental and vocal teams, a worship choir, and musical outreach programs. As a member of the lead pastoral team, he will be a part of strategy meetings and decisions affecting the direction of the church. We will live in the suburbs of western Paris. We are excited, expectant and believing God for great things at The Bridge.

Would You Pray For Us?

However, three things need to happen in order for us to make this move. As trusted friends, would you join us in praying for the following?

- ❖ Pray that we find a school for Nick.
- ❖ Pray that we'll secure missionary visas to France.
- ❖ Pray as we increase our support by \$2000 per month and raise a \$15,000 cash budget to help with relocation expenses and establish a ministry fund.



Would You Help Us Build The Bridge?

In order to move to Paris and join the Bridge Project, we need to raise additional financial support. Would you consider helping us?

- ❖ If you aren't currently a monthly supporter or regular contributor, would you prayerfully consider joining financially in this new missions project?
- ❖ If you are a member of our support team, would you consider making a special contribution to help us reach these financial goals?
- ❖ Will you help connect us to missions-minded individuals, churches and Sunday school classes?
- ❖ Will you or your church consider hosting a fundraising event such as a pancake breakfast, barbeque, or a café to help us raise our cash budget?



If you feel led to join us in this exciting ministry project, would you let us know by completing the enclosed project card.? It would be a great source of encouragement to us. We'll keep you posted on how things progress and share more news about 'The Bridge' very soon.

Thank you for supporting God's work in Europe.

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*The Bridge's website is:
www.thebridgeparis.com*



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(Please indicate your interest)

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