

## Artrageous Series Begins November 12

Our first Artrageous event for artists is set for November 12 in Brussels. Our goal for this series is to bring in professional Christian artists to help others learn how to share their faith and how to serve their communities through their art. Each event in the series will offer workshops and encourage artists in their walk with God. There will also be components of the series designed to reach out and develop relationships with unbelieving artists and art lovers.



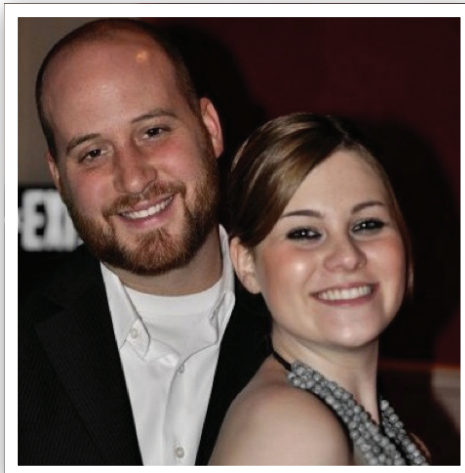
Finnish singer/songwriter Nina Astrom is our first featured guest artist. Nina is a committed Christian, a Eurovision Song contest winner and has a successful prison ministry. Well-known in Finland and other parts of Europe, Nina will teach morning sessions on 'Communicating Christ Through The Arts', and an afternoon workshop for songwriters. Other workshops to be offered include guitar, visual arts, gospel music and dance. We'll cap the day off with an 'Arts Cafe' open to the public and featuring performances by Nina and other guest artists.

We're planning two more events for the 2011-2012 Artrageous series. We'll have details on those in the fall.

## ChezShorts

### Our Children

Kayleigh, our 24-year-old daughter got engaged over Christmas and will marry Shreveporter Phillip Plette on October 1. She is working for The Forum magazine in Shreveport as an account executive and looking forward to married life with Phillip!



Justin, our 20-year-old son, is taking a break from school and working at Akin's Nursery in Shreveport. And Nick (14) is homeschooling through an internet-based program called 'Keystone' and very involved in youth group life.

### Jeff's Mom

Many of you know that Jeff's mom is suffering from a rare type of cancer that began in her nose. She had surgery in December of last year, followed by six weeks of radiation. She is doing well and getting stronger day by day. Please keep June Slaughter in your prayers as she recovers.

### Project: Healing Hand



In April, Justin broke a bone in his hand and had to have outpatient surgery. This involved putting a small titanium plate and four pins in the bone, which was broken into two pieces.

Although we carry health insurance on Justin, it's a policy with a high deductible of \$4500.00. So far, costs for this injury include a \$200 urgent care visit, a \$500 doctor visit (including follow-ups), a \$1255 surgeon's fee, and a \$2500 deposit to the outpatient surgery center - bringing us very close to the \$4500 deductible amount.

This has become an immediate burden on us... not to mention a lot of PAIN for Justin who has had to stop working for two weeks while the hand heals.

Would you prayerfully consider helping us with these costs? To help with this project, please see the enclosed project card inside. Thank you.

### Project: Get Us To The Church On Time



As you read above, our daughter, Kayleigh, is getting married October 1. Our plans are to return a few weeks before the wedding so that we can help with the final preparations. We estimate travel costs to be \$3000.00. Would you prayerfully consider joining us in this project to help us get back home for the wedding?



# ChezSlaughter News

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



## Make Mine A Double!

Welcome to the first 'double' issue of our newsletter! We've had so much going on the last couple of months that when putting this issue together, we asked our graphic designer, Tiago, to 'make it a double'.

With this issue we:

- Share an update on The Bridge.
- Report on the growth of the European Worship Institute.
- Chronicle a Shreveport missions team's activities in Paris.
- Announce our first Artrageous event.

On April 1, we celebrated 13 years of ministry in Europe. This would not have been possible without the abundant grace of God and the dedicated faithfulness, financial support and prayers of many of you. As the French say, 'Un Grand Merci'. You guys are such an encouragement to us. So, 'Happy Anniversary' to all of us! Thirteen years of you and us sowing together in Europe.

And many more!



Jeff, Kathy & Nick Slaughter

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## Building The Bridge In Paris

### Happy Birthday To The Bridge

We celebrated the first anniversary of The Bridge March 13 with more than 100 in attendance. The day was marked with an anniversary video, a cake reception, and our first baptism.



Plus, we had our first guest worship team: a team from Pinelake Church in Jackson, Mississippi. It was a great way to end our first year and begin our second. You can view the anniversary video on the media page of our website at [www.thebridgeparis.com](http://www.thebridgeparis.com).



### Reaching Out At Easter

We had a special outreach at The Bridge on Easter Sunday, which included an Easter Egg hunt for children, special Easter services as well as a time of refreshments and fellowship. We had our largest one-day attendance ever with 121 joining us for Easter Sunday.

Statistically, we know that more people attend church at this time of year than at any other, so we wanted to seize the day with the good news of His resurrection and make some new connections.



### Bridge Building Update

We just learned that the building we were hoping to buy (our third attempt) was sold while we were waiting on approval from city officials to use it as a church. As mentioned before, buying a building in Paris to use as a church is difficult. But we're trusting God for the right building at the right time and right price. Pray with us!





## Broadmoor Missions Team Touches Paris

One of our supporting churches, Broadmoor Baptist in Shreveport, made their fifth missions trip to Europe to work with us and their first trip to Paris. This amazing team of 17 volunteers rolled up their sleeves and worked on multiple projects during their time with us. Here's a day-by-day recap:

### Sunday Service

The team helped us set up and tear down for church, and taught Children's Church and toddlers' classes. Bruce Goudeau served with us on the worship team by playing electric guitar and Ronnie Cates, Broadmoor sound and media tech, observed the Bridge's sound and media team, offering tips.

### Bridge Service Projects

On Monday, the team divided into several groups to help with various Bridge service projects. One team helped clean out the Bridge storage area, conducted inventory and hauled trash. Another team cleaned out 1,500 plastic Easter Eggs and filled them with fresh candy in preparation for our Easter Egg Hunt. Another team led by Kathy went into Paris to help a Bridge family clean their apartment after moving out. At the end of the day, everyone came together to remove old labels from water bottles and put new ones on, in preparation for a future water bottle giveaway.

### Les Mureaux

On Tuesday, the team went to a Parisian suburb called 'Les Mureaux' to help put finishing touches on a church renovation project. This African immigrant church is located in a Muslim-influenced area and has endured great persecution to remain there. Nevertheless, this church continues to thrive.

### Night Ministry

Topping off Tuesday: several from the Broadmoor team joined the Bridge youth for a pizza/bowling party while the others had a pizza/moving party, helping one of our Bridge staff members change apartments.



### Flyers, Food Fair & Pillow Pets

On Wednesday, the team left the hotel at 7:00 am to distribute thousands of flyers at train stations promoting Easter services. In the afternoon we went to a huge food fair in south Paris where we collected thousands of pounds of food for the homeless. The six-hour project was at times, chaotic and back-breaking but the Broadmoor team enjoyed helping meet the needs of the homeless. In between the projects, Jeff and Kathy took Lydia and Analese Gunn to the American Church in Paris to deliver 43 'Pillow Pets' to volunteers who will take half of them to orphans in Bulgaria and the other half to underprivileged children in Paris. This project was a dream of Analese, one of the teenagers who came on the trip.

All in all, it was a great week of ministry projects that ministered to the Bridge team, the Bridge congregation, a sister church, Parisians and children near and far. Thanks to Broadmoor Baptist for their partnership in our ministry and a special thanks to this team for coming to Paris to make a difference.

*If you would like information about how you could bring a team to work with us in Paris, e-mail me at: [Jeff@thebridgeparis.com](mailto:Jeff@thebridgeparis.com)*



## European Worship Institute Breaks New Ground

The European Worship Institute has made some great strides:

- March ConVerge seminars in Belgium and Holland were our most well-attended events ever.
- ConVerge seminars are scheduled for the first time in Italy and Morocco next fall.
- We're planning an event in Vienna for worship leaders involved in the Fellowship of European International Church network.
- We're in discussion with a Parisian organizer to bring ConVerge to Paris in 2012.
- And we've booked Continental Theological Seminary in Brussels as the location for our 2012 Worship Camp.

To be sure, 2011-2012 will be a big year for the Worship Institute as we expand to at least four new countries and plan our first training camp.

Formerly called 'The Brussels-European Worship Institute', this year, we changed the name to 'The European Worship Institute' to reflect our growing geographic scope. We also felt it was time to expand

## European Worship Institute ConVerages in Brussels & The Netherlands

In March, we organized two ConVerge seminars through The European Worship Institute and enjoyed our largest attendance yet in both Belgium and The Netherlands.

About 125 from at least 25 churches attended the Brussels event while 120 from more than 30 churches attended the Delft event.

Our teaching team for these two events came from Pinelake Church, Brandon, Mississippi. Led by worship pastor Kent Vincent, the team consisted of a full band and vocalists. "We couldn't have asked for better turnout for these events," said Jeff.

"In Belgium we had 92 French speakers and 35 English-speakers... which indicated real success in reaching Belgians. In The Netherlands, we had participants drive up to 2.5 hours to attend. We were amazed by the passion of those wanting to grow in their giftings."

Our fourth event in The Netherlands, ConVerge was sponsored by Living Waters Church and Pastor David Koerts, who publicized the event throughout the

our vision so we developed three distinct programs to meet training needs on three levels. We now offer the following:

- **FOCUS** retreats for individual church worship teams.
- **ConVerge** seminars for multiple church worship teams.
- **Camp Worship**, a European-wide intensive training camp.

In addition, we're developing a church media track to address the growing need to train volunteers in how to use church websites, social media, videos, and projection programs in order to enhance worship services and church outreaches.

We believe as we pour into worship teams and media ministries, they will be better equipped to serve their churches and that this will, in turn, strengthen the European church.

For more information, see: [www.europeanworshipinstitute.com](http://www.europeanworshipinstitute.com)

Netherlands. EWI was featured in a national Christian Dutch magazine and registrations were taken on a popular Christian Dutch website. Here are some of the comments made:

*"Great worship. The prayer times were impressive. The practical workshops were very helpful."; "The whole day surpassed my expectations."; "Very spiritual, expert training and practical explanations."*







Our son, Justin, broke his hand recently. Necessary doctor visits and surgery have become an immediate burden on us costing upwards of \$4500.00.

Would you prayerfully consider helping us with this?  
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