

# ChezSlaughter News

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



## *European Worship Institute Travels to Morocco*

When we were invited to take ConVerge to Casablanca, Morocco, all kinds of thoughts went through my head: 'Isn't this the country that deported missionaries and gave national Christians trouble? Is it legal for Christians to go there? Is it safe to take our son, Nick?'

These concerns were dismissed by our host, Chris Martin, who pastors an international church in Casablanca. He explained that as long as we were honest with why we were in the country there should be no problem. In fact, when we went through passport control at the airport, they just smiled and said 'Bonjour'.

During our first two days in the country we visited a mosque built by the King of Morocco as well as a new state-of-the-art mall (complete with two Starbucks!). We also took a day trip to Rabbat where we got a beautiful view of the city atop a hill, saw the place where the King's father was buried, and visited a traditional Moroccan medina (market) where we ate a Moroccan meal of couscous.

After two days of getting to know Morocco we felt that we had some understanding of the country we were about to minister in. But we were totally surprised by the passion and openness of those who attended ConVerge.

More than 80 attended the seminar, taught by me (Jeff), Jason Brown of Paris, and Zach Lowrie and Allyster Taubeneck of Brussels. (Nick, our son, accompanied us to run powerpoint for the events.) Organizers were so excited about the event they made ConVerge t-shirts!

In the evening, our host church planned a 'Night of Worship' attended by 250 people. The place was full and responded openly to the three worship teams who led that night (including ours). We were blown away by their passion and gifts and could hardly believe this was happening in Morocco!

The church in Morocco may be small but it is, indeed, alive and well! We've been invited back by our host to tour the country with worship concerts and to do another ConVerge in 2014.

Here are comments from some of the guys on the team.

*"Walking around the markets during the 'afternoon prayer', we got a glimpse of the oppression of those 'trying' to be dutiful to their god. They looked miserable, broken, without hope. That really impacted me. Conversely, at the church, the doors were flung open and I could hear the sound of praise and worship resounding into the Casablanca night. There was such a contrast in the different responses of an individual who wanted to worship."* Zach Lowrie



*"Converge Morocco was an empowering experience. Seeing people so hungry after ministry training, with such passionate hearts for God was inspiring. I walked away knowing that people were both equipped and encouraged for ministry in a difficult culture. We are believing together with the churches for a move of God in Morocco."* Jason Brown

*"The people were kind and warm hearted. The event was great and I feel that those who attended really appreciated the advice and help given. I was astounded by how much the culture was influenced by Islam and I would love to return to help the people there more."* Nick Slaughter

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EWI 'Converged' in Morocco, Brussels, The Netherlands and Paris in early 2012, reaching 300 worship leaders, musicians, vocalists and sound techs. We were thrilled to hold ConVerge events in two new countries: Morocco and France. And this year marked our 9th year to host a training event in Brussels and our fifth year in The Netherlands.

- In January, we took a training team from Europe to Casablanca (story page one) where more than 80 participants joined us for ConVerge Morocco followed by a citywide night of worship. Our team also led worship at an international church in Casablanca the next day.

- In February, Kent Vincent led a training team from Pinelake Church, Jackson, Mississippi for ConVerages in Brussels and The Netherlands. This team also ministered at The Bridge in Paris, France and Living Waters Church in Delft.

- In March, Bryan Grisham from Calvary Baptist in Shreveport, Louisiana led the teaching team for ConVerge Paris. We were excited to have 80 participants from the Paris region as well as from Orleans and Tours (the region of France where we lived and worked from 1998-2000).

Coming up in October are ConVerge events in Padova, Italy and Vienna, Austria. And in 2013: plans are underway to add events in Finland and Serbia!

### *Serbia Scouting Trip Planned*

I've been invited to travel to Belgrade, Serbia for an initial planning meeting for ConVerge Serbia in 2013. The meeting was arranged by a Dutchman (who attended ConVerge Netherlands in 2011) and has connections with Serbian church leaders. Our Dutch friend, Koos Vies, also made it possible for Serbian worship leader and songwriter Dejan Milinov to attend ConVerge Netherlands in February, giving him a taste of our event. We were honored to meet Dejan, a humble man from this war-torn nation and look forward to seeing him again when we travel to Serbia.

Because Serbia is a poor nation, the trip there is at our own expense. Therefore we are raising funds to fly myself and EWI teaching team member Jason Brown to Belgrade. (Please see project needs for more info.)

### *Meeting in Paris with French Canadian Worship Leader*

On April 13, I meet with French Canadian worship leader Luc Dumont to discuss the possibility of having him teach in 2013 at ConVerge Brussels and ConVerge Paris events. We would like to try French-language events in these two cities to better reach Belgian and French participants through their native language. Please pray with us as we work toward this goal.



## Artrageous Features Irish Artists Martin Nolan & Lynn Caldwell

The European Worship Institute partnered with Creative Arts Europe to offer our second 'Artrageous' event March 23-24. Set in a staged living room on the Christian Center platform, the 'Artrageous Cafe', featured local artists from Belgium in the first half: classical guitarist Alexandre Deleglise, and vocalist Laura Curado. The second half featured artists from Ireland: Martin Nolan and Lynn Caldwell in a set

called 'The Poet & The Piper', where Martin played Irish uilleann pipes and flutes, and Lynn read from her poetry writings.

On March 24, artists gathered at the home of Jim and Anne Mills for an Artists' Breakfast where we discussed strategies for connecting with more Belgian artists as well as evangelizing Belgians through events like Artrageous.



"Our goal with 'Artrageous' is twofold: to encourage, inspire, and educate artists to be salt and light in the world with their artistic gifts as well as to use them to serve in the church," said Jeff. "And we want Artrageous events to connect unbelievers with the gospel. We believe some people will attend an arts event before they will attend a church service on Sunday morning. Our desire is to organize artistic events with excellence that attract unbelievers and begin a discussion about God."

## Camp 2012: Explore, Experience, Engage & Enjoy

We're hard at work organizing and promoting Camp 2012, the European Worship Institute's first training camp. So far, we have folks registered from England, Austria, Morocco, Serbia and Belgium.

Scheduled to begin Monday July 9 and conclude Friday, July 13, Camp 2012 will be filled with times of worship, teaching, practical workshops, fellowship and fun.

The Camp will be held at Continental Theological Seminary in Brussels. There, participants will meet with worship leaders, vocalists, instrumentalists and media technicians from all over Europe to: explore what God's word says about worship; enjoy extended times of refreshing worship; experience relevant general sessions; and engage in discipline-specific workshops.



"This is the most intensive training event we offer," says Jeff. "We anticipate an incredible time of serving church worship and media volunteers as they learn from God's word, gain valuable insights from our teaching team, and sharpen their swords through workshops for vocals, keyboards, guitars, bass, drums, sound and media."

Bryan Grisham, who has taught EWI events in Belgium, Holland, Italy, Austria & France is our lead teacher for Camp 2012 along with his team of musicians, vocalists, media techs and even his senior pastor, Rick Edmonds, who will serve as camp pastor.

Due to the necessary promotional costs for this event as well as our desire to provide scholarships for needy students, we are making this a ministry project. We would like to raise \$3000 to cover promotional costs and scholarships. Would you join us in this endeavor of blessing the nations of Europe? Please see page four or our insert card for more information.

For more information about Camp 2012, see our website at: [www.europeanworshipinstitute.com](http://www.europeanworshipinstitute.com)

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## What's Up at Church in Brussels and Paris

### CHRISTIAN CENTER

There are always exciting things happening at Brussels Christian Center. Here are some highlights:

- **Ravi:** Ravi Zacharias, a well-known Christian apologist was in Brussels for three days of meetings and came to Christian Center for a citywide gathering of churches. Some 700 people filled the sanctuary and I (Jeff) was honored to lead a bi-lingual worship team before Ravi spoke about a Christian response to issues facing Europe.



- **Worship Team:** Two of my goals this year for the CC Worship Team are to organize fellowships to facilitate better relational connections and training opportunities to encourage our team toward excellence. To that end, we've organized a vision-casting fellowship; encouraged our team to attend ConVerge Brussels; and organized a vocal workshop with Bryan Grisham (from Calvary Baptist, Shreveport).

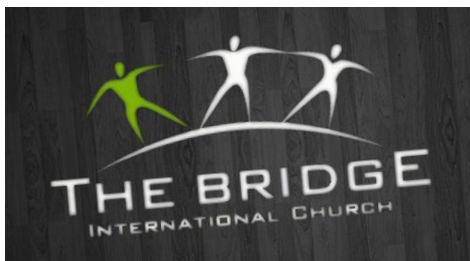


- **Choir:** We're working on special musical projects for upcoming events including a gospel choir concert in May, and a Spring Outreach Concert in June.

### THE BRIDGE

While most bridges are stationary our 'Bridge' in Paris is always on the move. Here are recent developments:

- **We're Two!** The Bridge officially turned two years old March 11. During the service, we enjoyed videos recapping the first two years followed by an extra special reception with lots of cupcakes!



- **Growing Pains:** The Bridge is averaging 120 each Sunday, which means we're about to outgrow our current meeting place. Because we still don't have our own building, we are considering moving to two services soon.

- **AVEC** is a group within the Bridge that represents the French-language African culture. This group meets weekly as a life group and monthly as a larger gathering. They've been meeting in Pastor Padoue's home but have outgrown that for their monthly meetings. So this month they start meeting the last Saturday night of the month at the Novotel where we hold Sunday morning services.



## March 2012 Projects

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY PROJECTS

With this newsletter we have three pressing ministry projects: a scouting trip to Serbia, our Camp 2012, and a monthly support need. For details, see below or the project cards inserted. Would you consider helping us out with these important ministry projects?

#### Scout Serbia

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