

Coeur à Coeur

Heart to Heart with the Slaughters in the Capital of Europe



Bienvenue

Welcome to the winter edition of our ministry newsletter. We wish you a peaceful holiday season and pray that the Christ of Christmas brings you peace, love and joy as you celebrate His birth.

Merry Christmas & a Blessed 2006- The Slaughters

Christian Center Choir "Sings Joy!"

Some 1,300 attended three outreach presentations of "Sing Joy", a Christmas musical presented by the Christian Center choir and the Belgian PROM.S choir, December 11. Jeff directed the choir, Kathy designed the poster, Kayleigh danced and sang, Justin lit the Advent Candle for the day, and Nick played a wise man in the children's part.

Missionaries brought vanloads of refugees from centers, Christian Center members who work at the European Union and for the Diplomatic Corps in Brussels invited their colleagues, and others brought friends, family and neighbors. Many non-Christians heard the gospel message presented in song that day. See the quotes below...

"We were there (with) an English couple friend of ours (non-believers). At work, I met another couple (Portuguese non-believers) who had attended the afternoon session. They said it was 'sensational'. In our view, the event achieved a highly professional standard and made us proud of Christian Center."

"The weekend was a tremendous and memorable one. The school principal said how awed she was by the entire production. Awesome! God bless you all in all that you have purposed to do this Christmas in honour of our Majesty, Jesus Christ. I pray that this will ring in the ears of all those who came."

Out of Africa With EXO

Jeff made two African tours with EXO in September, covering three nations. More than 11,000 attended EXO ministry concerts in Ivory Coast, Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo (the former "Zaire"). We were amazed at the warmth and receptivity of the Cote D'Ivorians, who were thrilled to see EXO in their country for the first time. In Congo, we ministered in Pointe Noir on the Atlantic ocean and in the interior city of Brazzaville. In the "small miracle" category: the concert in Kinshasha (DRC) was cancelled days before our arrival, but re-organized just 24 hours before we were to minister. Organizers promoted the concert by text messaging and got 500 to the event!

EXO Winter Tour Covers French-Speaking Europe

A winter tour with EXO covered 8 cities in three French-speaking European countries in November-December. Concerts in the Belgian city of Mons; the French cities of Marseille, St. Avold & Fontainebleau; and the Swiss cities of Vevey, Fribourg, Lausanne and Geneva ministered to nearly 2,000 people in venues ranging from small Swiss churches to large concert halls.

During this tour, we previewed new songs for an upcoming album in Ivory Coast including "Akwaba" (which Cote D'Ivorians use to say "welcome"); "Jesus T'Attends" (Jesus Is Waiting for You) and "Regne en L'Univers" (A Universe in Reverse).

Photos: (1) Jeff directs the "Sing Joy" Christmas musical; (2) Kayleigh & Kathy singing in choir; (3) Kayleigh dancing in "Sing Joy"; (4) 4,500 attend an EXO concert in Abidjan, Ivory Coast; (5) EXO pauses for a photo in a quaint Swiss village.

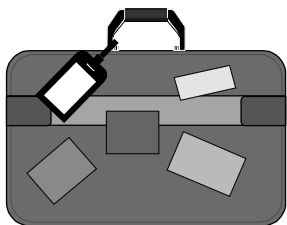




Jim Mills, founder of Creative Arts Europe, joined the choir for a rousing gospel number.



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Fundraising Need:

We will have special needs in the USA including travel expenses, clothing, ministry equipment and supplies, and medical needs.

Would you prayerfully consider helping us with some of these needs with an end-of-the year contributions? Please see card inside. Thank you!

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Moving Forward With Creative Arts Europe

Jeff is serving in an administrative role for Creative Arts Europe helping to move the ministry in a more strategic direction. We've been developing missions, values and a vision statement, budgets and a strategic plan; and have a European-wide staff meeting in January to ratify these.

Brussels-European Worship Institute Events Coming Up

We have three BEWI events scheduled: a Children's Leadership Seminar (co-sponsored by Christian Center), and a "Praise Party" for children on February 4; a "Sing Gospel Seminar and Workshop" on February 18; and a "Worship Team Tune-Up Seminar" on February 19. Please pray for these events – especially the "Sing Gospel" seminar which is also an outreach to draw non-believers.

Open Door Closes

The Open Door refugee outreach service has been closed due to a change of missions strategy in the Southern Baptist missions organization. It's sad for us – not only because we will miss this ministry in which we partnered for four years, but also because we are saying good-bye to precious friends Phil & Myra Kitchins who are moving to Atlanta, Georgia to do outreach work among refugees; and to Tim and Jody Cross who are moving to London to work with Iranians.

Through Open Door, we saw hundreds of men, women and children from countries all over the world come to a saving knowledge of Christ and baptized in our church. Partnering with our IMB friends has been one of the joys of serving in Brussels and we will miss them dearly. Please pray for the Kitchins and Crosses as they move on and for Christian Center as we consider new outreach opportunities.

What's Ahead

Here's a look at our 2006 calendar so far:

Dec 19-Jan 19: **USA Support Raising Trip**
 February 4: **Super Worship Saturday for Children's Leaders & KIDS**
 February 18: **BEWI "Sing Gospel" Seminar & Workshop**
 February 19: **BEWI Worship Team Tune Up Seminar**
 April 9: **EXO in La Roche Sur For On, France**
 April 12-24: **EXO Tour and live recording in Ivory Coast**

Home For The Holidays & Au Revoir!

For the first time in seven years we'll be home for Christmas in Louisiana. We leave December 19 and hope to see many of you over the holidays in a whirlwind tour of Louisiana, Mississippi & Texas. Kathy returns January 8 with the boys while Jeff and Kayleigh remain to raise support and check out colleges for Kayleigh.

Well, that's it for now. Thanks again for taking time to catch up with us. Don't forget to visit us on the web. And let us hear from you too! Until next time.

PARTING SHOTS



(Left to right) Jeff & Kathy after "Sing Joy!"; Kids on vacation; Kathy & the boys with friends Gordon & Jacqui;