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Welcome to this issue of our Elevate Europe newsletter.

As we look back over the year and remember all of the training events, conferences and missions projects in which we were involved, we're so thankful for those of you who support our ministry on a regular basis.

Because of your faithfulness this year, we touched hundreds through our projects.

You don't often get to hear from our participants, so we wanted to share some of the comments made by participants who attended Immerse Worship Camp this summer:

"I love this camp because we are completely immersed in the ambience of worship that is present all day and we gain a lot from people with more experience." –Celine

"Immerse opened me up to an enthusiasm for the Lord that I had never discovered." –Laurie

"I think that it's a really beautiful experience and a great initiative. We learn a lot about worship - both the practical and Biblical side." –Daniel

"I really like this camp because it's nice to come together with people who have the same passion and to learn about worship." –Yael



"I was here last year and just had to come back! I'm just really excited about it. I've learned many things at Immerse. It's wonderful to be around people who have the same passion and who can teach you new things." –Britney

We're so thankful for the opportunities that God has given us to serve volunteers in the church like Laurie, Celine, Daniel, Yael and Britney.

I can't tell you how gratifying and humbling it is to see God work in people's lives during our events: meeting their needs, filling their hearts, and recharging them for service in their church.

But none of this would be possible without the prayers and financial support of you, our support team.

We appreciate you more than words can say and thank you for your consistent and sacrificial giving.

We hope you enjoy catching up with us through this newsletter. And we wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2019!

With a heart for the nations,

Jeff and Kathy Slaughter
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JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR OUR MINISTRY COLLEAGUES

In addition to our dedicated support team of churches and individuals, we are also thankful to the many ministry colleagues – in Europe and the USA – for their partnership in our ministry.

Every event we do requires a team, including organizers, hosts, teachers, pastors, leaders and more.

Below are ministry colleagues we currently partner with on a consistent basis. As we launch a new year of ministry, please join us in praying for them.

- **Nick and Carol Irons:** Nick pastors our sending church, Cornerstone in Jackson, Mississippi, and is a great source of strength and encouragement to us.
- **Daniel and Antonella Costanza,** pastors of Brussels Christian Center (our home base in Europe) and directors of Espoir Wallonie (Hope for Wallonia), which co-sponsors ConVerge Wallonie.
- **Angela Greenwood,** a British missionary who organizes our events in Spain and serves on the EWI teaching team.
- **Tiago Braga da Silva,** our graphic designer, and **Nolan Tarantino,** our web designer – who comprise our communications team.
- **Bryan Grisham, Allyster Taubeneck, Zach Lowrie, Nigel Wiggins, David and Angie Ebensberger and Barto and Gaelle di Pasquale** who serve on the EWI teaching team.
- **Jonathan Saporito and Annayiz Goutier,** our translators in Belgium.
- **Jim Young,** worship pastor of Cornerstone Church in Jackson, Mississippi who consistently brings teaching teams to serve at our events.
- **Robert and Donna Marshall,** longtime friends who serve in ministry in Salt Lake City, Utah and are planning to bring a teaching team to Immerse Camp again this year.
- The Spark teaching team: **Adam Highfill** (of Barcelona) and **Jean-Christophe Cailleau, Benjamin Cailleau** and **Tom Wart** (all of Belgium).
- **Donnelle Johnson, Donetta Hunter and Paul Travers** who form the leadership team of iYouth Camp.
- **Josh and Becca Jones,** who pastor Life Church Milan; and **Kelly Delp,** who pastors The Bridge Paris.
- **Jose and Carlota Almarza** who pastor All Nations Church in El Puerto de Santa Maria and host ConVerge Andalucia.
- **Angela da Silva,** who organizes ConVerge Portugal; and **Eddie and Marta Fernandes,** who pastor Riverside International Church in Cascais and host ConVerge Portugal.
- **Chris and Carol Martin,** pastors of International Protestant Church in Casablanca, Morocco and hosts ConVerge Morocco.
- **Paul and Lori Travers,** pastors of True Life KMC in Kaiserslautern, Germany and hosts ConVerge Germany.
- **Kurt and Melanie Kettner-Borough,** pastors of Puerto Banus Church of Marbella, Spain and hosts of ConVerge Marbella.
- **Bob and Lynn Rose,** pastors of International Church of Rome, and future hosts of ConVerge Rome.
- **Jim and Anne Mills,** founders of Creative Arts Europe, a European-wide network of which we are a part.
- **Larry and Melinda Henderson,** who with **Tony and Sarah Ibarra** direct the activities of the Fellowship of European International Churches.
- **Terry and Ruthanne Hoggard,** former pastors of Brussels Christian Center, and our colleagues working with the Global International Church network.
- **David and Miriam Vandeput,** who organize CJEM, an annual Youth Conference for 700+ youth in Belgium.



Tiago and Mana Braga da Silva and Jeff.



The Utah team (left to right): Andrew Marshall, Donna Marshall, Scott and Hazel Graves and Robert Marshall.



Jeff with Gaelle and Barto di Pasquale

2018 IN PHOTOGRAPHS

ConVerge Portugal

More than 50 participants gathered from at least six churches across southern Portugal for ConVerge Portugal, our second training event in the city of Cascais at Riverside International Church.

ConVerge Andalusia

Fifty worship leaders from nine churches attended our fifth ConVerge in Spain, this one organized by All Nations Church in El Puerto de Santa Maria and held at a neighboring church in Jerez de la Frontera.

Focus Marbella

Some 30 worship team members from six churches attended Focus Marbella, our first training event at 'The Wave Church' in the seaside town of Marbella, Spain. These folks were so passionate they came out on a Wednesday night for a 2.5 hour evening of worship and teaching.

Immerse Worship Camp

The 2018 Immerse Worship Camp welcomed 24 students from Belgium, France and Romania for three days of intensive breakouts, workshops, team-building activities and evening services.

iYouth Camp

Some 138 campers, teachers, counselors and chaperones from Belgium, Italy, Germany, Austria and the USA attended the 2018 iYouth Camp, held in Goddine, Belgium. The theme, 'Daring Faith' was expressed in t-shirts, on name badges, on banners, in sermons and breakout sessions – even in the group photo! Hearts were won, lives were changed and decisions made for the Kingdom of God!





Focus Tubize

This Focus session was held at Eglise Protestante Evangelique in Tubize, Belgium and hosted by Andre and Marie Cordeiro.



Elevate Milan

Jeff spent three weekends in July leading worship and teaching during the Sunday services of Life Church Milan. Pastor Josh Jones and his family were in the USA for a brief furlough.



FEIC Summit

Some 75 pastors and church leaders from Europe, Asia, Africa, Central America and North America attended the Summit in Madrid. Our theme, 'Inside FEIC', focused on strategies to strengthen international church infrastructure systems.



Morocco Bound

During the FEIC Summit in Madrid, a few of us took advantage of the opportunity to be in the same country and make plans for ConVerge Morocco 2019. Meeting with me were Angela Greenwood, who organizes EWI events in Spain; and Chris and Carol Martin, who pastor our host church in Casablanca.



ConVerge Wallonie

We held our third ConVerge Wallonie in the eastern Belgian city of Liege. Our teachers included myself, Pastor Daniel Constanza, Barto and Gaelle DiPasquale and Michel Lamon.

A LOOK AHEAD AT 2019

There are always a number of 'moving parts' that must converge for one of our events to come together: an event location, a host and organizer, a teaching team and a date that works for everyone involved.

Over the years, we've learned to plan ahead as far as possible; but remain flexible due to unforeseen changes or circumstances.

With that preface, as best we can tell, here is what our 2019 is looking like!

Go With Me: February 17-23

Our first Go With Me: On Tour & On Mission trip is scheduled for February 17-23. This trip will include a number of opportunities to learn about the church and ministry in Belgium and Europe and will culminate with participants serving at the Spark Digital Media Conference.



Spark Belgium: February 23

Our second Spark Digital Media Conference features keynote speaker Adam Highfill, of Barcelona, Spain; as well as members of our team in Belgium. Our theme, 'Storify', will help digital media volunteers learn the value of using story in communications through mediums such as websites, social media, photography and videography.

ConVerge Germany: March 2

Our first ConVerge in Kaiserslautern, Germany is set for March 2. We expect to have local churches join us as well as a church from Munich.



ConVerge Morocco: March 9

Our fourth ConVerge in Morocco, with the International Protestant Church of Casablanca.



ConVerge Spain: March 12-13

Our second training event in the southern Spain town of Marbella, we're planning a two-night ConVerge.





ConVerge Portugal: March 16

Our third consecutive year in Cascais, Portugal for a ConVerge with Riverside International Church.

iYouth Camp: June 30-July 5

My third year to partner with iYouth Camp and serve on the worship teaching team for this camp which attracts more than 100 young people from multiple European international churches.

Immerse Worship Camp: July 11-13

Our third Immerse Worship Camp is scheduled for July 11-13 at Continental Theological Seminary. Immerse is our three-day intensive training experience designed to give participants a deeper, more immersive opportunity. Our focus is on theological teaching, practical training and an opportunity to build relationships across church, denominational and language lines.



Go With Me: July 10-17

Our second "Go With Me" experience, in which participants will serve at Immerse Worship Camp.

ConVerge Wallonie: October

(DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

Our fourth year of partnering with Espoir Wallonie (Hope for Wallonie) to serve the French-speaking part of Belgium.

ConVerge Rome: October

(DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

Our second ConVerge in the bustling city of Rome.

FEIC Summit, Spain: October 14-17

Our 11th year of serving on the admin team for the annual summit of the Fellowship of European International Churches.

CJEM Conference Belgium: October 26-29

My first year of teaching worship and digital media workshops at this conference which attracts more than 700 young people from Belgium.

Worship Songwriting Initiative:

(DATE TO BE DETERMINED)



Go With Me in 2019

February 17-23 | July 10-17

\$1500 + airfare

Ever wondered what it would be like to go to Europe with me and visit historic sites, learn about the European church and my ministry as well as serve at one of my events?

With our new "Go With Me" experience, now you can!

I'm planning two "Go With Me: On Tour & On Mission" trips this year for a small group of believers to go with me to Brussels in February or July.

This experience offers you an opportunity to:

- Visit some of my favorite historical sites in Brussels, Waterloo and surrounding areas.
- Meet some of our long-time friends and ministry colleagues.
- Learn about the Belgian culture and the European church.
- Hear a powerful testimony of escape and redemption from a former refugee family and experience a home-cooked Persian meal with them.
- Serve at one of our European Worship Institute events.
- And more!

Interested? E-mail me at: JeffKathyS@hotmail.com and I'll be in touch with more details.

(Note: Don't purchase airline tickets yet! I need a minimum of three committed to go - and no more than five - in order to make the idea feasible.)

Let's go together!

Jeff Slaughter

ABOUT US

Our names are Jeff and Kathy Slaughter. We've been on the European mission field since 1998, serving as worship pastor of two churches: Brussels Christian Center and The Bridge in Paris; trained worship teams in Belgium, The Netherlands, France, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Turkey, Kosovo and Indonesia through our organization, The European Worship Institute; and worked on the admin teams of the Fellowship of European International Churches and the Global International Church Network. Our newest conference, 'Spark!' is a conference to train digital media communicators in the church.

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