

Partner Profiles from Western Europe

Our summer has been filled with lots of trips and plans for 2013. Europe is opening up to the gospel in a miraculous way, and there is a new interest among the churches to reach out to the seemingly sudden surge of “seekers” in every country of Western Europe.

We believe our annual conference in June with the Baptist leaders of W. Europe was a tipping point for the work of International Commission and church partnerships.

Probably the most remarkable development came when International Commission was asked by the Hungarian Baptist Union to send up to thirty teams during July and August of 2013. A three year request for Americans to teach English (German and Austrian teams to teach German) to the school children of Hungary came after the government of Hungary agreed to privatize some of its public schools, giving them to churches that were willing to teach ethics, values and morals. Thirty Baptist churches across Hungary are sponsoring schools and desire to host guest teams in an evangelistic outreach to the students and their families.

Teams will be trained in a proven ESL curriculum, based on the Bible and specifically designed for one-week mission trips. A few weeks ago in September, Janice went to Clear Lake, Iowa, to receive the training and

materials from International Messengers, the mission organization that developed the curriculum.



Attendees from 17 Countries at the 2012 EuroLeadership Conference



Claus
Mester-
Christensen

Jerry traveled to Denmark in August to lead a workshop on Team Evangelism. Denmark will be hosting three to five teams in a pilot project in October 2013 in its first project with International Commission. They are also planning for about twenty teams the year following in celebration of

175 years of Baptist work in Denmark.

Youth Projects

Grant Byrd, the Minister with Students at First Baptist Church McKinney, joined Jerry on his September planning trip to Europe in preparation for future youth mission trips. They visited several locations in Europe: Berlin (Germany), Nice (France), and Belgium.



Marc Deroux, General
Secretary of the
Federation of French
Baptist Churches

Jerry was invited to speak at the French National Patorale in a Paris suburb. It was especially meaningful since he was able to connect with so many leaders of Baptists of France, some of which we have known and partnered for the Gospel for almost 40 years.

Also, in March of 2013, three teams will be going to Malta on a project. Janice plans to go to Malta later this year to prepare the hosting churches for that spring partnership.

Please pray for:

- More than 200 participants to be called out next year
- The ESL (English as a Second Language) training and preparation
- Funds needed for the extra programming and travel to Europe
- Strength for the Byrds as they continue in this ministry while searching for others who can assist them now, and serve after them



Malta Street Scene



Malta Fishing Village

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