

Reaching Out

Word International Ministries Europe Newsletter

WIN Europe Youth Camp

Another year, another summer and another much-awaited regional Youth Camp has taken place. This year's Youth Camp was held from August 13th-18th in Avoca Manor Retreat and Adventure Centre in the scenic countryside of Ireland. It was hosted by WIN Ireland, who showed overwhelming hospitality as it welcomed delegates from Andorra, Spain, Greece, Germany, The Netherlands, U.A.E and the U.K. for the Region's biggest Camp yet!

The theme of the Camp was "Follow the Son", derived from Jesus' words in Mark 1:17 which reads, "Come, follow me...and I will make you fishers of men." This message was fully unpacked, understood and reflected upon by the Campers in three parts: "Knowing the Son" highlighted that one's journey of Faith must be grounded on a firm and unshakable relationship with Christ. "Following the Son" then encouraged Campers to stay on course, even in the face of distractions and hardships, as God will remain faithful as we keep our eyes on Him. Finally, "Sharing the Son" gave the final challenge to all, that the Redeeming Love of Christ – His Gospel – is not to be kept or hidden, but it must be shared that others too may know their Saviour.





WIN Spain
Barcelona

So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. . Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, making music to the Lord in your hearts. And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesian 5: 15-20)

Last July 29th, 2012, WIN Barcelona held their first joint Family Day, together with WIN ANDORRA and WIN TARRAGONA, joining together in exalting and praising the Lord for His greatness, with the theme " Pressing Towards the Goal" (Philippians 3: 12-14).

The activities were held in Tarragona. It was a whole day affair with social & sports activities. There were two teams for the Women's Volley ball and four teams for the men's basketball. Much of the day was dedicated also to the Word of God. The worship service was held in a Park near the beach. Pastor Nelson Ramos (WIN Andorra) shared the Word of God and after the service, Bro. Reynaldo Sayson & Sis. Jemila A. Sabado took the bold step of affirming their faith in Jesus, by partaking in water baptism.

Through these activities the church members were able to relate to one another and build stronger relationships as a family of God. In spite of the long distance and various other situations encountered, still, "love must be seen through sacrifice and action". There was a sense of longing and willingness; eagerness to see each other. In this way they were able to share the blessings of God with one another. As the scripture says, "Make the

most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days." There was a great opportunity to evangelize among all the invited friends of the church, as well as a great chance to become reacquainted with and fellowship with longstanding brethren. Prizes, like trophies, were given to all the winners as a token of remembrance of this special event.

On July 15th and August 5th, two babies were dedicated to the Lord in the church. Thanks be to God, that through services like these, unbelieving sponsors will be able to hear the Word of God and have an opportunity to open their hearts to Jesus. The message on the day was for the parents, reminding them of their responsibility and obligation to their children.

On July 24th, the Church was privileged to join the KALIPI activity, "Prayer for the Nation" along with the Philippine Consul General, officials, and 19 other organizations joining them in marching down the street, accompanied by 4 Spanish police men. Approximately three hundred people attended the aptly named "Jericho March". WIN Barcelona led the praise and worship on the day Pastor Doods, together with the spiritual leaders, were given the privilege of sharing the Word of God regarding the shared burdens of the Philippines and the host country. It was like a revival crusade, where for the first time in Barcelona, the Filipino community, the Philippine General Consulate and other organizations joined together with one heart, joining hands in prayer for our nation. "1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. 2 Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity." (1 Tim.2:1-2)

We live in a world that desperately needs a powerful touch from God. Today, you will find that our children are exposed to things we were never exposed to, when we were young. We cannot deny that we are worse off today than 20 years ago. We need to pray for our nation so that God will heal our land. God has given us a powerful weapon to tackle such problems. He calls us to pray for our nations, for the world and for everyone. WIN Barcelona call you to Join with them in praying for the specific situation in each of our countries.





WIN GERMANY



WIN BARCELONA wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the WIN church in Ireland for their unending love for God and their prayers and supports. The results of youth camp brought a tremendous change & challenge in the life of the youth. In Andorra on Aug. 20, the church flooded with tears of joy when they heard all their testimonies "they shared about their unforgettable experienced , the fire and touch of the Holy Ghost." They pray that the fire will continue to blaze in them until the day of the Lord. They send a special thank you to all the Youth Camp coordinators, youth coordinators, leaders, committee and pastors who prayed earnestly. The youth are already excited for the next year's event.

At present, there are still some summer sport activities continuing, like Basketball. As a direct cause of the family day on July 29th one team of youth from outside the church are joining in these events. It is a great opportunity for evangelism and actually 4 of these youth have already decided to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"9 So our aim is to please him always, whether we are here in this body or away from this body. 10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in our bodies. (2 Cor. 5:9-10)

To God be the glory. Amen

Pastor Doods Sabado

WIN Frankfurt

This year WIN Frankfurt hosted two regional meetings: The WIN-EU Pastors' Meeting and the WIN-EU Missions and Leadership Training. The latter was a 5-day training course for church workers and leaders , to equip them with the Word of God and to prepare them for local and overseas missions work, especially in planting churches among the unreached. Another event which marked a milestone in the church's existence was the WIN Frankfurt 10th year Anniversary; A decade of God's Faithfulness and ten years of evangelistic ministry. The Anniversary was celebrated in April, with Pastor Rene Nepomuceno as Guest Speaker.

Summer holidays would not be complete without families from all walks of life joining together and sharing the fun and laughter of Family Day, which was held in Ostpark in June.

WIN Frankfurt has moved to its new locations; Hamburger Allee for their Bible study and Prayer meeting, and Riederwald for their Sunday Service. However, the church continues to pray for a permanent place. WIN Frankfurt believes in the importance of youth in the Christian society for they could be the next generation of Christian leaders, so the church was grateful for the opportunity to send out two young participants to the Regional Youth Camp, which took place from August 13-18 in Ireland.





WIN IRELAND

The Church at WIN Ireland has just finished a very busy summer of activities. Apart from the successful regional youth camp held in August, they had thier Family Camp and DVBS

(Children's Bible School) events in the preceding summer months as well.

The Family Camp took place in July with over 50 families in attendance. Pastor Stefan Tiran was present to speak to the youth, Sis. Michelle Vallez to speak to the Singles and the church also welcomed a team from Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to minister to the children. The couple's seminars were split into six video sessions, with teaching, discussion and much more based on the Art of Marriage. The program was facilitated by Pastor Manny De Leon and included topics like "Overcoming Isolation", "Fulfilling Our Responsibilities", "Communication and Conflict", "Experiencing Real Intimacy" and "Leaving a Lasting Legacy". Campers also enjoyed the annual "Familympics" and Family Barbeque with lots of fun and fellowship. Praise God that some members were baptised also in the same weekend.

In August, a week before the WIN Europe Youth Camp, the Children's Vacation Bible School took place at the church worship centre in Chapelizod, Dublin. 105 children were in attendance and the event was enjoyed by all. Under the leadership of Pastor Marlon and Sis Agnes Almonte, with the assistance of Children's Ministry Head, Rebecca Lamb and her team, a fun and educational journey through time was undertaken via the teaching material, 'Babylon' based on Daniel's courage in captivity. The children stepped back in time to see what life was like when Daniel was captured and

taken to Babylon. They explored authentic traditions, tried new crafts and games, and learned from the example of Daniel, who stood firm in the midst of a faithless culture. They dressed in costumes, enjoyed specially selected music to fit the event, and most importantly, built strong relationships with other family members. The week concluded with a visit to Herbert Park and a special service led by the children on the Sunday.

A couple from the WIN Carrickmacross church, Arvi and Kelly Perez, celebrated their Wedding Day on Saturday 8th September. A wonderful day was had by all and God really blessed the day with lots of sunshine.

With the summer activities now behind them, the flock look forward to lots more this coming Autumn, and especially the church's 11th anniversary celebrations on October 7th.

The Mission's Department, headed up by Hugh and Deann Carleton, are leading church members in preparing shoe boxes packed with small toys and daily essentials such as toothpaste, soap and face cloths. They are hoping to send these shoe boxes ahead to the Philippines, so that they arrive just in time for Christmas to those kids who are less fortunate than those in Ireland.

WIN Ireland recently sent out two missionaries, Sis. Patricia Rivera and Sis. Deann Carleton, to WIN Cyprus for a three week period, in order to assist the church there and encourage them, as they await the appointment of a new Pastor for their country. They will teach and preach at services along with offering support in other ways. The Church in Ireland are blessed by the mission spirit of our sisters, and are already planning to follow up this initial visit with further missions trips in the coming months.



Pastor Marlon & Sis
Agnes with their son
Isaac



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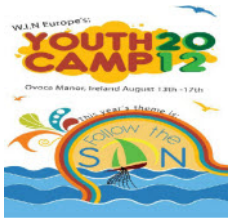


BABYLON 2012 goes to WIN Ireland





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In addition to these main sessions, Campers were also given the opportunity to be encouraged and equipped in roles of Leadership. And even for those who were not yet involved in such a way, Ptr Jong Duterte's talk '*Can God really Use Me?*' allowed even the youngest of campers to realize that they can have an active part in God's Kingdom. These talks allowed for us to understand that being a Christian doesn't stop at the point of encounter with Christ, but it is an ongoing journey and that there is a much bigger purpose for all our lives.

As in every Youth Camp, fun, laughter and games were definitely not in short supply. Activities ranged from morning exercises to team sports and even to zip lining. Campers were able to explore the surrounding forest within the grounds – a refreshing adventure especially for those who live in cities like Dubai. Each team was then able to showcase their performing and creative skills in the annual 'Talent Night'. They were requested to come up with a modern interpretation of a selection of Bible Stories. It turned out to be an exciting, an emotional and most of all, an encouraging night, as even in the midst of fun, the powerful message of each story was conveyed.

Once again, it has been another summer and another Youth Camp where God has revealed Himself to be true to the young people of this generation. He has truly given meaning to their lives and has called them to Know Him, to Follow Him and to Share Him.

To end, if you're a youth and you're reading this, I ask you to picture the Cross in your mind – the symbol of God's unconditional Love. Let the vertical line be a reminder for you to stay fully **connected** to Christ *first*. This includes seeking Him through the personal study of Scripture and prayer. Also, get involved in your Church community to be continually strengthened in your Faith through fellowship with other believers. Remember that you are not alone. Finally, let the horizontal line of the Cross encourage you to **reach out** to others- your classmates, your friends and even your families. Let your connection to Christ be reflected in the way you treat those around you, so that they may be drawn to the Love of the Father. This is our daily challenge, so let us take it on, trusting that He will give us everything we need to carry on this mission.

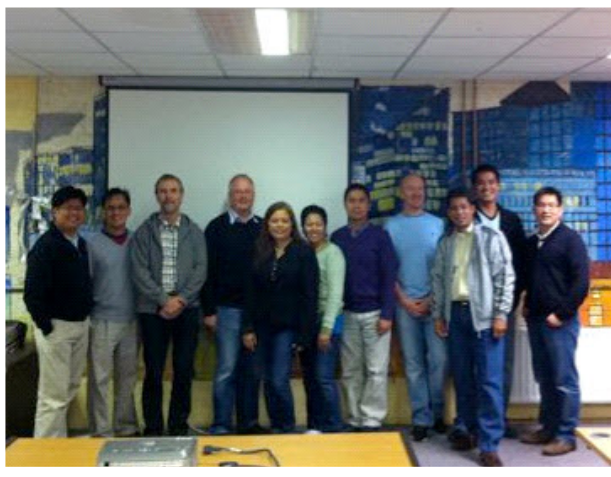
Let us all continue to Follow the Son and bring His Light and Love into the world that they may know Him too!

- Sarah Nepomuceno



**WIN (Word International Ministries)-
SCFS (Seaman's Christian Friend
Society)**

PARTNERSHIP



I can still recall when I was in Dubai, UAE in 1999 and heard about the Chaplaincy program of the church to develop ministers to equal the task of ministering to Seafarers, but all this had fallen out of the limelight since then. Until...

Last June 2012 we have set out once again, our vision on the horizon, to reach souls (Seafarers) for Christ through our partnership with SCFS.

I believe God had already this in mind when he allowed WIN churches to be planted in major port areas in Europe and even the world, so that in times like these, we may be able to rediscover another aspect of ministry that we need to consider developing once more: "The Ministries to Seafarers".

According to OFW news:

The Philippines is the leading supplier of maritime power. About 30% of the worlds' seafarers are Filipinos. They have been in high demand all over the world. In fact, Filipino seafarers are the world's most sought after seafarers to meet the shipping industry's growing need for maritime officers.

Let me give you some statistics from the Deutsche Seemann's Mission in 2010. There were 39,622 seafarers who came to Hamburg Port & out of these there were 17,053 Filipino's. These SF came from 114 different countries all over the world. Countries in which, maybe, the Gospel has never yet been preached!

In Barcelona alone, there are around 100 cruise ships that stop there, during high peak seasons. The largest port in Europe, Rotterdam, where our Church has been situated for the last 17 years, is a location where we could make a real impact.

There are several mission agencies in the world right now that focus more on the social aspect rather than the spiritual need of the Seafarers. Our partnership with SCFS will help us to reach out to these people who need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, while at the same time, help also to meet the social aspect of it, or to say it in another way, "balancing the need". In SCFS 160 years of existence, they have made many disciples (thru correspondence courses they developed), planted churches in Ships, and met the social needs of Seafarers for the glory of God.

The need is great, for the Seafarer's, just like us, are being tempted, away from the families for several months, danger in the seas, mistreatment from their employers & many more...

I believe we as a church can make a difference ministering to them.

At the moment in our region we already started strategizing and developing our plans to reach out for them. Ship visits, Bible study, Interactions had taken place. Coordinator, Teams, & Volunteers was formed in our Churches in The Netherlands, Barcelona, United Kingdom, Dublin Ireland, Germany and UAE churches were now on board this ministry.

Existing Men's ministries in our churches can be involved in every possible means of support that will arise in the years ahead of us.

We envisage, in the future, that we will have this ministry in place in WIN Churches in the Philippines, Asia Pacific, USA & Canada as well.

We request you to pray for us that God will guide, give us wisdom, equip more workers to rise up and remember the seafarers... you may know someone who you could connect to us.

Jesus is our Captain.
Joel Ciprez
Coordinator ,SF Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

**WIN GLOBAL PASTORS SUMMIT
2012**

**GPS 2012: Conference For Present
Day**

**Strategic Leadership
"Navigating Our
True North"**

**December 27-30, 2012
CCT, Tagaytay City,
Philippines**

**WIN EUROPE
REGIONAL FAMILY CAMP 2013**

**July 22-26, 2013
Barcelona , Spain**