

Reaching Out

Word International Ministries Europe Newsletter

LET GO':
FAITHFUL
HEROES OF THE
PAST, INSPIRING
FAITH FOR THE
FUTURE.

The Word International Ministries Regional Youth Camp was held on August 8-12th in Belsey Bridge Conference Centre in the scenic countryside of East Anglia, United Kingdom. The Campers, aged 13 – 24, hailed from all parts of the world, namely Greece, Spain, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and the United Arab Emirates. This year's theme was centered upon Paul's admonition to 'Let Go' of *"...everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles"* in order that Christ's Children may *"run with perseverance the race marked out for us"* (Hebrews 12:1). In order to make this declaration realistic to the Campers, they were grouped under the names of Christian Heroes of the past who completely surrendered their lives in Faith and in service to the Lord. These Heroes were Florence Nightingale, Martin Luther, George Muller, St. Patrick, William Tyndale and Ignatius of Loyola.

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WIN EUROPE EXPERIENCE ISRAEL

Our trip to Israel was the most enlightening and inspirational trip we have all experienced. In just one week, we gained a deeper insight of the real essence of visiting the Holy Land. It was a dream and seemingly far from being a possibility in the past and we thank God for paving the way for this trip to become a reality. Every minute was a learning experience and shall be cherished for the rest of our lives. We had great expectations of what we would experience and truly it exceeded them tremendously!

It was the first visit to Israel for most of us. We thank the WIN Israel Church for organizing such an event and making sure that every minute spent was both enjoyable and a learning experience that brought joy and renewal in our hearts. We joined in celebrating the 10th year anniversary of WIN Tel Aviv. To Pastor Allan Peralta, Pastor Estib Roxas and all the workers of WIN Israel; we would like to thank them all for their warm welcome and friendship and for joining us in our activities and evening services, in spite of their very busy work schedules. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them abundantly.

We visited places, prayed for each other, worshipped together and had fellowship together! We thank each and every delegate who came, as we were all refreshed and revived, ready to 're-spark' our relationship and commitment to God.

Pastor Manny De Leon mentioned in one of his preaching that the Israel tour may be considered a 'coming back' or 'moving on to a greater heights' experience. Indeed it is true. For some it meant revival and a reawakening, while for others it was coming in to a new term of more dedication and a stronger relationship with our God. It is significant, as it is, and as it will be, more meaningful when these renewed lives bring about the desired changes in each of their respective ministries.

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Happy to join in WIN YAY Camp



Group devotion during WIN YAY Camp



WIN greece and cyprus

WIN Greece and Cyprus really had a year of successes amid the many challenges they faced in 2011. A family retreat in October may be perceived as an exercise to strengthen the bonds of the members, but this one had a more profound effect than that, as misunderstandings and differences were also settled and reconciled, and God was glorified by it.

With so many of the congregation affected by the ongoing economic crisis in the country, the Church is in turn, affected by the same, but they are still managing, and God is further providing for them with a great encouragement in the form of the Young Adults/Youth Ministry, who are very active and sometimes even spearheading the activities of the church.

One of the long awaited events of the young people in WIN Athens was the WIN YAY Camp in the summer of 2011. After many prayers from the church for God's favour, the camp was successfully

held in August 26 to 28, 2011 at Cosmo Vision Center in Koropi. From the beginning of the preparation up to the last moment of it, God was involved all the way. He poured out blessings here and there, making a way for the YAY Camp. He opened the gates of heaven, mobilizing His people in the church to work hand-in-hand, preparing day-in and day-out. He even touched the hearts of people from other churches to extend a hand. With His mighty hands and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, everything happened according to His will and purpose. The Program consisted of teachings by church Pastors Edwin Cardenas and Madel Dones, along with sessions of Praise and Worship, Morning and Night Group Devotions, Individual Devotions, and games.

WIN Cyprus is being revived and their enthusiasm has returned knowing that someone is visiting them or at least someone is overseeing them. They really are in need of a pastor. There are presently two (2) existing outreaches namely: Larnaca and Limassol. WIN Larnaca Outreach is growing and there is a potential to become a church

Pastor Edwin Cardenas



Located at the rugged mountains between France & Spain, a small independent republic country called Andorra opened its ministry three years ago. WIN-Andorra is the latest church to join the Word International Ministries in the European region and last September, marked its 3rd anniversary, where they rented a bigger location to accommodate all the visitors and welcomed Pastor Joel Cipres from Germany as guest speaker. Not only is the church birthday celebrated, but also each members birthday is acknowledged with prayers and occasional gift presentations.

WIN Andorra also make time for family days on every 5th Sunday of the month, and spend it most notably in La Comella



Win -Andorra celebrated their 3rd year anniversary last September with Pastor Joel Cipres

picnic grove, a beautiful and popular outdoor relaxation area for Andorrans. Such activities have served to increase the bonds among the members of the Church.

The Church runs a wonderful outreach to its surrounding community by regularly doing home visits and

hospital visits to offer prayer and encouragement to those in need. Apart from this, strong links have also been fostered with the government organisers of the annual goods fairs like FIRA, where WIN Andorra members regularly perform for the fair attendees.

Pastor Nelson Fang-Ramos



The Church in Barcelona continued to be very active in its learning and outreach pursuits in 2011. Aside from hosting visiting Pastor's seminars as part of the WISL program, they also staged Holy Week Celebrations in April and DVBS in August.

The first seminar was conducted in March by Pastor Stefan with the lesson "Introducing the Old Testament" which stirred up the hearts of all those attending, to be more serious in the study of God's Word.

This was followed by Pastor Ching's seminar on "Spiritual Discipline" which was just as successful as the first seminar. The students on the day learned of how God wants His work to go forward and not backwards, and how a believer must be more sensitive to their

calling and more responsive to the Holy Spirit, by living holy lives through spiritual discipline.

The Church were also very thankful for all the servants who gave their time to the DVBS in August, where over a six day period, the children were taught basic spiritual principles on Jesus love. The ministry team focused on introducing them to Word of God, while also instilling the message of the great commission in them and helping each kid to discover gifts & talents they can use to glorify God.

In addition, the church celebrated 14 years in existence in July with the theme "God's Covenant" and welcomed a special appearance on the day from guest speaker, Pastor Rene Nepomuceno.

Eager to build relationships with each other, WIN Barcelona have set aside a family day on every fifth day of each month for its members to present songs and skits, as well as sharing food and games among other activities.



WISL STUDENTS



Kids Performing during DVBS last August at Win Barcelona

WIN Girona:

Girona is about 120 km outside Barcelona with about 25-30 Filipinos living in the area. Already 11 adults & 2 children are attending the Church. The distance from Barcelona is restrictive but they hope to have two visits from their overseeing Church per month in 2012 instead of the current one visit per month schedule.

WIN Tarragona:

The Church at Tarragona have been blessed with spiritual growth and increasing numbers in 2011, despite their comparatively small numbers and limited financial resources. Under the Guidance of Sis. Mercy Flores and Bro. Doods Sabado, the church is moving forward in its vision to reach men for Christ and they have established a discipleship training course twice a month.



WIN Tarragona Group Song

They are particularly thankful to God for Bro. Jerome and his music ministry.

In November, the congregation celebrated WIN Tarragona's anniversary with the theme "JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE" with the participation of brethren from WIN Andorra & WIN Barcelona. Approximately 130 people attended and,

amazingly, some visitors were unable to get inside because the location did not have the capacity to hold the numbers that turned up. They are believing for more growth and maybe a full time pastor in the future, but for now they are aiming to raise up 3 more dedicated workers.

Pastor Diosdado Sabado



WIN Germany

WIN Germany has completed a Period of transition in 2011. Last June, the three churches jointly held their Annual "Verein" meeting, a requirement of organisations within Germany's local authorities. The meeting was used as a platform to plan and address concerns, to move forward, and to appoint new personnel in vacant positions within the region. The transfer of Pastor Manny De Leon and family to Ireland gave way to the appointment of Pastor Rene Velasco and Family to Germany to continue the work of the ministry in the Frankfurt Church.

Elsewhere, at WIN-Göppingen, more workers are needed to share the workload with Pastor Holger, (who also has a full time job), and also in the area of Praise & Worship, as they continue to strive to meet their financial obligations. WIN-Hamburg continually thrives with some new people joining the fellowship, but the need to further its evangelism campaign remains yet to be realized.

WIN Frankfurt

With the departure of Pastor Manny De Leon to Ireland to serve as Pastor of WIN Ireland, the Frankfurt Church gladly greeted their new Pastor, Rene Velasco earlier in 2011.

There have been many activities and events since then. Most notable were the WINKids Camp in June, the Kinder Sommerfest am Niddatal in Hausen in August, and the Church History Seminar with Pastor Rene Nepomuceno in October.

The WINKids Camp theme was "PandaMania", and was such a huge success that WINK Ministry is planning for another WINK Camp next year. This is open to all children ages 3-12.

The Kinder Sommerfest was the first-ever Children's Summerfest, open not only to the church members but also to the whole community of Hausen. This was a joint project of WIN Frankfurt and the Siedlung Niddatal.

The Church History Seminar explored the beginnings of the early church, from the time of the death and resurrection of Jesus, right up to the times of the pre-reformation Popes. It was attended by 20 Church Members from WIN-Frankfurt, WIN-Hamburg and WIN-Münster.

The Church is currently reaching its youth and Kids through music, with the WINKids participating in Music lessons led by Sister Hedda Velasco. This will soon be followed by a project called "Musikstunden für die Jugend" (Music lessons for the Youth); an opportunity for all the youth in Frankfurt (Christian youth or unbelievers) who are interested in learning musical instruments like the Guitar, Drums and the Piano. Voice lessons are also included in this project, and they are faithfully praying and believing that those who want to improve their talents in musical instruments will also learn about the Word of God through the music that they will play or hear.

The coming year will have its challenges, especially now that WIN Frankfurt is currently looking to move to a new location. The rent and the "Nebenkosten" (additional charge in the rental fee) are too high and putting pressure on the Church funds. Apart from this, the current facility is too large to house the current congregation. The leaders are praying for an increase in their sponsors for Seeds of Hope and for more workers to be raised up to assist in the needs of the Church.

WIN GÖPPINGEN

WIN Göppingen conducted an ambitious project in 2011 titled "GOSPEL KONZERT ABEND 2011", a musical and evangelistic event held in July. The central aims of the event were to bring friends and others to Christ, to lift up and strengthen the church, and to worship God together. The concert was headed by an African brother of the church; a musician who has a desire to help the church. He collaborated on the day with a Filipino group from another church in the area as well as the WIN-Göppingen music team. The Church were surprised and delighted to have more German visitors than previously expected that night, and were glad that they were there to witness God's name being lifted up in praise, in His Word and in the fellowship of the Saints!

This event followed on from the "Gospel concert night 2010", which was held the previous year, and was also well attended by friends, and people from various cultures, including one Indonesian lady who became born again on the day, and is still a member of the church to this day.

WIN Hamburg

Hamburg celebrated the momentous occasion of their 5th Anniversary in 2011, accompanied by a simple and meaningful event for all its members. The Theme was "Reaching Out" and the different ministries rendered their special numbers expressing their love for the work of God. The children with their moms presented the song first, followed by the ladies showing their talents in dancing, before the young people spiced up the programme with their singing.



VEREIN MEETING LAST JUNE 2011



WIN Stade Celebrated their
3rd Year Anniversary

After the service the congregation was treated to a fat burning exercise "Rumba" where everyone had a hard time catching up with the guest instructor. In 2011 six people from among the flock were water baptized.

WIN Stade

WIN Stade outreach celebrated its 3rd Anniversary in 2011 with the theme "Growing Spiritually". Although the event began with much fun from a skit rendered by church members, the celebration suddenly swung to become a time of inspiring testimony; firstly from a guest, a Seaman from the Philippines, who shared about the life changing work of Christ in his life, and finally by the testimony of another attendee, a former lesbian, who spoke of how her life was totally changed because of the love of Jesus Christ. The Church at Stade are currently meeting at various locations, and are faithfully believing for a permanent place of fellowship in time.

WIN Münster

Win Münster also had their landmark first year anniversary as an outreach of WIN Frankfurt. The occasion was fully supported by two churches from the neighbouring city, as well as those committed brethren from Münster. The home of the Mertzdorf was turned into a mini chapel to accommodate over forty people. And the theme was Philippians 1:6 "He who began a good work in you"

Pastor Joel Ciprez



FAMILY DAY



WIN Netherlands didn't have a single quiet month in 2011, as they set about a busy year in January with the start of a new leadership team. In March, participants from Schiedam and Utrecht churches attended the Worship Institute's "Praise and Worship" Seminar in Delft, while Mothers Day and Fathers day celebrations and a children's outing in the Summer ensured an exciting time for all the family.

July was a particularly special month as all financial obligations of the church were settled, while the WISL had its first study at the same time. WISL courses continued on in August and September also and the Church was blessed with the provision of funds to buy new equipment in August. A new sound system was added to this in October.

WIN Netherlands celebrated its 16th anniversary in September by adding new churches in Kanaleneiland and Utrecht. November was a month of baptisms with three members even getting baptised in the Jordan as a large group from the Netherlands participated in the WIN Europe/ Mid-East pilgrimage to Israel.

The church are thankful for new members, existing members and leaders, and for the provisions for their needs and the needs of the missions.

Pastor Ching Lansang

WIN EU Biblical and Historical Visit To Israel

November 14-20, 2011

It had been a long-time dream for me and for so many others to visit the Holy Land. I thank God, this dream finally came true last November 14-20, when WIN-EU regional director Pastor Manny, with Pastor Allan and Pastor Estib of WIN-Israel, organized a one-week Biblical and Historical trip for 65 participants from our different churches in Europe.

We, the participants, from the WIN churches in Frankfurt, Hamburg, Goppingen in Germany, Ireland, Spain, the Netherlands, UK and WIN-Dubai, together with my sister Elsa and friends, stayed at the Seven Arches Hotel located at the Mount of Olives with its fantastic view overlooking the city of Jerusalem. A sumptuous buffet breakfast and dinner awaited everyone each day, and well-organized bus tours of the different historical and biblical places became the order of our travel days for three days. The reasonable cost of US \$450 included hotel accommodations for 6 nights and 7 days, with buffet breakfast and dinner, plus 3 days of bus tours, inclusive of all entrance costs to the various sites. In the evenings, we had times of worship, exhortations and ministering to brethren, and also fellowship which further strengthened the bonds among church members in Europe and with our brethren in WIN-Israel.

The Highlights

Monday, 14 November – Free day for all participants to go around and visit the Old City, the market, avail of the shops providing things we will need for our week-long stay there and visit to the money changers (better rates than the airport). Tip: all goods and services are quoted in shekels and US dollars. Lunch in an Arab restaurant and the turkey shoarma was really delicious. Friendly Arab waiters served us. Buying fruits near the bus station located near the Damascus Gate, with King Herod's Wall serving as backdrop. We are now starting to feel that we are walking in the streets where Jesus walked and lived. A hearty welcome for all participants from Pastor Manny and Pastor Allan started our first night of worship and fellowship in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, 15 November- Bus trip to the Sea of Galilee, Tabgha, River Jordan

Early breakfast and at 8:00 a.m. the bus and the 15-seater van are filled by excited and expectant visitors to the Holy Land. Our Christian Arab guide Bassam and Prof. Yusef Daher are with us on the bus while Savta, a 92-year-old American woman who speaks Filipino, is the guide in the van. As the bus traveled to Northern Israel /Palestine, Prof. Yusef opened with a "backgrounder", that followers of the Jewish, Christian and Islamic religions claim Jerusalem, the City of Peace, as the center of their own faith. He explained that theologians from these three faiths have expressed that "exclusivity" will not solve the problems of the City of Peace, but instead, it should be shared by all. The city is holy as much as God is in it, and when there is hatred and enmity, God is absent, he said. And with a background of the Judean hills to the left and right of us, and further away we could see the Mt. of Beatitudes, he said that every visitor to Israel is "on a pilgrimage and may each one have a holy encounter with God."

Pointing out the geography of the area of Northern Israel which borders with Jordan and Syria (site of the famous Six-Day War), we passed Beth-shean, part of the Decapolis (10 cities) and one of the well-preserved Roman cities, very rich in history and Bethsaida, the birthplace of St. Peter. We traveled towards Tiberius and the lake of Gennaseret (also called the Sea of Galilee or Tiberius Lake), where Jesus drove out an evil spirit and sent it into a herd of pigs. Our first stop was Capernaum, where Jesus healed the paralytic brought down from the roof by four friends. A chapel has been built around the house where this miracle happened. Beside this chapel, we saw the remains of a village and a temple which Jesus used to visit. A time of reflection took place under the old trees as Pastor Manny read from the Bible. Pilgrims start with the desire to purify their lives in Capernaum, according to Prof. Yusef.

We traveled on and then rode a motorized boat that took us around the Sea of Galilee. While on board, Pastor Allan led us in a time of worship and praying for one another, sharing on the storms of life that

we all go through, and how our faith in God can help us to overcome. Prof. Yusef also reminded us that our faith in God also enables us to love our enemies, especially in places of conflict like Israel.

We continued on to Tabgha where the Church of Multiplication stands in the place where the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes took place. This derives its name from Heptapegon "seven springs," where cold and warm waters meet. It is the place where the Mosaic of the fish and loaves can be found next to a large stone in the chapel.

Our day ended with our visit to the river Jordan, the southern tip of Galilee, where I, together with Bro. Rihard Pasaribu, baptized three members of WIN-Netherlands (Marco Schutter, Lynette Schutter and Susy Pasaribu). It was such a blessed experience for us -- and what a wonderful privilege to be in the same river where Jesus our Lord was baptized!

Wednesday 16 November – Walking through the Old City of Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre

Our day started with a visit to the garden where Jesus prayed the "Our Father". Inside this chapel building are found the written versions of the prayer in all the known languages of the world -- even in Tagalog/Filipino, Cebuano, Waray and Ilongo. We then walk down from the Mount of Olives, passing by the Garden of Gethsemane and after a period of meditation there, we pass through the Church of the Nations, located close by. We walk on to the Old Walled City, where you find the Muslim quarter, the Jewish quarter, the Armenian quarter and the Christian quarter.

We then walk the entire route of the Via Dolorosa where Jesus, bearing the cross, walked towards his death and crucifixion; the places marked for us to remember what He went through to save us. We visit the church of the Holy Sepulchre, commemorating the site of the crucifixion in Golgotha and the stone of anointing, where it is told that Joseph of Arimathea prepared Jesus' body for His burial.

WIN EU Biblical Visit.....

We visit the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place and also King David's tomb. At the end of the day, we go to the Wailing Wall, where we take time to pray by the wall, men on one side, the women on the other side.

Thursday 17 November – Bus trip to the Dead Sea; Qumran and Mt. Of Temptation

There is a 1 kilometer border between the West Bank and Jerusalem, with gates to get in and to go out; a sad reminder of the conflict in the City of Peace. We went out of Jerusalem and traveled through the Good Samaritan road, the areas where the Bedouins lived and moved about. Pastor Estib was our guide at the back of the bus. We see the sea level sign, 300 m. below sea level, as we go to our destination, the Dead Sea, where there are no living things. It's very salty and full of minerals. You will not drown there, as the waters makes you float. What an experience!

Five members of WIN -Hamburg (Rüdiger Schalk, Edna Windisch, Natividad Sales, Cherry Rose Pilapil, Mary Ann Leifering and Laarni Echivarre from WIN-Dubai) were baptized by Pastor Joel and Pastor Allan in the Dead Sea, witnessed by members from different churches in Europe, singing and worshipping the Lord for the blessed event that took place.

We go to Qumran, the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by shepherds in the caves there and walk through the former structures of a monastic community, giving us an idea of how they separated themselves from the world. Later, we passed through the hills of En Gedi where David hid and wrote some of his psalms.

A picnic was organized by the brethren from WIN-Israel led by Pastor Allan and Pastor Estib and Bro. Alex on our way to Jericho, the lowest place on earth. We took the time to go and see the Sycamore tree known as the tree which Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus. We go up the mountain by cable car to the Mount of Temptation and visited the top where the Greek Orthodox Monastery of the Temptation is located. This is the site said

to be the place where Jesus was tempted by the devil.

Going back to Jerusalem, we take the long, winding and steep Palestinian road (their very own road said our guide) going up to Bethlehem, singing Christmas carols as we pass the Shepherd's Field and see from afar the tower of the Church of the Nativity. A time of worship, exhortation and ministering to the needs of our brethren ended our fourth day in Jerusalem.

Friday 17 November – Bus trip to Western Wall Tunnel; Free train ride to Yad Vashem & Museums

Our last day in Jerusalem was spent visiting the tunnel under the Western Wall. A history of the Temple Mount was given to us by our guide before we went through the different passages in the tunnel. Each area gave us a better understanding of what happened here two thousand years ago. A part under the Western Wall was pointed out to be nearest to the site of the Holy of Holies, where Israelite women were praying and where we took time to pray too.

The tunnel goes out to the market area where we are led back to the entrance by our guide, escorted by an Israeli soldier, after going through this moving experience. After the Western Wall Tunnel experience, a choice of museums to visit is given to us (Yad Vashem/ the Holocaust Museum or the Bible Lands or Israel Museum). A group of seven, including myself, visited the Holocaust Museum, a must-see when you go to Israel.

As we left Yad Vashem, Pastor Allan took Pastor Rene Velasco and I to the city of David on top of the hill overlooking the city of Jerusalem and we saw the remaining part of Nehemiah's Wall. There on top of the City of David, we were led by the Spirit to pray for our churches in Europe to possess the lands where the Lord has brought us and for our churches in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv to prosper and be a blessing to all the peoples living in Israel.

Our last night in Jerusalem ended with our time of worship, exhortation, prayer and thanking those who served us at the hotel. Pastors from the region led by Pastor Manny closed this gathering with

prayers and encouragement for one another and gave thanks to God for His favor and grace for this visit and fellowship with our brethren in Israel.

Saturday 18 November -Visit to Bethlehem and WIN Tel-Aviv Anniversary

Saturday was a free day for all the participants and the group from WIN-Netherlands chose to visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. You enter the "door of humility" to get into the Church of the Nativity, and you immediately face the magnificent altar of the church. Going down the stairs, you find located below, a silver star which is said to mark the exact place where Mary gave birth to Jesus. We left Bethlehem and traveled to Tel-Aviv with grateful hearts that we had seen the birth-place of Jesus Christ.

We left Bethlehem and proceeded to Tel-Aviv. We are so thankful for Pastor Estib and Sis. Rose and for all our brethren there for taking good care of us at the center of WIN-Tel Aviv as we prepared for their 8th anniversary with its theme on the Ministry of Reconciliation. We worshipped the Lord, whose love for humanity is so great and who continues to long for people to know Him. He implores us to reconcile man back to God. A time of ministering in prayer for our brethren in Israel took place during the service. I shared and made the call for our members in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv to minister to peoples of all cultures, as we are God's appointed ministers of reconciliation, not only in Israel but in all the places where He has sent us.

As I look back to this faith-building experience from traveling through the different places in Israel, I am reminded of the location of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Church or Basilica of the Agony, a Roman Catholic church, built through numerous countries' donations and located on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, next to the Garden of Gethsemane. It enshrines a section of bedrock where Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest. (Mark 14:32-42). And this is my prayer; that we will continue to keep watch and pray that the peoples of the world, beginning in Israel, will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.



FAMILY CAMP AT JOHNSTOWN HOUSE IN
COUNTY MEATH, IRELAND



To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven and the past year has certainly been a year of change in Ireland. In January their beloved Pastor Vic Lopez, along with his beautiful wife Melissa and the two kids J.D. and Joshua left to pastor the WIN church in Silicon Valley, U.S.A. This was a time of sadness, and uncertainty for all, with many tears being shed. But sometimes, God's plans are not our plans, and even in times of sadness and difficulty, He is still in control. He knows what's best for each and every one of us.

With the new Pastor, Manny De Leon and family, not due to arrive until July, this left a big challenge for the church. However, they were not left to fend for themselves, and the great teaching and preaching from visiting pastors was much appreciated. A BIG THANKS, to Pastor Rene Nepumoceno, Pastor Stefan Tiran, Pastora Ching Langsang and of course, Pastor Manny De Leon. This was also a time of challenge for the leaders, to oversee the day to day running of the church, the on going building work etc. It was also a time when the leaders were challenged to enhance their gift of exhortation. Praise the LORD, all things work together for good, to those who love God, to those who are called according to

His purpose, and despite the challenges the church continued to grow.

On June the 12th, the Church participated in the Philippine Independence Day, and showed the love of Jesus by giving free tea, coffee, juice, and cookies to one and all. More importantly, gospel literature was given out and where possible, members took the opportunity to speak to others about our LORD Jesus Christ.

In July WIN Ireland had their annual family camp at Johnstown house in County Meath, with a guest speaker from Focus on the Family Ireland, Pastor Stephen Cardy. This was a truly blessed time of refreshing and relaxation, and of fun and fellowship for all, with four people accepting the LORD as their personal saviour, and a number of people going through the waters of baptism.

July also brought blessings of a different kind with the arrival of pastor Manny and Lily De Leon and their two beautiful girls Keziah and Hannah, on the 8th and 9th. Pastor soon had his hands to the plough and began ironing out any creases and moulding the Church into shape, and getting to grips with the things that needed doing.

In a busy July, a new outreach was started in county Cavan in the house of brother Dennis and sister Mildred Santillan, with three couples and up to five singles attending on a regular basis. Pastor Marlon Almonte and brother Jojo Geroche also took the first steps to establish an outreach in Cork, with separate visits to the house of brother Elmo and sister Diwata Gutierrez.

In August, six youth delegates, along with three leaders, and Pastor Manny went to the EU/ Mid-East youth camp in

the U.K. A new Y.A. ministry was established in 2011 also, meeting every Tuesday in the house of Pastor Manny.

In October, the church celebrated ten years of God's goodness, with the theme "Strengthening Our Grip. The only challenge on the day was where to put all the visitors, with the church packed to overflowing, coupled with a visit from the Philippines Ambassador Ariel Abadilla.

In November, a group of church members had the privilege of being part of the first official WIN Europe/ Mid-East pilgrimage to Israel. In the same month, a new ministry for men, Christ's Carpenters "Building Lives" was established.

The church in Ireland has a lot to be thankful for in 2011. Even though we go through changes and challenges, even though we go through time of sickness and grief, God is always there. He is walking by our side, watching our steps, guiding our way, and blessing us much more than we could possibly imagine. Let us continue to desire a closer walk with Him, let us keep on drawing nearer to Him, and let us continue to thank and praise Him for all the blessings He bestows on us, and let us continue to share all these blessings with others in need.

The church request other countries to pray for our Pastor Manny and his family as they continue to shepherd the church and adjust to life in Ireland, and also for the people who are sick within the church especially sister Marnie, and brother Nimrod.

Bro. Hugh Carleton

Israel Experience.....

The whole 5 day tour was packaged and arranged with all the places of interest included; many thanks to our brethren from Israel for all the planning and preparations. Among the many places we visited, once of particular significance, like Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the Mount of Olives, the Western Wall, the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, King David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper, Qumran and Jericho. The journey was undoubtedly very enriching because as we went to these places we were reminded of how God showed His abundant and steadfast love; that in all the stories from these places, He never failed to show the He is the God of Heaven and Earth and that He is the Holy One.

A number of delegates decided to have their water baptism in such significant places as the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee. We thank God for their obedience, for their response of renewing their lives and fully dedicating it to the Lord.

We were so thankful to have our devotions every night. It was truly a blessing that we were able to reflect on God's Word and share His goodness. The evening services brought about renewal. We were just as refreshed by many of the

delegates who accepted a challenge to recommit to God. Some shared their testimonies of how God worked in their lives and as we listened, there was gladness and satisfaction in our hearts that indeed, God gives unconditional love. Moreover, we were a witness to some delegates who received Jesus Christ as their Savior. This truly showed the power of God, and that it was not an accident that we were all there; that there was a purpose only known to Him.

Pastor Holger Roeder mentioned in one of his encouragements, while looking on all the different tombs in the Mount of Olives, that the sight of these tombs didn't bring about feelings of sadness in him, but rather happiness, because he knows that there is one empty tomb that we should all be glad about. And on the other hand, as he was looking on all those who were praying at the western wall (or Wailing Wall), he felt sad because they don't realize that God is alive and risen.

This trip is not the end for us... but only the beginning. There is still so much to learn, to do and to share. It is more of a renewal of our commitment, and our prayer is that God will continue to guide us in His care as we continue to walk in the journey with Him. We are so blessed to have had this opportunity. It was good to see the place where it all

started... but what is important is that we are all reminded that it is not in those buildings, not in the structures, nor in the stones, but God is alive, that He is the same God yesterday, today and forever. Our God, who gives us everlasting love.

Maridez Abalos

WIN EU Biblical Visit.....

We not only visit places, we visit people and come to know who they are and how they live. Our many thanks go to Pastor Allan and Sis. Melody, to Pastor Estib and Sis. Rose, to Bro. Alex and Sis. Gloria, and to our WIN family in Israel. The Lord bless and establish the work of your hands in Israel and may our God provide the 15-seater van that you are praying for. To God be the glory, great things he has done!

Note: A video of this historical and biblical trip to Israel is being prepared and all proceeds from the sale of this will go to the Seeds of Hope ministry. It is the desire of WIN-Europe to organize yearly visits to Israel for all the members of WORD International Ministries worldwide which is also open to their families and friends. If you are interested to visit Israel in the future, please contact Pastor Manny de Leon or Pastor Ching Lansang.

Pastor Ching Lansang



Delegates on tour and also relaxing with the brethren in Israel

Let Go.....

The first evening saw host youth ministries WIN London and Kent present skits that put the Camp's objective into focus, with a short and insightful exhortation by Bro. Chris Ordanza. For the following days, Campers had sessions on *Decision Making* by Ptr Stefan Tiran, *Life Inventory* by Ptr Rene Nepomuceno, *Self Reflection* by Adrian Smith of London School of Theology and *A Life Focused on Christ* by Ptr. Manny De Leon. Each meeting allowed Campers to re-asses their journeys of life so far, evaluating the habits and past experiences that may be hindering them from pressing on with their walk with God. Sessions were all Bible-based and also gave practical perspectives in approaching situations – positive or negative – with an understanding of God's will. There was also a time for forgiveness and reconciliation as members were given letters from their parents and had the chance to respond. Each team was then challenged to know more about their respective pioneer and present a creative skit during the traditional *'Talent Night'*. Later on, a number of Campers mentioned that this exercise allowed them to grasp how God can change even the lowliest of people into men and women of purpose. The Camp's culmination was the *'Revival Night'*, an evening of thanksgiving, praise and worship for all that had transpired during the week. It was the time for coming before the Lord, to lay down and 'let go' of all that stood in the way of pursuing Him whole-heartedly.

To end, here are some extracts from testimonials given by the Campers:

Patrick Malanog, 22, WIN KENT, UK: "I didn't want to be the same person I was before camp. I didn't want to have the same mind set and principles in life. I want to start living for Him and not for the world. I realized that I have faithful friends, brothers and sisters in Christ that's been there for me ever since. I don't need to look for temporary friends because God has blessed me with wonderful people already."

Joshua Dale, 15, WIN AL-Ain, UAE: "I don't really cry much. I'm kind of a happy person really. But, when the family writing started, I wasn't really expecting much from it. I was shocked to hear that my parents wrote a letter from me. After reading the letter, I suddenly cried and just wanna let it out. In the revival night, I was revived spiritually."

Mary-Ann Adaba, 22, WIN Barcelona, SPAIN: "YoCa 2011 has really opened my eyes in many things. I was renewed & changed. And after the camp I have firmly decided not to be a fool like a dog who returns to its own vomit. I will not go back where I had been. But live a life set apart for God, pleasing Him & bringing Him glory. Right now, I'm focusing on Him and to the ministry, to the work He has set for me."

We thank the Almighty God for all that He instilled in the hearts of the next generation at this Camp, and if you're a youth reading this, we look forward to meeting you and many more for what He has in store for next summer!

By Sarah Nepomuceno.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**WIN EUROPE
PASTORS' 'MEETING'**
March 30-31, 2012
Frankfurt Germany

**WIN EUROPE
MISSION &
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING**
April 2-7, 2012
Frankfurt Germany

**WIN EUROPE &
MIDDLE EAST YOUNG
ADULT CONFERENCE**
June 12-16, 2012
Frankfurt Germany

**WIN EUROPE
REGIONAL YOUTH
CAMP**
August 13-18, 2012
Co. Wicklow, Ireland

**SUMMIT 2012
GPS 2012: Conference For
Present Day
Strategic Leadership
"Navigating Our
True North"**
December 27-30, 2012
Caliraya, Quezon,
Philippines