

Reaching Out

Word International Ministries Europe Newsletter

Win EUROPE mission and LEADERSHIP Training Launched



Jesus tells his disciples in Matthew 9:37 that "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". These words are just as true today, and not only are the workers few, but the workers are often unequipped to tackle the mounting pressures of today's culture. The rise of Islam, secularism and New Atheism make being a leader in the Church very challenging and sometimes leaders are falling short in their efforts to strengthen the Body of Christ.

The youth in particular are falling victim. We're finding that there just isn't enough resources to

match the hunger that we have to serve God and expand His Kingdom - we may desire to plant Churches in other countries, but there just isn't enough workers; we may desire to reach out to Muslims, Hindus and other cultures, but we lack the confidence; we may desire to become fully developed Biblical leaders, but we just don't understand how!



During the first week of April, in Frankfurt, the first WIN European Mission and Leadership Training was launched to prepare and equip the leaders of the Church for what the future holds. Pastors and leaders gathered from all over the region for five days of teachings that covered Theology, Biblical Interpretation, World Missions, Leadership and Personal Formation. Our teachers were of an excellent calibre from all over the region - Pastor Rene Nepomuceno, Pastor Stefan Tiran, Pastora Ching Lansang, Pastor Figy John, Sis Liza Lansang, Pastor Manny De Leon, Pastor Philip Curva and Pastor Rene Valasco. WIN is truly blessed to have the teachers that we have. The lessons were very informative and challenging, giving the delegates a stronger grip on advanced concepts and also clarifying basic concepts that are often overlooked. The format of the training was very interactive and discussion based. Leaders and Pastors had the opportunity to discuss and reflect on issues as a team - a rare occurrence that I, personally, was privileged to witness. Many leaders and Pastors also had the chance to ask questions rather than always be the ones to answer them all! I found the experience extremely humbling and empowering at the same time.

Chris Ordanza





January 27-28 WORKER'S RETREAT

"Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b

WIN-Netherlands began the year 2012 with a Worker's Retreat which had the theme, "Give God All the Glory"; it was held in "De Berghut", a retreat center-surrounded by a farm in Noorden, last-Jan. 27-28. For two days, church workers from Schiedam and Utrecht spent time learning and fellowshiping with one another. Group games to know each other better were interspersed with the teachings. Parents were assigned alternately to take care of the children and teams prepared our food, which, as usual with Filipinos, was sumptuous. "Learning to Listen to God", taught by Sis. Ching Lansang, and a time of praise & worship and prayer and In-filling of the Holy Spirit, marked the first day of the retreat. The following day Sis. Ching taught on "Hearing and Obedience" and Bro. Rihard Pasaribu taught on "Praise and Worship", stressing the importance of the worker's personal lifestyle of

worship unto God. At the end of the day, Sis. Susie van Kralingen shared on how we, as Christians, build our community life. Refreshed by the Holy Spirit and enriched by the time together, everyone left energized for the year of ministry ahead of us. After the goodbyes, all our workers are again looking forward to our next retreat. Glory to God!

February 18 IN MINISTRY MEETING

Our men in ministry led by Bro. Leo Koekoek have decided that for this year, the Men in Ministry will meet every other month. The meetings will take place in different homes. In this meeting held at Bro. Alex Veenman's home, two youths were present, Rijk van Oostenbrugge and Anthony Veenman. The two were asked by the men to share their personal experiences in the church and make suggestions on what can interest the youth to make them more involved in the church. Suggestions given were presented to the leadership team for action.

March 18 – WATER BAPTISM SERVICE IN LUNETTEN

Two weeks before the Water Baptism-service, members were given the opportunity to be part of an orientation

on the meaning of Water Baptism and why we baptized in water. Three members of our church responded and were prepared for this special day, which was held in the garden of the Baanbreker School in Lunetten. Our service began with Praise and Worship and a short preaching on Water Baptism. As the collections were taken, the candidates put on their baptism gowns for the day and were brought out to the garden led by the congregation as the P&W team sung. Sis. Doris Alfafara, Sis. Fely Mae Geli and Bro. Alex Veenman, each in turn, gave their testimony on who Jesus is to them before they were led into the pool and baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit with their confession that Jesus is their Lord and Savior. The baptisms were conducted by Sis. Ching, assisted by Bro. Rihard. After the three baptisms, we had communion and then the newly baptized members received their certificates of baptism together with a white rose each, as one by one the whole congregation went to Sis. Doris, Sis. Mae and Bro. Alex and warmly congratulated them on this blessed and important day in their lives. #

Pastor Ching Lansang



Sis. Fely Mae Geli, Sis. Doris Alfafara and Bro. Alex Veenman (left to right) before the water baptism service.





WIN GERMANY



TEAM SPIRIT

WIN Hamburg

At WIN Hamburg, we have prayed for and planned to have a tool for evangelism to equip the church to share the Gospel in our community. Last year we had the privilege of one of our couples (Regie & Cherry) attending a seminar on Evangelism conducted by Evangelism Explosion Philippines, while they were on vacation in the Philippines. As a result, on the 3rd March 2012, we launched the XEE program in the church, to equip our church brethren to share the GOSPEL. This is a 13 lesson program; a step by step approach to guide those who don't know how to share the Gospel. It teaches how to connect with the person through guided questions and how to incorporate your testimony into the conversation. A typical example questions is like...



GROUP DISCUSSION

"On a scale of 1-10 how fulfilling you say your life is ? The training is delivered after our Sunday Worship service. Please continue to pray for the success of this training. As the scripture says" The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Matt 9:37(NIV).

Pastor Joel Ciprez

If you stood before God and He were to ask you,

Why should I let you into my heaven?

what would you say?



Participants watching the teaching video





Andorra

From the very beginning of 2012, WIN Andorra has been engaged in a "variety of activities to call everyone to be in dialogue with GOD, to live together as Christians, as people with joys and sorrows, as we are being called to build a future in which our personal and spiritual lives are to be strengthened."

Starting with a New Year's Day celebration with plenty of culinary delights, fun games and good company, the highlight of the first quarter of 2012 was the coming together of many friends and family from various churches to join with Bro. Willy and Sis. Flor as they celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Throughout 2012, the stage will be handed over to the young people on every 4th Sunday of the month, to participate in the praise and worship and get their voices heard, as they take their first steps in ministering and in leading church activities.

Pastor Nelson Ramos



WIN Andorra Youth



Game and fun



New year celebration



WIN IRELAND

carrickmacross



WIN Carrickmacross, the youngest church in the region, announced its arrival with a bang as it not only participated in the town's St Patrick's Day Parade, but also entertained onlookers with a wonderful display of music and dance. The congregation, along with others from the WIN Ireland family, took this excellent opportunity to evangelise the local population, sharing gospel tracts, candy and chocolate treats with the crowd, who had lined the streets to watch them perform. Carrickmacross is a town situated about 100km north of Dublin and about 25km inland from the Irish Sea.

Bro . Neil Gallagher



Christ's Carpenters WIN Ireland Men's Ministry

'We are the men of God called to lead our family, serve the church and to reach out to our fellow men'

In recognition of the call to serve God and the community in one spirit, a gathering of men took place last November 2011, where a decision was taken to formally establish the long awaited men's ministry of WIN Ireland—the Christ's Carpenters. Under the guidance of our Sr. Pastor Manny de Leon, a core group was appointed among the members to lead the ministry namely: Bros. Mandy, Sunday, Alex, Denis, Howard, Eugene and Butch.

With the men's ministry in place, our 1st General Assembly dubbed as 'Breakfast Saturday' was held at our WIN centre Dublin on the 14th January 2012, the event started with a mini-jog around Phoenix park and then back to the centre for a film showing of the movie, 'Courageous'. The film eventually inspired us men to hold a special short ceremony to formally present our 'Resolution' to our Wives & Families.

The month of March saw two successful activities held by the ministry; Mother's day lunch sponsorship and the Cavan outreach/retreat which yielded an overwhelming attendance of 40 men. During the month of April, the 'Carpenters', as they are now commonly known, have started a clean-up drive in our WIN centre Dublin, which will hopefully be part of the ministry's a quarterly commitments. The Seamen's ministry seminar, men's basketball & men's 'camping out' fellowship are among the activities lined up for the next couple of months.

As part of our fundraising initiatives, we started our haircut & carwash ministries, to assist in funding our current & future projects and activities.
To God be the Glory.

Bro Eugene Isip



A Father's covenant to his God and family

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCFS TRAINING & FEASIBILITY SEMINAR
June 12-15, 2012
Dublin Ireland

WIN EUROPE REGIONAL YOUTH CAMP
August 13-17, 2012
Co. Wicklow, Ireland

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



Christ's Carpenter Retreat in Cavan