

Reaching Out

Word International Ministries Europe Newsletter

Celebrating God's Goodness and Faithfulness

WIN-Netherland ushered in the month of joy and festivities with two blessed events: the marriage renewal of Pastora Ching and Bro. Bani Lansang on December 1 and the installation of the WIN-NL pastoral staff on December 2.

Marriage Renewal

Officiated by WIN Director for Europe Pastor Manny de Leon, Pastora Ching and Bro. Bani celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows in a festive and well-attended ceremony at the Pniel Kerk in Utrecht. With the enthusiastic support of the WIN-NL family, all the things needed for the renewal ceremony, reception and program were prepared in the two weeks prior to the event.



"We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19) was the theme when Bro. Bani and Sis. Ching renewed their marriage vows before those that were present. Praise and thanksgiving songs for God's goodness were lifted up to the Lord by our P&W teams from Schiedam and Utrecht during the church ceremony, which



Lansang Family

ended with the song "Thank You Lord." Special song and dance numbers were also offered during the program and reception. A video presentation of some highlights in the couple's four decades together was shown, while church members and guests dined and savored the sumptuous buffet and delicious wedding cake provided by our international congregation. To God be all the glory and honor for His goodness and faithfulness to the Lansang family and to all the families in WIN-NL.





"Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever. (2 Cor. 4: 16-18)*

"Never give up" That is Paul's message in this passage to the Corinthian church. It was important to Paul that the Corinthians understand the hardships he endured in order to faithfully share the gospel with them. Although his trials were seemingly overwhelming at times, **yet he looked to God for his strength.** Paul used examples from his own life to model hope for those who were going through trials in their own lives.

During the past six month from August to December this year 2012 , the church in Spain; Barcelona, Tarragona and Andorra has been blessed by the Lord in many areas of life; in spite of uncertainty in the government and economy, God's grace is sufficient for all our needs. He never disappoints those who really trust in Him.

Last September 29, 2012 , the church in Barcelona was joined together with WIN Andorra in celebrating the goodness of God for their fourth year anniversary with the theme "God's Plan For our Lives" Jer. 29:11 and Pastor Doods was given the privilege to share the Word of God. It was a very successful celebration, with more than 120 people attending the celebration including FILAND(Filipino association, Guardians) and also the Philippine Hon. Consul "Hans Peter Holbach" who give a short inspirational speech concerning his belief in God. They believe that the Word of God they heard will not return void, like a seed planted in their hearts that in God's perfect time will grow and bear fruit. Also, it was a good time of

refreshing for them as brothers & sisters in the Lord, strengthening one another.

Philippians 2:1-2 says, 1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and sympathetic? 2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose.

Truly our common love for Christ should cause us to love one another, and as all the believers are united by the same Spirit in times of fellowship, they become sensitive to others' needs or feelings and desire to help alleviate them. Such concern for one another unifies us as the body of Christ.

On October 24, 2012, once again , WIN Barcelona was given the opportunity to witness of Christ's love by joining KALIPi activities. The youth of WIN Barcelona were given the privilege of presenting a song with a powerful evangelistic message. More than 500 people attended the said activities, including Barcelona City Mayor, a former Senador and many other Barcelona municipal officials, and they all witnessed the beautiful presentation of the youth. The leaders believe that evangelism will be done outside the church, beyond the highway, and so in this simple way we represent God. *"Matthew 28:19-20 ... He commanded us to go out to share the Gospel, to witness " testify" about the goodness of God."*

The church in Spain thank God for the visit of Pastor Manny De Leon on October 19th. It was a great blessing for all, as his message challenged members to become faithful in the small things as well as the big things. As a result, many brethren responded and acknowledged their responsibility to be part of the mission.

November, 11, 2012 , WIN Tarragona celebrated their 12 year anniversary with a theme " Great is thy Faithfulness." Pastor Doods was given the privilege to preach and it was a very successful celebration. WIN Andorra & WIN Barcelona joining together celebrating the faithfulness of God. For 12 years , God's love never failed. The church remained steadfast in spite of various schemes and attacks by the enemy to discourage the brethren. What God opened no one could be able to shut.



From L-R: Fr. Sapida , Mr. Trias (Barcelona Mayor), Mr. Ernesto Colon (former Senator) and Pastor Sabado



WIN Tarragona 12th Anniversary



WIN Barcelona Children



PAPURING HANDOG CONCERT

WIN BARCELONA

Last December 9, a revival was experienced among the youth, as a great challenge for WIN youth, “Papuring Handog” MINI -Live Concert was launched. It was a very successful concert held in Monserrat Ateneu Theater. Other youth from other secular and spiritual organizations were invited to join in special participation, to challenge them. This is how the youth are motivated to exercise their God-given talents and gifts, especially in singing & praising the Lord. Also Rev. Fr. Avelino Sapida was invited to give a word of encouragement. Many had been surprised by our guest, because it is uncommon for a catholic priest to joined an evangelical celebration like this. His message really touched people’s hearts, as he was very open in his sharing of the Word of God. In Barcelona, through their friendship, the barrier between Catholic and Evangelical churches has been torn down and now love is being practiced between both as both support such activities, just as Jesus commanded, that we should love our neighbor and love one another.

The church is thankful for all the prayers and support they have received, and are looking forward for more spiritual fruits manifested and to shine like a star and be a guiding light to the people who are walking in darkness. To God be the Glory.

Pastor Doods Sabado



WIN Netherlands



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Three New Members Installed into Pastoral Staff

The next day, Sunday, was a very special day for the WIN-NL family because three workers of the church answered the call to become Certified Ministers of Word International Ministries. They are Bro. Rihard Pasaribu, Bro. Nico aan den Toorn and Sis. Liza G. F. Lansang. During the service, Pastor Manny de Leon, assisted by Pastora Ching Lansang and Pastora Susie Van Kralingen, led the installation ceremony and prayed for the three as the new members of the WIN-NL Pastoral Staff who will be involved in preaching, teaching, praying and guiding the church (with its two congregations in Utrecht and Schiedam) in carrying out the vision and mission of God with the help of all members, workers, and ministry heads.

To love the Lord truly and to desire to serve Him through the local church is a noble commitment. Let us lift them up in prayer and support them as they have submitted and committed to the call of God upon their lives. Our encouragement to them is to “Be diligent to present yourself as one approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15) To Bro. Rihard, Bro. Nico and Sis. Liza, know the truth and be doers of the truth as you preach and teach and live the Word of God. #





WIN IRELAND

The Cyprus Report

by : Patricia Rivera

Cavan & Cork Outreach

Last year, after a request from Brother Dennis Santillan, WIN Ireland established it's second outreach in Cavan town. There are four regular families who attend, with others attending from time to time. They meet every Saturday for bible and fellowship, with leaders traveling from Dublin to facilitate. On December 22 they had their Christmas service.

After a few attempts in the past, this year finally saw the establishment of a regular outreach in Cork, in the house of Brother Elmo Gutierrez . Initially, they were only able to meet once a month. But from September they have been meeting every Saturday, again with leaders traveling from Dublin to facilitate.

There is great potential in both these areas, so with this in mind, there is much to be excited about in the year 2013. There is a plan to start Sunday worship service once per month. Please pray for these services and the families as they reach out to their friends, families and neighbors with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Cork Outreach

It was early summer when I was approached by Pastor Manny De Leon to ask me if I could go visit our church in Cyprus where our brethren, or should I say, sisters in the Lord needed some encouragement. It was already September before I was able to get away from work. So off I went.

What I found there was rather more of an encouragement to myself.

I have not met previously any of the core leaders in the church and yet I was welcomed among them like a family member.

It is such a joy to see them thriving under the leadership of Sis Marta Fernando, Sis Geraldine Ariate, and Sis Ched Ocampo, together with a core of leaders, they have kept the fire burning in the spirit of our brethren there. Despite being busy all week with work commitments, they find joy and strength in coming together every weekend preparing for Sunday Worship Service.

Everything in the Sanctuary, from the stage, lighting, audio, video, wiring including curtains and other decorations were all set up by women. (I couldn't resist adding this bit!)

There are 3 churches in Cyprus, of which Nicosia is considered as the main church, with 2 Outreaches in Larnaca and Lemesos. There are 2 Bible studies during weekdays and possibly a third already started. All the workers are women, with little or no training, but with a strong will to serve in the Kingdom. They come with whatever gifts and talent God has given them and use these to minister to one another.

One of them said 'I only know what the Lord is teaching me. And all I have to do is tell others about it.'



Sis. Patricia Rivera (2nd row at the centre)
with WIN Cyprus brethren



Care Group Meeting with Sis Deann Carleton
(at very left) from Ireland



WIN Cyprus Main Church



Women Decorating the Stage

We were housed in the church premises together with 3 sisters, who brought back memories to me that had been made dim by complacency and an easy life. One sister prayed and sang well into the night and woke us again early in the morning. It was strange at first, but when I realized what it was, I was convicted deep in my heart – reminded of when I first met the Lord. It is easy for us to forget why we have been ‘saved’. It is easy to become comfortable with the thought that *‘I am already serving in the church’ ‘I am faithfully giving’ ‘As much as I can, I follow what the Bible teaches’* or whatever reason we like to believe.

The church is not without its problems but it was the longing that they have for someone to lead them that really struck me. Although they were functioning as a body, they are looking for a ‘head’, a shepherd to

guide them. It is instinct that is guiding them. But I believe it is the sovereign grace of God that has sustained our sisters and they have continued to work together as a body, despite not having a resident Pastor even up to the present.

I would like to thank:

Our sisters and brother in WIN-Cyprus for sharing their life with me.

The Leaders and Pastors of WIN- Ireland.

To everyone who supported our trip to Cyprus through your prayers and giving – may the Lord bountifully bless you all.

And thank you Lord for being with me and giving the assurance that you are the Living God. All glory and honour belong to you.



WIN BARCELONA SEAMEN MINISTRY

In September 2012, Pastor Doods started to commit himself to the vision of reaching seafarers. He thanks God for Rev. Fr. Avelino Sapida (Catholic Priest in Barcelona) who was instrumental in connecting the church to the seaman's club (ICMA Stella Maris). He was given the privilege of going in and out of the Barcelona port every Friday. It was a great experience for Pastor Doods to minister to our 'kababayan' seamen who were home-sick. Through the church presence among them, and through some spiritual encouragement, they were strengthened and given the courage to continue their journey. One time when they shared God's Word and prayer with the seamen, they were so blessed that you could see their eyes welling up with tears of hope and joy. One co-worker testified what she felt after the prayer saying "I felt strange... there is like electric power touched me!" She added that she felt "different than ever before!" Other brethren were also able to go into the port, like Bro. Frank and Bro. Edwin, who witnessed the work done in the port & testified of the great challenge and joy of serving the lord in this way. The keys to this successful venture were: the establishing of a relationship with Stella Maris, the sharing of their faith and purpose, their faithfulness in their time and commitment, and their gifts of spiritual pamphlets for the Seamen to read while at sea. At the same time they offered phone cards and free rides to bring them out to the city and bring them back to the ship afterwards.

The Church all thank God for this great privilege to become a channel of God's word to others.

Bro. Doods Sabado

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear beloved brethren, it is with great joy and gladness of heart that we invite you to come and join us in 2013 Joint Europe and Middle East Conference - Barcelona Spain to be held on July 30 to August 2, 2013. The theme for next year is May we be Worthy! - With Scriptural Reference from Revelation 5:9-10.

The objectives of the convention are the following:

1. To re-cast to the directions and programs established during the GPS 2012.
2. To strengthen the unity of the churches in both regions through a time of worship, prayer, learning and fellowship.
3. To evangelize.
4. To further consolidate our efforts in the different ministries - Youth, YA, Couples, Children, Mission and SOH.
5. Affirmation and encouragement of all pastors and workers.

Our regional connections through these conferences aim to promote strong and unyielding relationships. With this, we likewise desire to discover ways to expand our influence and honour God.

The Logistics Team for 2013 Barcelona Convention would like to inform you that the registration is now open. Please contact your Pastors and Leaders regarding online registration.

We hope that you'll mark your calendar and make plans to join us for the conference.

Thank you very much

God Bless you all

Logistics Team