

WE'RE CELEBRATING 20 YEARS ON MISSION

It's hard to believe we packed our bags 20 years ago – April 1, 1998 – got on a plane to Paris and began this journey!

We're amazed at the ministry opportunities the Lord has given us over the years:

- Serving as worship pastor of churches in Brussels and Paris.
- Founding the European Worship Institute and organizing 50-something events in 11 countries.
- Traveling with the French worship band EXO to 9 countries in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean
- And so many more opportunities

If you've prayed for us and supported us financially, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are grateful for your partnership!

In our newsletters over the next year, we'll be sharing more stories, memories and photos we've collected over the past 20 years. We hope you enjoy reminiscing with us and celebrating what God has done!

Jeff and Kathy Slaughter



ABOUT US

Our names are Jeff and Kathy Slaughter. We've been on the European mission field since 1998, serving as worship pastor of two churches: Brussels Christian Center and The Bridge in Paris; trained worship teams in Belgium, The Netherlands, France, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Turkey, Kosovo and Indonesia through our organization, The European Worship Institute; and worked on the admin teams of the Fellow-

ship of European International Churches and the Global International Church Network. Our newest conference, 'Spark!' is a conference to train digital media communicators in the church

Our ministry is financially supported by churches, friends and family through our 501c3 sending organization, Cornerstone International.



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Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying a blessed life.

With this newsletter, we're giving you a report and photo collage of our spring activities and a look ahead at what's coming up for summer.

Thanks for taking a few minutes to catch up with us!

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MEET SOME OF OUR FRIENDS

In our ministry newsletters, I usually hit the high points of what's happened and what's about to happen. That usually consists of event names, event locations, organizing churches and a bit of news about each event.

But as I was writing this newsletter, I realized that I don't write enough about some of the people that I've met on my journeys and how we've impacted each other. And I think that's important.

So I promise to do more of that in the future. After all, the reason we're there is for the people – not the event!

I'll start now, sharing a few stories and photos with you about a few of the people with whom I've crossed paths.

Meet Cendrine Bomboko

Cendrine was a part of the Christian Center worship team for many years while I served as worship pastor. She served as a vocalist and sang many solos and duets in our Christmas and Easter programs. Celine had cancer and went to be with the Lord last October while I was in Belgium. I was privileged to lead worship at her wake the night before the funeral. Such a poignant moment for me to honor this dear friend who served so well for so long.



Meet Jonathan, Celine and Daniel

Jonathan and Celine attended Immerse Worship Camp last year. Both have precious hearts and beautiful voices, so I asked them to sing a duet at the Christian Center Christmas program I directed in December. I was blown away by their presentation. It was stunning! Daniel, who was in my piano class at iYouth Camp last year, accompanied them.



Meet Two Refugee Couples

Two Ukrainian refugee couples attended our ConVerge Andalucia in Spain. There wasn't time to hear their entire story but I do know they left Ukraine due to unsafe conditions between their country and Russia. They ate lunch with us during Converge... and what a blessing see the smiles on their faces and the joy of the Lord in their hearts.



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A LOOK BACK

This spring I had meetings in Belgium to plan fall training events and then took the European Worship Institute on the road to Portugal and Spain, touching 130 students through training events and another 250 folks during church services.

It takes a village to make these events happen! Much appreciation goes to:

- Jim Young, worship pastor of Cornerstone Church, Jackson, Mississippi who led our guest teaching team from the USA.
- Our host churches: Riverside International Church in Cascais, Portugal; All Nations Church, El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain; and The Wave Church, Marbella, Spain.
- Angela Greenwood, our Spain EWI coordinator who organized the events in El Puerto and Marbella.

Here's a photo collage of our spring activities...

Fifty-four participants gathered from 11 churches across southern Portugal for ConVerge Portugal, our second in the city of Cascais at Riverside International Church.



Some 30 worship team members from six churches attended Focus Marbella, our first training event at 'The Wave Church' in the seaside town of Marbella, Spain.



Fifty worship leaders from nine churches attended our fifth ConVerge in Spain, this one organized by All Nations Church in El Puerto de Santa Maria and held at a neighboring church in Jerez de la Frontera.



I was excited to have some time with my friend and graphic designer Tiago Braga and his wife, Mana, while in Portugal. Tiago grew up in Brussels and currently lives in Lisbon, Portugal. He has designed logos, newsletters, posters and other graphic projects for us for the past 8 years. I'm so thankful to have him on the team!

While in Brussels, I met with my Spark Conference team: (left to right): Tom Wart, Benjamin Cailleau and Jean-Christophe Cailleau. We've decided on our theme, our keynote speaker and are fine-tuning workshop topics for our next Spark Conference in Belgium, set for October 13.



Also in Brussels, I met with Daniel Costanza, Christian Center interim pastor and founder of 'Hope for Wallonie', to discuss our third ConVerge Wallonia to be held in the southeastern Belgian city of Liege October 27. Daniel and 'Hope for Wallonie' are also partnering with us to promote Immerse Worship Camp to the French-language churches in Belgium.

A LOOK AHEAD

This summer, I'll spend several weeks serving in Italy and Belgium. Here's how that is looking...



I'll be with Life Church Milan three weeks this summer, as Pastors Josh and Becca Jones return to the USA on a brief itineration tour. So looking forward to being back with this new church plant located in the vibrant and historic city of Milan.

There's a lot of behind-the-scenes work going on in preparation for our second Immerse Worship Camp in Belgium this summer. We've been working on our theme, content and schedule as well as recruiting our teaching team.



This year, our teaching team comes from the United States, Europe and Australia and consists of:

- Robert, Donna and Andrew Marshall; and Scott and Hazel Graves, all from Salt Lake City, Utah;
- David and Angie Ebensberger, of Cincinnati, Ohio (former worship pastors of Lifepoint Church in Brussels);
- Jim and Anne Mills of Creative Arts Europe, Belgium;
- Zach Lowrie, of Dallas (former worship pastor of Brussels Christian Center);
- Angela Greenwood, Spanish coordinator of the European Worship Institute;
- Nicholas Blasband, Allyster Taubeneck and Samuel Rabbat, of Belgium;
- A creative team from Operation Mobilisation in Brussels, led by Matt Swanton of Australia;
- Three translators: Jonathan Saporito, Annayiz Goutier and Benjamin Cailleau, all from Belgium.



Focus Tubize: Just before iYouth Camp, we're organizing a Focus Session for a national Belgian church in Tubize. A few members of the iYouth team are coming early to help with this event.



Excited to return to iYouth Camp for the third year to serve on the teaching team. This year, the camp is in southern Belgium and will host students from Belgium, Germany, Austria and Italy.