

## FORTY STUDENTS ATTEND IMMERSE 2019

Forty students and a volunteer staff of 20 teachers attended Immerse 2019, our third worship training camp.

Held at Continental Theological Seminary west of Brussels, students enjoyed 12-hour days of teaching, worship, fellowship, breakouts and workshops.

Our teaching team came from churches in Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma and Nashville as well as from churches and ministries in Belgium and Spain.

We kicked off each morning with worship and devotions followed by breakouts on a variety of topics including songwriting, music theory, discipleship, and worship/intercession. After lunch, our EWI Spain coordinator Angela Greenwood led us in group activities and taking personality profile tests. Workshops for all instruments, vocals and sound were followed by a group workshop we call, 'Putting in Together'.

Evenings consisted of extended times of worship, a message on our theme, 'Hallelujah Here Below!' followed by a time of refreshments, fellowship and live music at 'Immerse Cafe' in the courtyard.

Robert and Donna Marshall, of Streams in the Wasteland Christian Ministries in Salt Lake City, Utah have served as camp pastors the past two years.

"One of the most important things any generation of the Church can do for the next generation is to identify, equip and release a new generation of leaders," says Robert. "The Immerse Worship Camp experiences we have had with Jeff have been excellent examples of intentionally pouring into and equipping, not only current worship leaders, but also the next generation of worship



leaders for taking the gospel to Europe through the gifts of worship. Thank you Jeff for allowing us to be a part of this excellent ministry. We look forward to continued support of your ministry and want to help this effort to prepare God's people in Europe to better share His message with the new 'Dark Continent.'"

Flemish worship leader Tesley Adams, said, "I didn't know what to expect but it was really great. I learned a lot. I would like to come back next year with others from my worship team so they can experience it too."

French youth worship leader Jonathan Alfred said, "One of the things I really love at Immerse is the teaching. The two years I attended Immerse I found the teaching awesome and rich. And though the conference concerns worship with a musical approach, I feel like Immerse goes beyond that. To me it's a lesson about worshipping creatively through not only music but also art in general or any other talent."

We're excited about the growth of Immerse this year and the potential for the future.

And we've already started promoting the date for next year: July 2-4, 2020!

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# iYOUTH CAMP: PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION TO REACH EUROPE

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Some 100 youth from Belgium, Germany and Italy attended the 19th iYouth Camp in Pracht, Germany.

We love this camp for many reasons, but one of the most personal is that all three of our children attended during their teenage years.



Our friends, Donnelle Johnson, Donnetta Hunter and Paul and Lori Travers organize and direct this camp, which has touched international youth since the year 2000 when it was founded by Chad and Dargan Phillips, former youth pastors of Brussels Christian Center.

"For almost two decades, iYouth Ministries has equipped European young people in their calling and talents," says Donnelle. "We pray that as God pours out His Spirit in the last days, that the youth of Europe will impact their generation."

iYouth Camp features times of prayer, worship, devotions, small groups, classes, fine arts workshops, games, group activities, evening services and more.

I (Jeff) have taught at the camp since 2015. This year, I taught a class on 'Creativity' and co-taught worship choir workshops.

## WHY GOD CREATED CHOCOLATE

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Antonella Costanza, children's pastor at Brussels Christian Center, invited me to teach a Vacation Bible School class on chocolate in July. Although I've taught chocolate workshops for kids before, it took some thought – and prayer – to add a spiritual component to the mix.

That spiritual lesson centered on three reasons why God gave the world chocolate. And just in case you're wondering, those reasons are:

#1: God gave us chocolate to enjoy. (Aren't we thankful?)

#2: God gave us chocolate for our health. Chocolate is one of the most powerful anti-oxidant foods known to man.

#3: God gave us chocolate for the economic benefit of those who live near the equator, the only geographic region in the world where the cacao tree can grow.

After sharing some fun facts about chocolate, I passed out sample cups so the kids could taste compare between American and Belgian chocolate.

Not sure why but I think that was their favorite part of the class!



# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

## AN INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR CHRIS MARTIN OF MORROCCO

*In 2011, I sent an email to international church pastors across Europe about a worship training event I was organizing.*

*I received a response from Pastor Chris Martin in Morocco saying, "We really need help with our sound. I wish we could have a workshop for that!"*

*I wrote Chris back and said, "You can have that and everything else we offer!"*

*That simple exchange launched a relationship with Pastor Chris and Carol Martin, resulting in four training events held in Morocco – one each in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2019 in the cities of Casablanca and Tangiers. We have loved serving the church in Morocco and hope to return for a Spark Digital Media conference as well as our fifth ConVerge Morocco.*

*I wanted you to know more about the church in Morocco and what Pastor Chris and Carol do. Here's a brief interview I conducted with Pastor Chris.*

### **Jeff: Tell me about yourselves, how long you've been in Morocco and a little about your journey there.**

Pastor Chris: We serve as the international church pastor for three international churches; one each in Casablanca, Tangiers and Marrakech. Our churches are for the international population of Morocco which is quite large in major cities. We have many Asians, Africans, Americans, Europeans and others.

We accepted the pastorate at Casablanca International Protestant Church in 2004 where about 20 folks were attending. We quickly had a revival and saw many come to the Lord each Sunday. The church grew to 200 in just ten months. In 2010 we launched Tangiers International Protestant Church and it has grown to about 120. We launched Marrakech International Protestant Church about three or four years ago and are seeing about 60-80 attend each Sunday.

### **Jeff: Describe the spiritual climate of Morocco and how the international church is effective in this climate.**

Pastor Chris: Morocco is a Muslim country, but they believe in freedom of religion. So the church exists without any interference from the government or people in general.

### **Jeff: What would the American church be surprised to know about Morocco?**

Pastor Chris: In the year 1777, Morocco was the first nation to recognize the USA as an independent country. The country is still good friends with the USA and in recent times has worked closely with USA military in the fight against terrorism.

### **Jeff: How has ConVerge supported your ministry over the past 7 years?**

Pastor Chris: We love having the ConVerge team in Morocco. The folks leading our international church worship teams are not able to travel to the west and are not exposed to a lot of training. So having the ConVerge team come to Morocco really helps fill that need to take our teams to new levels.



### **Jeff: How can my supporters and friends pray for you guys?**

Pastor Chris: We have a big need for pastors. Three of our pastors have left Morocco this year and though we have a few on the way, there is more ministry to do.

- Please pray for us to receive more pastors to work in international church ministry in Morocco.
- Also, please pray for our church to be healthy and strong and for our people to be light in this nation.

### **Jeff: Can you think of anything else they should know about your ministry and/or Morocco?**

Pastor Chris: The opportunity for good spiritual work in Morocco is great but the workers are few. "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

## GO WITH ME IN 2020

Ever wondered what it would be like to go to Europe with me and visit historic sites, learn about the culture, my ministry and serve at one of my events?

With our new Go With Me On Tour & On Mission, now you can! I'm currently taking reservations for the following 2020 trips:



You can find more information about each trip on our web-site at: [www.elevateeurope.com](http://www.elevateeurope.com) or you can email me at: [JeffKathyS@hotmail.com](mailto:JeffKathyS@hotmail.com)

I hope you can go with me!

## COMING UP: 2019-2020

We have at least 13 missions projects we're working on in eight different nations the rest of 2019 and into 2020.

Here is what we have scheduled so far:

**CONVERGE GERMANY**  
**CONVERGE AMSTERDAM**  
**CONVERGE MILAN**  
**CONVERGE PORTUGAL**  
**CONVERGE SPAIN**  
**IMMERSE 2020**  
**IYOUTH CAMP 2020**  
**FEIC SUMMIT, SPAIN**  
**GICN SUMMIT, INDONESIA**  
**CJEM YOUTH CONFERENCE, BELGIUM**  
**GO WITH ME WINTER 2020**  
**GO WITH ME SUMMER 2020**  
**GO WITH ME AUTUMN 2020**

Thanks for your prayers and for standing with us!



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