



WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

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Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christian Endeavour !

The strong will prevail. That is uppermost in the minds of many today. As Christians our strength is in the Lord our God. Francis Clark, our founder, in the CE Covenant stressed the need to „trust the Lord Jesus Christ for strength“. It is only as we trust Him that we are given the strength to fulfil the next part: „I promise Him to do whatever He would have me do“. In trusting Him we are given the strength to live out our Christian life. May you know the strength of the living God in your daily life.

George Campbell - Vice-President WCEU (Europe)

News from the WCEU

World's Convention 2010

On July 11th a small committee of three visited the proposed site for the next World's Convention.

It was found that the Lancaster Bible College in the South East of Pennsylvania will be a fitting place to hold that convention. To

make best use of resources Pennsylvania CE will combine its Summer Assembly 2010 with the

World's Convention. The gathering is from July 11th to

15th. The WCEU Board of Trustees will meet on July 9th, the WCEU Council on July 10th.

(See last page for more details)

News from National Unions Africa

CE Leaders Meeting

A meeting for West African CE Leaders will be held in Accra, Ghana from October 15th to 17th. Andreas A. Rudolph (WCEU) will be there to get to know the West African Endeavourers and discuss with them the future of CE in that area.

Sierra Leone

The secretary of CE in Sierra Leone, Philip Johnson, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 5th. Philip suffered from diabetes and needed regularly insulin. As Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world there was no way for him to buy

the insulin. Therefore the CE Union of the Netherlands started around 1990 an Insulin Fund. Members contributed to provide the insulin. This fund supported his insulin needs until his death few weeks ago. It was always a miracle how the money arrived safely in Sierra Leone, through times of turmoil and war.

Philip was originally employed with Youth for Christ, and as a volunteer he was CE secretary in Sierra Leone. His life has been rather turbulent. Once he lost his house during a heavy storm, He suffered many times from various infectious diseases and during the civil war in Sierra Leone he had to evacuate his family to the neighbouring country Guinea. Philip himself stayed at his post during that war, but his house was attacked by rebels and three times he was threatened with guns at his head to say his last prayers. However, he survived and he showed God's Mercy after the war by working in a camp for traumatized kid-soldiers, to bring them the gospel.

(From a report by Dr. Jelle Kaastra, President CE Union Netherlands)

Americas and Caribbean

United States

Texas CE announces a new website. Look at: texaschr.com.

From July 13 – 18 it was again Summer Assembly in Pennsylvania. About 140 teenagers met in the DeSales University, Center Valley, PA. 'Trash to Treasure' was the main theme presented by Billy Dunn.

Mexico

Mario Pech Ojeda, 'Esforzador' from the Yucatan peninsula visited Christians in Havana, Cuba (First Baptist Church). He set a good example. Make it a point on your travels to meet endeavourers or Christians especially in those countries where believers are few and in difficult situations.



Mario (l.) and a Cuban friend

Guatemala

CE in Guatemala (UNEC), Youth of the Iglesia Evangelica Nacional Presbiteriana de Guatemala elected end of June a new board (Junta Directiva). Moderador (President) is Milton Garcia, Rosario Pelicó the Vice-President. Secretaries are Henry Ramírez and Eddy Colop (eddycolop@gmail.com) Treasurer is José Juan Siliézar.

Consejero, which is an advisory position, is Pastor José León Lemus V. from Guatemala City.

Asia

India

Prosecution against Christians in Orissa has started again on Saturday, August 23rd. Many Churches and houses in Kandhamal district and adjacent districts have been burnt and people are burnt and beaten up inhumanly. One nun has been gang raped and children of an orphanage have been attacked. This is being done by the Hindu fundamentalist group Vishwa Hindu Parishad. In Kandhamal district, we have 200 active C.E. Societies. Village people and our C.E. members are suffering and hiding themselves in jungles. Last December our Christian brothers and sisters were the victims of these atrocities and again after eight months, they are suffering a lot.

I request you to kindly pray for peace and harmony in Orissa.

Report by trustee Rev. Sahu

Kerala convention

The South India CE Union held a convention at Munnar, Kerala on August 9th and 10th, 2008. The theme of the convention was 'Fruits of the Spirit'. About 40 persons participated and enjoyed the fellowship despite cold and rainy weather.

Japan

The Japanese CE Union awards every year scholarships to two excellent students of theology. This year Miss Masae Chida, of the Tokyo Union Theological Seminary and Mr. Hideo Ogino, a student of the Rural Mission Human Rights were chosen.

Myanmar (Burma)

As per constitution Saw Nee Doo Htoo could not be reelected as General Secretary of the Karen

Baptist CE Union in Myanmar after three terms of 3 years each. His successor is Saw Moo Ler, who was the Assistant Secretary before. New Assistant Secretary is Saw Eh Keller.



Saw Moo Ler (front) and Saw Eh Keller (r.) on a visiting trip in the cyclone area

KBCEU staff is now caring in various ways for the people affected by the cyclone Nargis.

KBCEU office staff and CE secretaries went to the Nargis area and help them as we can.

Reaching a village, we contacted the leaders and collected data about their village. Then we distributed our gifts (beans, potatoes, onions, garlic, noodles, cooking oil and we also gave bibles, hymn books, guitars, CE Topic books and pastor's handbook for the church). We took time for worship and encouraged them psychologically and spiritually. If we spent the night there we showed a video to entertain the villagers. We traveled with a ship and had all our food in the boat with us. We cooked and ate in the boat. We had also a medical team with us which treated 455 patients during our trip from July 1st to 13th. from a report by Saw Eh Keller

The Karen-Endeavourers asked the WCEU for assistance to be better equipped helping the victims of the cyclone. The WCEU Board agreed to call for donations towards a light truck that will help them to distribute

goods, food and building material. WCEU has sent USD 18 000, money that is given or promised. But altogether they need USD 20 000. Please help us to find the USD 2 000, that they still need.

Light Truck for Myanmar



Help CE in Myanmar caring for victims of the cyclone Nargis !

You can send your donation to your National Union or to the WCEU.

Europe (www.cceurope.eu)

Since 1927 there was no European CE Convention. But in July this year 160 young people from Ireland, Scotland, the Netherlands, Germany Hungary, Croatia, Romania and the Ukraine met in Piliscsaba near Budapest, Hungary, to get a vision for CE in Europe.

They had the opportunity to learn about the hope and struggle of the young generation in other countries and see how God is building his kingdom in Europe. Workshops and other activities provided ideas for local youth ministry. The daily bible studies explained aspects of the CE principles. Speakers came from the participating unions talking in Hungarian or English with direct translation in the other language. Already planning was a great experience for the international convention team and strengthened personal relations which laid a good foundation for future cooperation. About 20% of the participants were on their way to or from missionary activities in the area.



Rudolf Westerheide, Gen. Secretary of the German CE, pointed out: "It is easy to start new projects, but the real challenge is to carry through to successful completion."

Obviously we can expect another Connect Europe in not too far future.

CE people

Bishop Samson M. Bolo, Vice President of Liberia CE Union, passed away in the third week of May, 2008.

Who is ... ?

Here will be found in future a brief information about the officers and trustees of the WCEU. We would like you to become more familiar with CE leaders and know who is behind the names. In this issue:

George Campbell,
WCEU Vicepresident for Europe

Born
1934 in
Paisley,
Scotland,
he got
involved
with CE
as a boy.
He had
been
working



in the Printing business before he was called into Mission work (Scottish Secretary of Africa Evangelical Fellowship). He was Scottish CE General Secretary for 11 years then moved to England to take up the post of National Organiser of the British CE Union in 1984, serving there for 15 years. Since 1990 he is a Vice-president of the WCEU.

George is married to Fay. He is known for his talent to tell stories, often with british - sorry, scottish – humor, to conduct choirs and as convention organizer (he did several).

CE-Volunteers

England, Germany, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Romania and USA are countries, where

opportunities are offered for volunteers to gain cross-cultural experience while serving in projects run by CE Unions or institutions close to them. WCEU trustee Dr. Thomas Kröck, Germany, informs about the WCEU international exchange program for volunteers:

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A volunteer in these programs is usually expected to pay for his travel and health insurance and will get free customary accommodation, food and maybe a pocket money from the hosting institution.

Finances

We thank God who provided sufficient funds for the work of the WCEU in the past year. However, the national CE Unions who are members of the WCEU, did not too much to sustain their international body financially. The more grateful we are to the unions who put in their share, and to all individuals who support the WCEU regularly.

Pray for ...

* the matters you read about in this newsletter.

* the persecuted sisters and brothers in Orissa, India

* the leaders of the local societies who need patience, strength and guidance from our Lord Jesus Christ for their ministry.

* the leaders in all the national unions for an inspiring vision and sound plans for the future of their unions.

* our sisters and brothers in Myanmar who were affected by the cyclone.

* unity in various national unions among their leaders
* and do not forget to praise God for all the blessings he gave through Christian Endeavor activities worldwide.

Next Board Meetings,

Conventions . . .

Please notify your events to the WCEU if you want them to be listed here.

2008

August 21.-23

Convention of the Japanese CE Union in Oshino village.

Sept.16.-30.

A. Rudolph traveling in Europe

Sept. 17.-20.

WCEU Board of Trustees and Finance Committee meeting in Northern Ireland in conjunction with the

Sept. 19.-20.

94th Irish CE Convention 2008 at Carnmoney. Theme: "Work in progress"; Speaker: Rev Paul Blackham

Sept. 27.-28.

"EChT' Youth conference of the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavor

Sept. 28.-29.

Convention of the Romanian CE in Tirgu Mures, Transsilvania

Oct.13.- Nov. 10

A. Rudolph traveling in West Africa

Oct. 15.-17.

CE Leaders Meeting in Accra, Ghana

Nov.

CE Convention on Renell Island, Solomon Islands

2009

July, 29.- Aug. 3.: Convencion Nacional UNDEC, Arequipa, Peru

2010

July 11th to 15th - 26th World's CE Convention in Lancaster, PA, U.S.A.

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