

WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters, My Fellow Endeavourers,

Today we find ourselves completely surrounded with disasters in various forms: The hurricanes in the Pacific and the Caribbean, the flooding in India and North America, the earthquake in Peru and the list goes on. Theologians would marvel at the "why" because we serve a benevolent God. The prayers are numerous for assistance. But in praying for my fellow-man, I notice that I am wearing an extra coat, there are two sacks of flour in the cupboard and I have a bank account. I wonder if the answer to my prayer is and has been with me all along. I wonder if assistance from the heavens is really my lending a hand to those who are in need.

Rev. Faataape Lavatai, President WCEU

Americas and Caribbean

WCEU secretary A. Rudolph visited recently the three biggest CE Unions in Latin America.

1. In the last days of July the Peruvian Endeavourers celebrated 100 years CE in Peru in Lima, Huancayo, Cuzco and Puno. CE came with a Scottish Endeavourer, "Juan" Ritchie, in the Andes. He founded the Independent Evangelical Church of Peru (IEP) and CE as part of it. The IEP has about 2000 churches and most of them have a CE group, which are organized in UNDEC, the Peruvian national CE Union. The estimated 15 000 members are below 30 years of age. Church leaders see the Peruvian CE presently in a crisis. They miss the missionary zeal which has been there earlier. Measures are being discussed to rekindle the fire.

2. In Guatemala the National CE Union (UNEC) is part of the Presbyterian Church. The very young leaders (around 25 years of age it is time to go!) are supported and guided by Youth-pastors. The Presbyterian Church in the USA sends regularly Volunteers who are also involved in the CE activities. I met cheerful, enthusiastic young men and women with keen interest about what is going on in the Christian Endeavor world. Presently UNEC is aiming at organizing all youth ministry of their church in CE. The smaller half of the church districts has not yet CE. There are CE groups also in the Assemblies of God church, but not affiliated with UNEC.

3. Every 3 years the Mexican CE (UNSEC) has its Convencion Nacional. This year they met in the first days of August in Oaxaca. Convention Theme was: "animate, esfuérzate y manos a la obra ..." (1.Cor.28:20). About 150 endeavourers mainly from Southern Mexico participated in workshops, rallies and bible studies, celebrated with sightseeing-tours, music, dances and excellent food and worked hard and very disciplined in five business sessions through a considerable agenda. A new board and all responsible people for the numerous services of UNSEC were elected. President for the next three years is Gustavo A. Perez Pineda, who was Vice-President for the last three years. Main speaker was Alex Chiang from Peru. UNSEC works within the Presbyterian Church and has 670 societies and 7 800 members. The age limit is 30 years. Only in Yucatan some little older people are accepted and active. There are two other churches in Mexico, who have CE, but are not affiliated with UNSEC.

Earthquake and Hurricane

While I write this Newsletter, Mexican Endeavourers have to endure the Hurricane Dean and Peruvian Endeavourers try to organize help for the about 20 churches and CE's who are affected by the earthquake in the area south of Lima. Some church members lost their houses but obviously nobody from CE and IEP lost his life. Presently it is not clear, what damage the hurricane has done and how we can help there. Communication may be possible only next week again according to E.C.zona-maya. However, anybody who would like to support the Mexican and/or Peruvian Endeavourers in their efforts to rebuild and help may send a check to the World's Union or get into contact with me to find a way for your support. Please tell others about this opportunity.

Asia

The North East India C.E. Union will celebrate their Platinum Jubilee with their XXX Biennial Convention during 18th - 21st October 2007. Theme: Celebrate and Consecrate (2.Chron.30:3). About 5 000 participants are expected to gather at the Kyrdem Presbyterian Church, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya

Australia and Pacific Islands

The Quadrennial **Regional Convention** for the Australian and Pacific Islands Region will be held in Nuku'Alofa the capital of Tonga. From 21st to 24th March 2008 (Easter) the program will be in The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga. It will be managed by the Youth Directors, Rev 'I kani Tolu and Rev Sione Saafi in conjunction with the CE Regional Vice President, Mrs Joyce Spicer from Australia. They invite Christian Endeavourers from this Region to plan to attend. The Tongans are keen to show us their country and share in fellowship and worship of God through this time that we can meet together.

Visiting speakers who have been invited are Rev Andreas Rudolph, WCEU Secretary/Director of Operations, and Rev. Fred Nile, Australian CE Vice President and NSW State Politician and leader of the Christian Democratic Party in Australia.

Please request further information and Registration details from Joyce Spicer, 76a Carlisle Street, Shoalwater, Western Australia 6076 (joycespicer@iinet.net.au , Phone 61 8 9527 4140). Other contacts: Rev Sione K. Saafi (skiteau_saaafi@yahoo.com.au), Rev 'I kani Tolu (ikaniyolu.fwc@gmail.com).

Europe

(see also: www.cееurope.eu)

More evangelistic rallies with young people in Germany! After some years with little interest by local societies to reach out through bigger public meetings, now more groups hold such meetings. The German National Union alone was asked to help running 40 weeks for youth, leave alone the weeks run by the 17 State Unions. The presently young generation is ready to work hard for outreach projects.

CE people

Mr. **Yong Kee Paik**, died June 20th. He was active in the Korean CE and many years Vice-president of the Worlds Union for Asia.

Rev. Dr. **T. Dayanandan Francis** from Tamil Nadu, India, formerly Gen. Sec. of the Christian Literature Society (CLS) went to be with the Lord on 9th June at his Vellore residence. He was for many years traveling secretary of the Indian CE and advisor for CE in India from 2002-2005.

Mr. **Joel S. Delvis** died July 9th from a heart attack in Pune, Maharashtra, India. He was President of the India CE Union and Vice-president of the WCEU from 1978 -1986.

CE-Volunteers

A new WCEU-activity will be an **international exchange program for volunteers**. Young people can gain cross-cultural experience while serving with CE unions or societies, the WCEU or CE related churches or institutions. Dr. Thomas Kröck, Germany will be responsible for this project (thomas.kroeck@ec-jugend.de). A volunteer in this program is 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.

CE-Materials

Especially smaller CE Unions ask frequently whether WCEU can provide them with materials for working with youth. The WCEU-one-man-office cannot meet everybody's need. But there are programs, bible lessons and the like developed by other Unions. Please let me know, what you can offer to others. WCEU will compile a list with a short description of the items and from which National Union it can be obtained. Those who look for material can get the list from the WCEU-office. And once we have arrived fully in the electronic realm, the list should be available online. As for now I wait for what you have to offer.

Financial matters

This is to remind every Endeavorer, that the number of faithful sponsors in the United States, who financed the World's Union for many decades has considerably declined since the number of CE societies has become very small. Whosoever wants a World's Union is requested to help funding it.

Pray for ...

- * the victims of the earthquake in Peru and the Hurricane in the Caribbean Sea and Mexico. Pray also for those who try to help.
- * the young African Unions and a leader among them who could become Vice-President for Africa
- * the members of the Board of Trustees and their meeting in September
- * the needs of the WCEU and the Lords guidance in all decisions to be made
- * the young generation of our days, that they may hear and follow the Lords call

Next Board Meetings, Conventions . . .

2007

- Sept. 14.-16. - WCEU- Board of Trustees meets in Western Pennsylvania, USA
- Sept. 21.-22. - 93. Irish CE Convention, Newtownards, "In Christ alone"
- Oct. 12.-14. - Regional CE-Conference on Solomon Islands (Rennel Isl.)
- Oct. 18.-23. - National Convention of Korean CE
- Oct. 18.-21. - Platinum Jubilee and XXX Biennial Convention North East India C.E. Union

2008

- March 21.-24. Regional conference for Australia and Pacific on Tonga
- July 24.-27. Connect Europe, the Christian Endeavour Youth Conference 2008 for Europe, aiming at potential and active young leaders from the CE movement and beyond
- October National Convention of CE in India in Bangalore (days not yet fixed)

2010

26th World's CE Convention in the U.S.A.

News welcome

You missed news from your union? Just let me know your dates, events, happenings.....

Wanted . . .

We will be very happy about volunteers for WCEU - webmaster and other PR jobs!

Andreas. A. Rudolph

For a smile

'Perhaps the biggest 'problem' of growing up in CE is that it has made it **hard to say 'NO' when asked to serve in some way.**'

Gerald Bunce (Deacon, Treasurer, B.B.Captain, etc. at Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay)

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