

WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

February 2008

Thus it will be seen that this movement originated in an hour of practical necessity and to meet a felt need; and it has been, we think, from the beginning, a humble, tentative, flexible effort to train young Christians for usefulness and service in the church of God. ... It has not been claimed that this is the only way or the best way to train young Christians; only that it is one way which has received some signal marks of the Divine approval.”

Francis E. Clark on the CE movement

Africa

Dr. Adeosun, a CE leader from Nigeria, requests 'kindest assistance' for the following projects:

1. EVANGELISM TOOLS: Projectors, Christian Films, Literatures/Tracts.
2. TEACHING MATERIALS for our Pre-Schools, Elementary/High Schools and Bible College. These schools are seeking affiliation or adoption.
3. VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE: We intend to build a multi-purpose Training Centre for this project (\$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00). The Centre will serve the youths in West Africa and other parts of Africa. We need help in the areas of Technology, Machinery/Equipment, and Funding. Because many youths who cannot afford to pay for school fees are jobless, and due to it, the youths have turned to nuisance. Government institutions, are available and cheaper than private institutions but still too expensive for our youths.
4. AGRICULTURE or, HOSPITAL PROJECT will also create job opportunities for our youths. We need partners for all these projects. Interested members may contact Dr. Adeosun at nigceu@hotmail.com

Gambia CE wrote: All our youths were very much excited about WCE news letter. We are going to have our monthly ALL NITE PRAYER the last Friday of Feb, and the youths are always happy about it. We are planning another youth camp in April because the youth demanded it. Please pray for that.

Americas and Caribbean

The Mexican CE s on the Yucatan Peninsula held their 'campamiento invierno' in the first days of February. They have this retreat since 5 years during the days of carnival.

Since February 2nd the Mexicans have a new website online: www.esfuerzocristiano.org.mx

Asia

The Armenian Christian Endeavor Union of Syria and Lebanon can be found in Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Since everybody can write in this encyclopedia all other National Unions are encouraged to follow their example,

From CE in Orissa, India, we got news, that December 24th and 25th (2007), many churches, Christian institutions and houses of Christians were attacked and burnt by fundamentalist group in Kandhamal district. They could not celebrate Christmas in their churches. There are strong C.E.societies. Many C.E. members are homeless and still taking shelter in jungles. For many days nobody was allowed to visit these areas. On January 13th Orissa State C.E.Union leaders went to some of these places with some financial help. We are trying our best to raise funds to support our endeavours during this time of difficulties. If you like to help, contact the WCEU or ctk_sahubsi@yahoo.co.in.

The South India CE Union (SICEU) reports that they are supporting 4 missionaries and a Primary School run by the church, and give every Sunday 30 free meals to the poor.

Australia and Pacific Islands

The Quadrennial **Regional Convention** for the Australian and Pacific Islands Region will be held in Nuku'Alofa, Tonga (21st to 24th March 2008). The Tongans hope to revive by it the interest in CE on

their islands. Rev Andreas Rudolph, WCEU will attend and visit before and after CE Unions in Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. (Further information: joycespicer@iinet.net.au)

Europe (www.cceurope.eu)

About 400 participants, resource-persons and helpers from all over Germany attended the 'SeelsorgeOffensivSeminar' (SOS) organized by the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavour (GYFCE) in January. The congress offered about 30 seminars on counseling children and youth. It was aimed at enabling youth leaders to help better young people struggling with present youth issues (Abuse, suicide, eating disorders, etc.). Unfortunately the need is vast. To cope with the situation the GYFCE-Counseling Centre starts in April a new program: A set of seminars on several weekends within two years qualifies participants as Children- and Youth-Counselor.

WCEU-trustee Thorsten Riewesell, convener, opened the congress with a message based on the parable of the Good Samaritan: "We have this SOS-seminar, because man fell into the hand of robbers!" There is a great need of Good Samaritans. Bishop W. Huber, (Berlin), chairman of the Ev. Church in Germany, the Bavarian Prime Minister G. Beckstein and others expressed in their greetings appreciation for the valuable contribution German endeavurers render through their honorary service for children and youth towards a healthy society.

CE-Volunteers

The WCEU international exchange program for volunteers slowly takes shape. About 10 institutions and CE Unions offer opportunities for young people to gain cross-cultural experience while serving in their projects. Dr. Thomas Kröck, Germany, informs about this opportunities (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.

Pray for ...

- * go over this newsletter and you will find many reasons to thank God and matters to pray for
- * the preparations for the Worlds Convention in 2010. There are some difficulties to be solved.

Next Board Meetings, Conventions . . .

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| March 21.-24. | Regional conference for Australia and Pacific in Nuku'alofa, Tonga |
| April 18.-20. | WCEU Executive Committee meeting (Philadelphia area, Pennsylvania, USA) |
| April 30 – May 4 | 'Christival', an all Christian youth meeting in Bremen, Germany, Theme "Jesus bewegt" (www.christival.de) |
| July, 4 -6 | Convention of CE in Great Britain and Ireland at Chester, England. Theme: "In this sign conquer" |
| 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 |
| Sept. 17.-20. | WCEU Board of Trustees and Finance Committee meeting in Northern Ireland |
| Sept. 27.-28. | "EChT' Youth conference of the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavor |
| October | National Convention of CE in India in Bangalore (days not yet fixed) |

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

2010

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

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