

MN Newsletter Feb 2012

Dear friends,

Over a month has passed since the 2. Mission-Net congress finished in Erfurt over the New Year 2011/12. About 2600 people from more than 50 countries came together to worship, seek God for their lives, discover new steps to take and experience the multiculturalism and diversity of Europe and beyond. It surely was a foretaste of heaven!

We are so grateful for everyone who was able to come (more than 80% of participants were there for the first time) and were delighted to have a few new countries like Turkey and Kosovo with us this time. Compared to the participants at the congress 2009 the country of Italy had the highest growth rate with 49%.

Over 1500 people sought advice, took a personality and/or gifting exercise in the Mission Advice Center and were really hungry to hear from God.

We are also very grateful for the fantastic cooperation with the local Evangelical Alliance in Erfurt and therefore were able to offer two opportunities to serve the city. More than 450 people went out onto the streets one afternoon to share the love of God, supported by local Christians. Great stories came in and the flash mob we did had already 10.000 clicks on YouTube within the first week!

Though we had a lack of workers, everyone gave their best to help us out and we are grateful for protection, for all the volunteers and that God really helped us to see us through the congress and even more launched a few new initiatives, part of our Mission-Net movement.

A huge apology for everyone who was present and had certain food requirements we were not able to meet this time. We promise, next time it will be taken care of! Yes, there is room for improvement! ☺

Praise the Lord we have made it financially! Many of you were very generous and therefore we are able to finish the second congress well and are planning for a next congress, hopefully 2013/14, but we will keep you informed here.

Here some testimonials to be enjoyed:

“I was impressed by the stories about human trafficking, how people got to meet the prostitutes to bring them love and hope. I've been thinking and praying about getting involved in such a ministry in my town for quite a while, but never knew how to do it. God showed me some puzzle-parts, so I can take some more steps.”

“1 month before Mission-Net, I began to think that I do not live my life as God wants it. Sure I am in connection with Him and I work with my church from all my heart. But I do not lead others to Christ, yes I don't even have other friends but Christians. At work I have some colleagues but I had no interest in them. So the evening about "Do we live in a Christian subculture?" was made for me. I submitted my life anew to Jesus, that He shall show me how to have a relationship with non-believers.”

“A highlight for me was talking to a woman who is a missionary in the northern part of Afghanistan. She had really given her entire life to Jesus. And just sitting in front of her and hearing about how she - every time she leaves the house - has to put on a burka was astonishing. Also hearing about how one of her team members got killed was breath taking because it's so far from my everyday life and reality. It was just amazing to experience how she trusted God and how He filled her life, even though she lived in one of the world's most dangerous areas for Christians. Through her I got encouraged to follow the call and plan God has for me and not let

anything get in the way.”

To see some pictures, go here: <http://mission-net.org/congress/node/1554>

Some of our young friends have produced a film and once it is ready, we will announce it! You will love it!

Mission-Net is also movement

Mission-Net does not only offer a congress but encourages a missional lifestyle through various tools like cooperate actions and networks, missional opportunities, befriended events we recommend and sharing your ideas.

WEDNESDAYS: Help us in seeing Europe turn around and pray (and fast) every Wednesday. We set this day aside to pray together for our continent. Every Wednesday a new country of Europe is in focus in our prayers. More details to this can be found on Facebook or in the blog.

Mission-Net and Micah Challenge

Over 1,300 people took action at the last Mission-Net congress in support of Micah Challenge’s “Shining a Light on Corruption” campaign, and on March 21st we’ll be handing over all of your postcards to a representative of Danish Government in Brussels.

But we’ve got more to do to ensure our message is heard. Please take 3 minutes of your time to email your MEP at <http://www.micahchallenge.org/campaigns/eu-anti-corruption-law>.

Let’s start making a noise about corruption, and ensure the EU passes effective transparency legislation to protect the world’s poorer communities

Events in the near future:

We offer outreaches to migrants in London/Calais in the near future (March 16-18, May 18-20, September 14-16)

<http://sites.google.com/site/iafrrefugeevisit/refugee-visit-welcome>

We also offer something on sports and politics in 2012:

Check out more under [www.mission-net.org/....](http://www.mission-net.org/)

For mission leaders is another conference which might interest you:

Call2All Western European congress from 16 – 19 April 2012 at De Betteld, NL.

There are opportunities to network, to partner, not only with mission organizations, but also with different spheres of society. They have had a special team of European researchers and thinkers put together what they see as some of the greatest needs in Europe. You can register and find out more information at: www.call2allwe.org

We love to hear from you! What has God done since the congresses? How have you implemented what you have learned?

With our love and prayers,

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