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Salvation and beyond

by Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

"I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendant from the land of their exile." (Jeremiah 30:10)

God said "Yes" to us in Jesus, validating all His promises in His Son. Our "Amen" is the echo of God's grace, from our side, spoken in faith and gratitude. This is, how the apostle Paul summarizes the relationship between God's Word and ours. God's promise through Jeremiah speaks about salvation. Though from an earthly captivity, it is complete only, when we are saved from sin as well, because sin creates the true distance between God and us. In Jesus, God came near to us, came to our "distant places", to the extent to become the most distant one on the cross, bearing the curse and punishment of our sins. This is what we confess, witnessing Jesus Christ to be our Savior. (Principle 1 of CE) Jesus saves approaching sinners and needy, coming near to them, even becoming one with them (incarnation). His service to us prompts us also to serve to others. (Principle 2 of CE) God's promise is given to people living in a certain time and to consecutive generations. Those saved live in joyful fellowship with each other (Principle 4 of CE). And because while on earth, this fellowship is still bothered by weakness and sin, the saved need mutual patience and commitment. Our loyalty to the Church – to each other – should reflect God's patient loyalty to us. (Principle 3 of CE)

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WCEU Prayer Week 2015 – a little different

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary and Anna Visky, Assistant for President and Gen. Sec.

At the 27th World's CE Convention in South Korea a group of endeavorers discussed how to refresh the WCEU Prayer Week in 2015. Members of the CE Mid Atlantic, USA, were particularly active, as Dr. Dave Coryell, CEMA's Executive Director, led the dialog. After that workshop WCEU has asked all endeavorers how to organize the prayer meetings around CE Day in 2015. Summing up the various suggestions the following was decided:

All CE groups around the world are called to meet Sunday, 1 February, 2015 at 19:00h their local time and pray together. Like that most probably for 24 hours somewhere on the globe some CE group will be praying.

If you want your group to be part of the 24h-Pray-Day,

- register for the 24h Pray Day before **15 January** 2015 here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12y_6y7Mup_AdKPttoNSfetLOQKiGq3xsCIT-aCVKF2k/viewform so that we can make "visible" who participates in this global prayer meeting.
- share your prayer topics by writing them on a sticky note or piece of paper. Than take a photo of it and send it to assistant.wceu@gmail.com, or post it to our Facebook page with hash tag #WCEUpray before **15 January**.
- expect the collected prayer topics sent to you before **25 January** leaving you time to prepare for the prayer meeting.
- feel free to pray for the topics also in your services and other meetings of your church; for "where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matt. 18:20

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Fellowship with Christ's people

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

The church of Christ is uniting people from "every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9). They are formed into one body, by one spirit, called to one hope ... (Eph. 4:3-6). So 'Fellowship with Christ's people' is natural for every Christian. It is important for a healthy faith because there is neither spiritual life without fellowship nor a body of Christ.

Fellowship comes not easy. Our carelessness, egotism and pride hamper and destroy fellowship between people and between Christians as well. Much of the New Testament deals with how to love each other and solve the conflicts which are so common among humans.

Therefore the fourth principle of Christian Endeavor is as important as the other three. Therefore it is to be a goal of every CE group to build up, strengthen and maintain fellowship with all Christians they get into contact with. This applies for the own group and church as well as for Christians from other denominations, nationalities and cultures around the corner or somewhere in the world. It means also to fellowship and connect across the generations. It is natural for youth to explore the world beyond their local limits. Christian Endeavor in all levels should provide opportunities for endeavorers to broaden their mind. Fellowship with Christ's people opens a treasure of experience, wisdom and knowledge which helps immensely in the life with Jesus.

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If you cannot meet and pray as suggested, feel free to organize the prayer meeting at any other time and however it is convenient for your group.



If you like to share your experiences of the 24h Pray Day, send a report if possible with photo to the WCEU: assistant.wceu@gmail.com.

Africa

Christian Corps Fellowship Convention in Nigeria

by Rev. M.E. Abraham, Secretary, CE Nigeria

The annual National Convention of the Nigeria Christian Corps Fellowship was held from 8-12 October in Plateau State campground of the Nigeria Youth Service Corps in Bassa local government area.

This is a fellowship of young Christian graduates out of the annual batch of Nigeria's tertiary institutions' graduates serving the compulsory one year national service scheme before full employment. The fellowship constitutes one of Africa's most virile potentials for youth ministry and missions. Contact with the fellowship for our prayer involvement during and after their convention was enhanced by Rev. A. E. Abia who is a former national president of Nigeria CE Union (Southern group), lives in Jos, Plateau State and is a patron of one of the local groups of the fellowship there.

After the convention in Plateau State we have followed-up with our contacts and regular prayer meetings with various groups of the fellowship concerning their needs and youth matters, as well as our formal cooperation in future missions in Nigeria and beyond.

Americas and the Caribbean

Activities of CE Peru

by Daniel Peña, CE Peru

As endeavorers of CE Peru in October and November we are collaborating with the National Executive Council of the Evangelical Church Peru in the realization of our National Ecclesiastic Census. We are trying to find out numbers, our present position and resources. On the other hand CONEC (national CE union) is finishing the working plan that focuses on the

support of endeavorers on a national level. We are pleased to communicate that we are in the process of organizing our national assembly in 10-11 January 2015. Our location will be the city of Ayaviri in Puno region and we'll handle matters of CE.

Successful CE Rebirth Campaign at CE Mid-Atlantic

by Dr. Dave Coryell, Executive Director CEMA

Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic (CEMA) exists to inspire, equip and encourage churches to biblically develop youth as Christ-centered leaders in their youth group, church and beyond. We do this through a time-tested discipleship approach.

Since CEMA's CE Rebirth Campaign began in 2011, fifteen churches have started to successfully walk this discipleship path. Here is what one youth worker said about CE:

"I've found the Christian Endeavor discipleship model, as well as the support and encouragement I've received from Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic team, to be incredibly helpful & beneficial. The CE model allows me to lovingly call students to a high standard of biblical living, opening windows of opportunity to speak into their spiritual condition like I've never experienced before. And it also enables me to encourage, equip and unleash them to DO ministry right now to the best of their ability! I would highly recommend that this model be part of how every church approaches their young people." Josh Good, Trinity E.C. Church, Terre Hill, PA

21 Discipleship Series Continues to Expand at CEI

by Timothy Eldred, President CEI

In the last few weeks, the ENDEAVOR discipleship resource, Pray21, has been translated into additional languages. We released 1000 free books in Durres, Albania, at the Balkan Youth Worker's Conference at the end of October.

The 21 discipleship series continues to expand. Study21 and Serve21 are being designed for printing this fall and will be released early 2015. Additionally, we have created a new tool with our global partner, OneHope, called Tell21. This book will first be distributed in Hungary to 100,000 youth who will be challenged to tell 10 friends about God's story in 21 days.

Our work with ministry partners in the United Kingdom continues to bear much fruit. In a recent trip to Belfast to meet again with the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, they have requested additional copies of Pray21 and wish to use Tell21 in next spring. Timothy Eldred, President of Endeavor Ministries, will be training their youth workers in the ways of Endeavor next June.

Asia

Our CE friends in Pakistan send greetings. They are active in various ways. Several weeks ago they have visited the brothers and sisters in the areas which were affected by a flood, that created problems for more than 300 000 people. Many men, women, children became homeless; animals died and or went lost in floodwater. The Pakistani CE friends try to help in such cases but they are mainly active spreading the good news about Jesus Christ.

News derived from a mail by Pastor Charagh Roshan, Hallelujah Evangelistic Association, Pakistan

To the Glory of God, the website of CE in India, www.ceinindia.org, has been launched on 11 September. One can view the home page only yet. In the course of the time more content will be uploaded. We praise God that He has fulfilled the desire of our hearts in His time. A CE manual prepared by CE in India is ready for publication and God willing it will be published before end of December this year.

We are in the process to start a CE Expert examination in all regions based on the review questions available in the book. CE Expert certificates will be awarded to the qualified endeavorers.

From an e-mail by Rev. S.K. Sahu

Europe

Ireland – 100th Irish CE Convention

by Margaret Houston, Communication Officer, CE Ireland

We are so thankful to God for the Centenary Convention held on Friday 19-20 September in Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Belfast, where CE was introduced to Ireland 125 years ago by Miss Margaret Magill.

We were blessed with excellent weather throughout the weekend and this created a "feel good factor" as well as being an enhancement to Saturday morning's Prayer and Praise Walk in Belfast's famous Titanic Quarter.

Mr Craig Dyer, Training Director of Christianity Explored, ably and vividly expounded on the theme, "For Christ and the Church", CE's motto, basing his sermons on passages from the first Epistle of Peter.

Civic and religious dignitaries were in attendance, the latter bringing greetings. A delegation from the Great Britain & Ireland CE Union came with support and encouragement too.

A substantial cheque, was presented to Charlene's Project – last year's missionary project - which has been able to build a second school in Uganda. The new project, "Love for Life", was introduced. This aims to help children and young people make healthy choices in life.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the installation of Mrs Jean McGall as Irish Union President. Her Presidential theme is, 'Mighty is our God'.

Road Shows in Scotland

by Elizabeth McGrouther, Secretary, CE Scotland

CE in Scotland decided to have several Road Shows at different venues to let friends of Christian Endeavor meet together at a local place. At these events, we met for a lunch together and had some CE centered programs. In May we met in the west of Scotland in Ayr and in October we met in the north in Aberdeen. We give thanks for the time of fellowship and reminiscence as there

was opportunity to view publications and photographs dating back to 1889. George Campbell was also installed as Scottish CE president at the Ayr Road Show. Many Endeavorers took part giving testimony to the opportunity CE gave them to grow spiritually and develop their gifts of preaching and leadership.

News of CE Romania

by Attila Bán, member of the CE Board, Romania

The Genézius Association which works in the student mission of Cluj is functioning without leader employee at the moment, and is seeking for a vision. The community of students involved keeps on meeting. Summer and winter camps for students will also be organized. The Kenya Project and the Christian Youth Conference 'Vertical' have moved to the umbrella of the National CE. We ask you to pray with us.

Koinónia Publishing House in Cluj takes a big step and wants to greet the year 2015 - in which Cluj will serve as the European Youth Capital - with a new initiative. 'Koffer' will be the name of the bookshop-coffeehouse combo to be opened soon in the heart of the City. 'Koffer' wants to be a place where friendly talks, spiritual or academic mentoring, vivid discussions can be held about faith, life and literature.



Who is... Momodou Kanteh?



After many years the WCEU has again a Vice-President for the African region. He hails from the smallest African State.

My name is Momodou Kanteh, and I am from Gambia. I am 35 years old. I come from Muslim background but converted to Christianity 18 years ago. I got my pastoral training in Maranatha University College in Ghana.

Currently I am pastoring a small Presbyterian church in Gambia. I also have a radio ministry in which I share the word of God with ordinary Gambians in their own local languages. I also work with the Daily Observer newspaper as a senior staff reporter.

I am married with a beautiful wife and we are blessed with four children, three girls and one boy.

CE ministry was introduced in Gambia by a missionary about 30 year ago. But the ministry disappeared after that missionary left the country. In 2007 myself and other young and dedicated Christian youths revived the ministry and registered it with the government of Gambia. One of my colleagues called Pap Philip Jabang became the president and I served under him as secretary. After one year he left for the USA and I replaced him as the president of CE Gambia. I served as the president until in 2010, when I left for my pastoral training in Ghana.

Prof. J.S. Chandra Sen from Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, South India, passed away 2 October 2014. He was active all his life in the Indian CE movement in various positions.

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Financial matters

by Jonathan Stewart, Treasurer WCEU

What a joy to worship and fellowship with believers from around the world at the World Convention in South Korea this summer! With social media, we can keep in touch with the new friends we made last July. I now have friends on facebook from all over the world! What is exciting is that we can communicate with brothers and sisters in Christ and develop deeper relationships.

One of the main goals of the World's Christian Endeavor Union is to promote fellowship of believers from different Christian Endeavor Unions. One of the ways we encourage this is to help sponsor a World's Convention every four years. The World's Union asks a local union to host the convention but helps finance it.

We ask that you help us by praying for Christian Endeavor! We also ask that if able, you might contribute financially to the organization. You can do this by sending a check to P.O. Box 723, Grove City, PA 16127, U.S.A. or by transferring your contribution to the European account of WCEU at Evangelische Bank, Kassel, Germany (IBAN: DE94 5206 0410 0000 8938 98; BIC: GENODEF1EK1)

Pray with us!

Let us thank God:

- for all the young people in Christian Endeavor who put in their time and talents for HIS kingdom.
- because we can call on him all the time

Let us intercede for Philothea Youth Club, Targu-Mures, Romania:

- a committed fellow worker for new programs
- reaching young people with the gospel

Let us intercede for CE Nigeria:

- Nigerian Christian youth would grows in faith into the image of Christ
- Christian media and youth ministries would be saving the youth of the world
- divine intervention and human support for victims of ebola
- Christian Endeavor would work more effectively in Africa

Events

2014

Dec. 29 – Jan 2 – **Senior Camp** CE South Australia

2015

Jan. 3 – **CE Prayer and Fasting Day**, North East India CE Union

Jan. 5 – 9 – **Junior Camp** CE South Australia

Jan. 10-11 - **National assembly**, CE Peru (CONEC) in Ayaviri, Puno region

Jan. 24 – 25 – **SOS, Conference on counseling youth**; Kassel, Germany

Feb. 1 – **24 h CE Prayer Day**

Feb. 10-11 **WCEU Executive Committee Meeting**, Bangalore, India

March 13- 15 – **'denk mal'**, congress for work with children and juniors, Germany

The deadline for the next issue of the WCEU Newsletter is January 15, 2014. Please notify us about news, events, announcements etc. if you want them to be listed here.