



Outreach

Congratulations are in order!

With the best Will in the World, ...

Summer camps

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WINTER FUEL

The days have become shorter and temperatures are dropping. Autumn has started and will soon be followed by a cold winter. An expensive time lies ahead for many families. Many houses are not insulated, forcing families to spend a fortune to keep the room temperature up. This is a big problem as many families are going into debt, simply because the alternative is to freeze to death. The only thing we can do here is to continue our appeal to raise funds for winter fuel.



PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THEM!

GENERAL FUND

Every year we try to send as much finance and aid to the field as possible. It is our desire to help the poor, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But to make this possible we also have to spend money here in our western offices. Every year we face a growing bill for banking costs, accountancy, general office costs, travel expenses etc. Please help us as well in this area of our ministry.

PAKISTAN NEWS: TERRORIST ATTACK



A few weeks ago in the city of Peshawar in Pakistan two suicide bombers blew themselves up at the entrance of a church, just when churchgoers were leaving the church building. Over 100 Believers were killed by the explosion and even more people were wounded.

In the United Kingdom we are free to go to church. In Pakistan this is different. The Christians (2% of Christians) are under immense pressure. The idea of Freedom of Religion as propagated in the West does not exist in a Muslim society. The two percent Christians have little or no rights.

We have received several requests for prayer for Pakistan from our brothers and sisters in Christ over there.

Christians are under such pressure that their fear is almost tangible. But there is hope. This picture comes from Pakistan. The Mission Schools started 12 years ago with just 16 children in a room of 10 ft. by 13 ft. At the moment 322 children receive Christian education! The mission schools are a blessing for many and a symbol of hope for the future.

At the moment we are looking for sponsors who are willing to help us with £6 per month. WILL YOU BE ONE OF THESE?



*“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”
“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14: 28, 29*

Farewell - by Gerrit Wiersema

It all started in 2004 when I needed a placement for my University to get some practical work experience. This took me to the Dutch office of EEO Intl. Later I signed on as a regular worker, which brought me to the UK as office manager.

Of course, with Life’s necessary ups and downs it has been quite a rollercoaster ride these past 9 years. However, it is such a blessing to have personally experienced God’s guidance, provision and also his timing. Here I would like to thank you, our friends and partners, for your support and prayers over the past 9 years. But now the time has come to move into a different career. I trust you will also continue to support the EEO UK team who will carry on the work.

The ministry of EEO UK and Intl. has changed my life completely. Like the Apostle Peter, getting out of the boat – the comfort zone -- it has sometimes been challenging and even uncomfortable, but it has really enriched my life.

Reading about poverty or seeing it on TV may move you for a short period of time. Visiting a poor Roma gypsy family in Ukraine or Romania, spending time with them, having a cup of coffee at their place, praying with them brings a completely different dimension to it.

It is ‘dangerous’ to sign up for a mission trip. I did this once in 2001, it changed my life. Every year since, I have made at least one mission trip and every one of them was very special. On these trips I have met the most amazing and inspirational people (including my wife), I have seen people getting saved, people being encouraged, lives changed, churches blessed and so on.

If I were to leave you with just one last encouragement or piece of advice it would be this:

If you are able to, sign up for a mission trip! Step out of your boat and walk on the water! You’ll never be the same again!

Presentations in Your Church: We are currently looking to get more people involved in eastern Europe, and to promote EEO UK. If you are interested in having a presentation about the work of EEO UK in your church, house - or cell group, please contact us at 0800 2980 126 or send an email to info@eeouk.org

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

This Summer, another child was born into the House of Windsor, to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The nation rejoiced and special services of thanksgiving were held in churches and cathedrals for the safe arrival of this new heir to the throne. **We at EEO UK, also congratulate Prince William and Kate on the birth of their son, Prince George, and pray God will bless this family and make himself known to them.**

In our last Outreach, EEO Intl.'s president, Matthias van der Weide wrote he and his wife, Gerrie, were looking forward to the birth of their 7th grandchild to their youngest daughter, Ilja. Little Rivka has since been born, but it was a difficult birth with many complications, and mother and baby running a high fever. But God answered prayer and both are now doing well. So here too, we say: **Congratulations and thank you, Jesus, for this miracle!**

Another birth, with EEO Intl. Connections has also taken place, with a new grandchild for Peter and Doris Graham. Before she was married and only 23 years old, Swiss Doris made many trips into eastern Europe, smuggling Bibles and encouraging the Believers suffering under Communism. Every trip, she experienced miracles of divine protection and help. Later she married my nephew, Peter Graham, a businessman and evangelist. In August, in response to a "Come quickly!" phone-call from Sara, their daughter, Peter and Doris rushed to the house to find the baby about to be born. Grandma Doris, also a nurse, was asked to cut the cord! The paramedics arrived just to take mother and baby to hospital for a rest! Here again: **Congratulations and Thank you Jesus for this easy, safe delivery!**

At first sight, it might seem that our next "Congratulations" are misplaced, for they are to do with a death, and not a birth. Greg Knight, one of our EEO UK trustees, recently lost his 93 year old father. They had enjoyed a close relationship, and Greg had always dreaded his father dying. Yet he told us how God stepped in and took the enormous weight of grief he was carrying. At the Catholic funeral, the congregation who had known him were so deeply impressed by Greg's father's faith and conviction of his place in Heaven, that they applauded at the end of the Eulogy (summary of his life). So: **Congratulations Greg, that your father kept the faith and has been safely 'promoted to glory'!**

God has given us all the miracle of birth, you, too, or you wouldn't be reading this! But have you experienced the second birth? In John 3, we read about Jesus telling Nicodemus he must be "born again". This religious man was confused, asking if his mother must bear him again?! But Jesus told him this is not a physical birth but a spiritual one. Not only for Nicodemus, this is necessary for every one of us. Just taking Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour, turning from sin and accepting His gift of eternal life, qualifies us to be born again. In Heaven, there is great rejoicing at every new birth into God's Kingdom with the angels shouting "**Congratulations!**" – if only we could hear them!

But also when we cross Heaven's threshold in death, our Saviour will welcome us home, so either way, it's ... **CONGRATULATIONS indeed!**

Our last congratulatory note today is to my co-editor and our office manager, Gerrit Wiersema, who will be leaving the EEO UK team at the end of this month. Thank you, Gerrit, for the valuable job you have done and the work co-operation we have enjoyed. We wish you God's rich blessing and every success for your future!

Mission Monitor by Matthias J. Van der Weide



WITH THE BEST WILL IN THE WORLD, IT CAN'T BE DONE!

The worldwide web shows us the World's will to serve evil or good. Recently in Holland we have had a commotion about a website named 'Second Love', which encourages married people to seek ex-marital sexual encounters. A poll revealed 70% of people find it disgusting that marriage as an institution is openly attacked. The Dutch government rejected the appeal to prohibit this promotion of unfaithfulness in marriage. Not only here, but many governments in our time ignore the true and honest desires of their people.

We are told that hardly any woman gets involved of her own free will in prostitution. In spite of that, some governments refuse to put a ban on any acceptance of it. On the contrary, they execute a law that considers prostitution as a legal job, which can be controlled by labour regulations. (This is like saying that burglary is a normal profession!) Dignity and humanity is stolen from so many women, their bodies tortured and destroyed; can this be called labour?! Indeed it is, but it is an evil work, doing no good to anybody.

The widely-praised human free will is shattered and overpowered by the inability to stand against such treatment. Because of this moral decline, the coming apocalypse could be likened to an Endtime version of the 10 plagues that delivered Israel from Egypt's slavery. Nobody can stop this upcoming horror scene, with the best will in the world!

But the GOOD NEWS is, finally all slaves are free and wickedness and ugliness will be chained for ever! Jesus paid for the sins of all the world with His precious blood. Every man or woman born is invited to move forward and claim the promised eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Take courage, the end of all troubles is near!

SUMMER CAMPS IN THE ROMANIAN MOUNTAINS



When going camping there is this excitement of living close to nature, experiencing God's beautiful creation.

Each summer Pastor Cristi Frunza from the city of Iași organises several youth camps for poor children from the city and surrounding villages.

Following is a report about one of the camps.

The Challenge

The children participating in this camp all come from four villages just outside of Iași (north east Romania). The long summer holidays have just begun. School will only commence after three months, and also the harvest time has not yet started.

The children are between 11 and 17 years of age. It looks like one big family. Fortunately most of the children are from large families so it was easy to integrate. Only 5 children came from Christian families; the other children have only recently started going to church or have not been to church for years. For them it was a great challenge to participate in the camp. This resulted in some very special conversations and encounters.

Bible stories

The wooden cabin in the mountains offers space for thirteen children and four leaders. The camp is not only a time of fun but it also gives the opportunity to get to know each other and share the Gospel. We read from the Bible and used visual aids learned at the Barnabas events like a Sketch board and conjuring tricks. Pastor Cristi's son, Tudor, is an expert in using conjuring tricks to explain a message.

The evenings always ended with songs and stories around the campfire. It was an amazing experience for the children.

Promise

On the first day there was a desire from the youngsters to sing together and to listen to stories about the miracles of Jesus. I was stunned to see how quickly these children

were not interested in the Gospel. They knew one Christian song and the Lord's Prayer. During the camp they discovered how simple and important it is to communicate with the Lord through prayer. They also found out how nice it is to sing worship songs and how interesting the Word of the Lord is. They promised to visit the local church in their village.

Around the campfire

It is a real blessing to introduce these youngsters to the Gospel while so many of their peers turn away from God. During the camp they started to understand God's purpose and the message of Jesus; they also learned to pray. Bible teachers should actively teach young people the Word of God. Using illustrations and conjuring can be very effective tools.

Around the campfire the youngsters also opened up and asked questions about the things they struggle with in daily life.

We really did our utmost to keep everyone's spirit lifted; one of the ways of doing that is to tell stories with a happy ending at the campfire.

We heard many testimonies from parents who were very impressed with the positive influence the camp has had on their children.

Friends for ever

During the camp, friendships were made. The time the youngsters spent together created a special bond. Shy children started to open up during walks through the mountains. When saying their 'goodbyes' many tears flowed. Promises were made to stay in touch.

These camps have a profound influence on the lives of these young people.

We would love to support the summer camps of Pastor Cristi in the years to come. **Will you help us to help him?**

