

hr update

As we've mentioned previously, Doug has now taken on the new role of HR Leader for NLI. This role was primarily needed to take a closer look at the guidelines and helps that NLI has for new and existing staff. Understandably, one of the biggest struggles of entering into ministry with NLI is the requirement to raise personal salaries. There is a huge wealth of knowledge and years of support-raising experience here in the organization and part of this year will be spent combining all that knowledge with the heaps of information written by the experts. Then we want to create a training course for new and potential staff that will help them better prepare for what lies ahead of them. This will be key for us as we begin to work more closely with our European brothers and sisters to see them do the same.

Also in the works for this year is to put together a recruitment strategy. While we need more churches joining in the vision we also need more individuals to join. To do that we need to have a better understanding of where they will fit and what training they will need to fill those roles.

Speaking of filling key roles, Sara Mendez will be joining the team in the first week of May! Sara has been working toward the role of Internship Director. While NLI has had an internship program for a number of years, this will be the first time someone has had this as their main focus. We are looking forward to creating the opportunity for many more young people to catch the heart of NLI and God's heart for Europe!

what's on watson



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lauren's chatter

One might think it's time for me to write a note in the newsletter, but to be honest, I'm just too busy. Sure mom and dad don't like that word but with me it's true. I go to school, I have



my house - bedworth

swim lessons once a week, I have friends who require a regular audience with me . . . I'm busy. In fact you should be grateful that I even have a chance to think about anyone else other than me, I am two and I have things to do. But dad insists so here it goes.

I have wonderful teachers who just think the world of me. I'm not sure why anyone would think less. They are fantastic because they let me do whatever I want. Although I hear them telling mom that I am learning lots of stuff. If by playing with whatever I want is learning then yes I'm learning.

Recently I figured out a new way to control my parents. All I have to do is grab one of them by the hand and they become like putty in mine. I can lead them to wherever I want. I hear dad get all excited and say things like 'she is learning to communicate' and I think gimme a break man, you're just not that bright. My dad is a lot like other dads. These guys all think they know stuff about their kids. I like to mix it up every couple of days, give mom a hard time and then throw a few temper tantrums. It really get under their skin, I love it!

Anyway as I explained, things to do, people to see so I'll see you when you book an appointment with my staff, mom and dad.

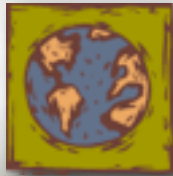
Love you lots, Lauren!

PRAY . . . once a week! The power of prayer is mighty and we really do value your prayers.

GIVE . . . once a month! If you are not already supporting us, please give prayerful consideration to doing so.

GO . . . once a year! Plan ahead and start saving to go on a short term mission this year.

For more information be sure to email us.



sponsor a leader

Eurosummit, NLI's bi-annual conference, is just around the corner. It's taking place in Madrid, Spain on Oct 5th-8th. For those who don't know it is NLI's premier event for highlighting the need in Europe and the work we are involved in. It provides an opportunity to dream together, plan together and get keyed up for the next two years.

This year is going to be an ambitious one, as such we would like to invite more people than ever before to really throw the doors open and say "get involved". As we have mentioned before though, the goal is to really include Europe in reaching Europe. Because of this we want to get as many of our past, current and future partners from Europe over to Eurosummit. We know this will have the greatest impact on forward momentum toward the goal of advancing the Kingdom of God in Europe.

At NLI we would like to be able to help as many as these key people get there as possible and are asking for your help. For just €300 you can sponsor a leader to Eurosummit. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor one or more leaders to attend this conference.

fresh hope in bucharest

Bucharest was first mentioned in documents as early as 1459 and since then it has gone through a variety of changes, becoming the state capital of Romania in 1862. Since then it has consolidated its position as the centre of Romanian mass media, culture and arts. Its eclectic architecture is a mixture of historical, communist era and modern. In the period between the two world wars, this city of elegant architecture and sophistication, obviously elite earned Bucharest the nickname of the Little Paris of the East. Although many people and districts in this historic centre were damaged or destroyed by war, earthquakes and Nicolae Ceausescu, many survived, and in recent years the city has been experiencing an economic and cultural boom. According to the official statistics, Bucharest now has a population of 2.6 million people and growing. It is the sixth largest city in the European Union. The city is the most prosperous in Romania and one of the main industrial centres and transportation hubs of Eastern Europe. As the most developed city of Romania, Bucharest also has a broad range of educational facilities.

Over a number of years, Ian Green has had a passion to see some kind of church planting movement unwrapped in this city. Having made many visits to the city in the 1990s and in the early part of the twenty-first century, he has yet been unable to cohesively build a plan for church planting. However, one of NLI's former graduates, Catalin Baciu, was appointed the Teen Challenge director several years ago, doing an outstanding job in the city, ministering to boys that are homeless and have been on drugs. He has now created a strong community of rehabilitation, inner reformation and spiritual renewal. He has a vision to see Teen Challenge as a leadership development agency with those who have been thrown to the bottom of society, to arise and become strong Christian leaders in the country. As a result of this, late in 2008, he began to plant a church using his graduates as the initial nucleus. In the first six weeks, the group which meets on a Thursday night has grown to 100 plus men. This is a beacon and bright and shining light in a very dark city that is in desperate need for fresh, contemporary, energetic, spirit filled churches.

our daily travels

Yes we are still looking at castles. On Easter Monday we found a gem of a castle in Herefordshire, only one and a half hours away. Goodrich Castle stands majestically on a wooded hill commanding the passage of the River Wye into the picturesque valley of Symonds Yat.

This family day together was welcome in preparation for the next set of travels for Doug. On Sunday he is off to Indiana for national office meetings followed by ten days with Ian, (NLI's Visionary Leader), three days with Thomas (NLI's Canadian Director), and a few short days in Calgary before heading home. This trip will be a great chance for Doug to

understand another aspect of NLI's call - vision casting the need in Europe and how individuals and churches can be included.



goodrich castle - herefordshire

'Blessed is the man who fears the Lord . . . he will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord . . .'

- Psalm 112 - (niv)