



FAITH PARTNERSHIP

changing the spiritual climate in eastern Europe

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Dear friends, I trust you had a peaceful Christmas & New Year season. January seems to come round so quickly! A new decade too! I believe 2010 is going to be a significant year. Wherever I turn at the moment I keep finding this truth: *“Nothing, you see, is impossible with God.”* (Luke 1:37 The Message) I know that many of you are facing impossible situations. I encourage you to stand firm & put your trust in the awesome all-powerful, all-knowing God. Remember, He specialises in ‘doing the impossible’!

Thank you so much for your valuable partnership. I trust you’ll be blessed, encouraged & challenged as you read this newsletter. Amongst other things, there’s another ‘tour’ around Europe, looking at some 2010 highlights in each region. But I’m starting with an article on ‘creating movements’, sure to provoke some thought. So, without further ado, let’s get started!

CREATING MOVEMENTS...

... is a buzz phrase within NLI & probably within many other missional communities too. The following was written by my friend & colleague Doug Watson (HR Director). It’s a thought-provoking piece. To read more of Doug’s wisdom visit www.dkwatson.com

“What does it mean to create a movement? As I spoke with individuals & couples into the wee hours of the Spanish mornings, I began to ask myself this question. Many of the EuroSummit attendees were there ‘checking us out’ with the possibility of joining the team. We are looking for people dedicated to creating movements in Europe.

What is a movement? It is many individuals taking action & moving toward a single goal of change. 9th November 2009 was the 20yr anniversary of the ‘fall of the Berlin Wall.’ This moment struck a chord across the continent & was the spark for a movement away from communism in Europe. We understand that there exists the need for another movement. A new movement of the Holy Spirit that urges, directs & compels millions of spiritually hungry people back into His arms: back into the church!

I shared these thoughts with my new friends at EuroSummit. I told them to carefully consider joining the effort. If they had any desire for personal fame or fortune then Europe is not the place for them. Europe needs self-sacrificing individuals who are ready to stay the course & join the battle to carry out hundreds & thousands of individual acts that will spark a new movement. A 21st Century movement in the tradition of Paul the Apostle, Luther the Reformer & Seymour the Evangelist.

It is difficult to predict how many of my new friends will actually sign on the dotted line to work with us. We understand that for many it is a process, & for everyone it is a journey not to be rushed by us.

Because of this we are creating another opportunity for couples & individuals to take a peek into NLI. Please pray with us as we plan our first ‘HR Week’ (May). This ‘HR Week’ will be filled with orientation to NLI & Europe, training in fundraising & crossing cultures, connecting with staff, & of course interviews followed by a fun day to debrief. We are praying for as many as 10 people to be led by the Lord to check us out this coming year.

As NLI moves into the last phase of restructuring we are poised & ready for the influx of 100+ ministry-gifted & prepared individuals, ready to give their service to leading Europe back into the church! One of these is Lucia Kucejova (*former project staff in Slovakia*) who is now looking to join one of our regional teams. Pray for Lucia & the NLI team that they would find the right fit for her.”

Please pray for NLI over the coming months. As Doug says, we need “a new movement of the Holy Spirit that urges, directs & compels millions of spiritually hungry people back into His arms: back into the church!” To play our part in creating such a movement we need the right people, but not just the right ‘staff’, we need to connect with the right people in the many nations we seek to minister in.

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AROUND EUROPE IN 2 MINUTES... country highlights from each region

REGION 1... Baltic... Estonia...

EMERGE: Regional women's development conference, Tallin, Sept 24-26. The EMERGE initiative is really gaining momentum in Europe, with further conferences in Czech & Slovakia in 2010.

REGION 2... Atlantic... France...

NLI is currently exploring new ministry partnerships in France.

We are also mobilising UK churches to engage in ministry within other regions of Europe, especially the Balkan nations.

REGION 3... Mediterranean... Spain...

Mobilising of mission teams into Spain to support the ongoing church planting initiative.

NLI is also currently exploring new ministry partnerships in Italy.

REGION 4... Central... Slovakia...

BOOST Tour... 1 nation... 2 weeks... 4 towns... thousands of people... huge impact! (Check out NLI website for more info about NLI Kids Leaders Development, Boost Tour & great opportunities to get involved)

REGION 5... Balkan... Albania...

'Taster weekend', May. A weekend conference for Pastors & Youth Leaders: aimed to inspire & give them a taster of the ministry initiatives taking place over the next years in Albania. National Youth Conference: Sept

REGION 6... Eastern... Crimea...

Church Planting initiative launched in 9 new locations: Mobilising mission teams to support church plants: 2 more Advanced Leadership Training Conferences in May & September. A busy year in Crimea!

NLI is also currently exploring new ministry partnerships Russia.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

CZECH REPUBLIC...

February 10-15... in Czech for a training event & Sunday ministry. Last year I was there for 2 days to prepare the church planters to receive their first mission teams. This time I'm back to recap some training & celebrate the 2009 missions with the pastors. I'll also be preaching in one of the Czech churches on the Sunday.

CRIMEA...

March 10-19 ... in Crimea preparing the church planters for their first mission teams later this year. As well as 2-days intensive training I'll also be visiting some of the church locations to check out accomodation options for teams & ministering on Sunday. I'd appreciate your prayers on this trip as I am traveling & training on my own.

WEBSITES...

For more information & some great new articles, check out these websites ...
www.judithlinnell.com - www.nlieurope.com

GET INVOLVED...

PRAY... once a week!

The power of prayer is mighty because the God we pray to is almighty!

GIVE... once a month!

If you are not already involved in supporting me, please give prayerful consideration to doing so.

GO... once a year!

Going on mission is a life-changing experience. Why don't you step out the boat & get involved in either a short-term or prayer mission in 2010. You won't regret it! *JUDITH*

