



# WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

May 2011

Dear Christian Endeavorers!

God is looking for people and for a church trusting in Him and saying with Paul: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength (Phil. 4:13). As CE people we should have the active and positive faith of Joshua and Caleb. Their fellow spies saw only the difficulties barring the way into the Promised Land and discouraged the Israelites. But because Joshua and Caleb believed in the Lord they could say: "If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us." (Num. 14:8)

We Christian Endeavorers have a lot of work to do. Haven't you thought: "I cannot do it, I am too weak"? I am sure that God's blessing will be with us if we go forward actively and positively. God is still caring for His people.

Ko Tong un, WCEU Vice President Asia

Condensed from the book "Generous Freedom on Solid Foundations"

## News from the WCEU

### **CE Prayer Week**

130 years of Christian Endeavor was celebrated in many places in connection with the CE Prayer Week.

♥ S.E.C. Maranatha (Sociedad de Esfuerzo Cristiano of Maranatha Church) in Lima, Peru reported:

It was 'a joy for us to be united to our brothers from everywhere and interceding for each other.' We formed prayer groups and prayed for the matters given in the list of prayer requests.

Daniel Peña López, President

♥ Rudolf Westerheide, Executive Director of the German Youth Fed. for Christian Endeavour sur-



prised co-workers and board members giving to everybody a 'Lebkuchenherz' commemorating 130 years CE.

This gingerbread-like (but with no ginger) pastry is normally given as a token of love to somebody dear at fun fairs (differ. design!)

♥ Purnananda Pradhan, Hon. General Secretary of C.E in India wrote that many C.E societies and unions of C.E in India have celebrated World C.E Day during the first week of February 2011 to commemorate 130<sup>th</sup> World C.E Day.

For 3-days-retreats Endeavorers met at Khariar, Bakingia and Bahilpada (all in Orissa State).

♥ CE in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp, Malawi, prayed for the WCEU leaders worldwide; God's ministers life (bodily and spiritually); unity and partnership between servants of God and of churches; spreading and expanding CE worldwide; peace in African countries.

Reported by Vincent Mlekwa Ngyoku, President Dzaleka CE

[www.worldsceuunion.org/](http://www.worldsceuunion.org/)

The WCEU website is now online. Have a look and find out what may be helpful for you and your CE. Please let us know if you miss something or if you have suggestions for the further development of the website.

### **Headquarters address changes!**

Please use in future this address only: Leuschnerstr. 74  
34134 Kassel, Germany

**CE: Christian Endeavour on Facebook**



## News from National Unions Africa

In West-Africa people experience partly violent unrest due to elections and political changes. Please pray for peace especially in Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire and for the affected people. Pray also that Christians can be a witness of Jesus' love in all afflictions.

### **Malawi**

News reached WCEU about a CE society at Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi. July 2007 two women and five men started CE there. Now they are 36 (still growing) who praise God, serve their neighbor and proclaim the gospel. Tuesday is evangelistic outreach door to door; Thursday praise, prayer and worship; Sunday training for CE members, who are from different denominations. Some are new converts. If means allow they offer food and soaps to widows, orphans, prisoners, etc and additionally milk to HIV people. Their vision is to reach young men preparing and equipping them in God's ministries to serve in the camp and in their home countries Burundi, Rwanda and Dem. Rep. Congo. Due to their situation as refugee they lack relief supplies, bibles, transport and facilities. They ask to be motivated by visits and supported with goods and teaching.

From a report by Vincent Mlekwa Ngyoku

## Americas and Caribbean



*Plans and dreams of the new WCEU Vice President for the Americas, Rev. Eliseu Vilchez Blancas:*

1. I wish that the CE movement recovers its sense of mission and life in favour of the youth of this generation, and engage to put my strength and vocation for this wish becomes true.
2. I wish the integration of the national and regional unions in the Americas and the integration and cooperation in the mission of the Church.
3. I wish to see the youth Leadership of the CE in the Americas participating in programs of theological formation and youth pastoral, diaconal service and testimony, of evangelization and mission in favour of the people of our continent and the whole World.

### USA

Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic (CEMA) issues a monthly e-newsletter "The Christian Endeavorer" which can be ordered at [christianendeavorer@cemidatlantic.org](mailto:christianendeavorer@cemidatlantic.org). One series of articles in it is the Expert Endeavorer series providing sound knowledge about CE. In the course of years people had been inquiring with WCEU about the CE Expert program which once was used to teach all one can know about CE.

## Asia

### Japan

I am glad to say that we, Japan CE, are all safe. It happened 2:46 p.m. 11th March. We had a severe earth-quake. When my wife Akemi and I were enjoying shopping at a supermarket in front of the Shin-Urayasu Station which is near our house, we felt the building shake heavily. We could not walk and stand. Akemi held on fast to a pillar and I went and stayed under a table. After five

minutes, it went down finally and we could get away from the building. It has been six days now, but the water supply is cut off and we haven't gas service here today. With many thanks for your prayer. Rom. 8:38-39. Yours sincerely in Lord, Yasuo Yonekura, Urayasu City, Japan CE (from an e-mail)

### Nepal

The Christian Endeavour (CE) Youth Retreat (Feb 14-16) at Banepa was a blessing. Over 50 persons participated including 23 youth leaders from our 30 fellowships of 10 sister churches in East Nepal and six Korean students from the Joshua - Community of Yangjae Onnuri Church of Seoul, South Korea. Worship, prayer, humility and service, commitment to Christ and each other, strengthening the Church and resisting worldly influences in ourselves and in Church were the points made towards transforming ourselves by renewing our mind (Rom 12.2). Elder Narbu Sherpa directed the retreat and Brother Narendra Kamar, Worship Leader, coordinated the programme.

Report by Dr. M. Bhattarai, President Nepal CE Union

## Australia and Pacific Islands

### Papua New Guinea

January 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> CE on the Island of Manus, Province of PNG, celebrated its Golden Jubilee during their yearly Youth

Board of Manus CE Union: Luke Koitut (Chairm.) Rachel Usu (VP), Antonia Smith (Secr.), Esther Pokei (Treas.)



Camp at Lugos Mission Station near provincial capital Lorengau. Almost 1000 youth and older friends of CE attended the convention. A. Rudolph, General Secretary WCEU, was the main speaker. The theme, based on 1.Tim.2:4, was: "The power of mission is the truth and salvation." The program with bible study time, more or less challenging messages and a lot of opportunities to sing had also parts where many of the local societies presented a meaningful sketch or another small program. There were games and an exhibition and the government donated a boat which is meant to make contact between the different CE societies easier. The final day saw the whole camp marching to the market place where a public rally was held inviting people to Christ.

### Australia

#### New Secretary

The annual meetings for CE in Australia were held over the weekend of 14-16 January 2011 at Lutanda Conference Centre, Mt Victoria in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. National Executive met on the Friday evening. On Saturday, the Australian CE Council was held, followed by the Annual General Meeting. In the evening, we were joined by a large group from the Samoan Congregat. Christian Church from Rooty Hill in Sydney. On Sunday morning, councillors shared in worship, communion and the induction of national officers. We enjoyed a very positive time of discussions and fellowship.

Margaret Dolan, secretary for many years, retired and Milton McDonald was elected in her place.

The Australian CE currently ministers amongst over 600 children, youth and young adults

From a report by Milton McDonald

## Europe ([www.ceeurope.eu](http://www.ceeurope.eu))



*Plans and dreams of the new WCEU Vice President for Europe, Dr. Thomas Kröck:*

I dream of

- 1) the CE movement being guided by the Holy Spirit and used by Christ to build his kingdom
- 2) CE societies and Endeavourers being available to God with a balance of commitment to the local church and service with a wider perspective
- 3) CE gaining strengths in countries, where it is presently weak (e.g. Netherlands, Croatia, Scotland, Bulgaria, Canada)

My goals during my tenure as VP for Europe until 2014 are

- 1) making Endeavourers aware of CE in other countries
- 2) giving Endeavourers from various National CE Unions opportunities to meet
- 3) initiating international outreach teams that will support the work of National Unions or CE Societies.

### European CE leaders Meeting

The next European CE leaders' meeting is scheduled for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Kassel, Germany, right after closing of the 2011 WCEU Board meeting. This means it is possible to meet WCEU board members from around the world if one arrives a little earlier in Kassel. Also the Youth Conference "echt" will be on the same weekend near Kassel.

### Germany

SOS Counselling Congress  
"You are free too..." were the first words God directed to Adam in the Garden of Eden. With these words, revealing the Lord's positive attitude towards man, Stefan Schmid, director of the counselling ministry of the German Youth Federation for CE, opened January 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 the 7<sup>th</sup> SOS Congress in

Niestetal near Kassel. 260 participants from all over Germany had the opportunity to learn in some of the 34 offered seminars on various topics how to counsel better the young people in their local groups. Overbooked topics like 'Depression' or 'Healthy Self-esteem' showed what the major problems of youth in Germany are. The training opportunity was very much appreciated by those attending. January 2012 the next SOS Congress will be conducted.

### Ireland

Former Presbyterian Moderator to speak at Irish Convention  
The 97th Irish National Christian Endeavour Convention will be held on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September, 2011 in Dunganon Presbyterian Church. The Convention Committee are particularly pleased that the Revd. Dr. Stafford Carson has agreed to be the main Speaker. His theme will be, "R U 4 REAL?" Twenty years ago, in 1991, Dr. Carson had fulfilled a similar role at the 77th Convention in Carnmoney.

A former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, he is currently Minister of First Portadown.

Over the weekend all ages will be catered for with a varied and interesting programme of events. Delegates are expected from throughout Ireland and further afield.

Everyone will be made most welcome.

Margaret Houston

### CE-Volunteers

England, Germany, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Romania and USA are countries, where CE-unions offered support for finding a placement for CE-volunteers.

For all who are interested in the **WCEU International Exchange Program for Volunteers** write to: [thomas.kroeck@ec-jugend.de](mailto:thomas.kroeck@ec-jugend.de)

*A volunteer in this program is usually expected to pay for his travel and health insurance and will get free customary accommodation, food and maybe a pocket money from the hosting institution.*

CE in Britain and CE in Germany operate a number of Holiday- and Retreat Centers who offer places for volunteers. If interested going to the UK, contact Helen Norman: e-mail: [beechwood@dialstart.net](mailto:beechwood@dialstart.net). It is also possible to volunteer for work in the WCEU headquarters.

### CE people

Rev. Dr. Konrad Brandt, formerly (6<sup>th</sup>) president of the WCEU, turns 75 this year. He invites all his CE friends, who happen to be around, for a time of fellowship and praising God on August 27<sup>th</sup> to Marburg, Germany.

### Who is... ?

Here you will find brief information about the officers and trustees of the WCEU. You should know who is behind the names. In this issue:

**Tong Un Ko,**  
WCEU Vice-President for Asia



I, Ko Tong Un, was born in Seoul, Korea in 1959.

I am married to Hyunju Ahn, and we have a daughter, Soyeon Ko and a son, Yeonuk Ko.

Soyeon has studied Music at University of North Texas, USA, and my son Yeonuk has served in the Korean Army since last year in 2010.

1997 I was elected as Church Elder in my Presbyterian Church. I had been president of KCE (Korean CE Union) from 2005-6. During that time, more than 1,000,000 members worked to-

gether for the Korean Christian Endeavor Work.

I have been praying for Korea, also for the world being the vice president of WCEU.

Because we received a lot of help in the past and the missionaries who came to Korea showed Jesus' love to us 100years ago; we Korean CE members and I are going to the world and help people who need us.

Also we are going to keep building churches, orphanages and schools for them to honor the name of Jesus.

And I pray that 2014 the World's CE Convention will be held in the Republic of Korea.

God bless you!

Ko, Tong un, Seoul, Korea

### CE-Material

There are a number of sources where material is available which may be helpful for starting and running CE work. Please look at: <http://worldsceuunion.org/service> for a variety of basic materials. Check also with other national CE unions as they may have programs which might be helpful. A leaflet with basic facts about CE is available as pdf-file in English, French, German, Polish and Spanish.

### Financial Matters

The World's CE Union has now a bank account in Germany which is meant to be used for all who would like to transfer Euros to the WCEU or for those who have more difficulties to deal with American banks. Within the EU

this account allows transfer of money almost free of cost.

The account Nr. is **803 898** and the bank identification number (BLZ): **520 604 10**

For international banking:

IBAN (intern. bank acc. number): **DE94520604100000803898**

BIC: (bank identifier code): **GENODEF1EK1**

Now you just need to transfer the donations! ;-)

### Please pray for ...

**I urge then, first of all, that requests prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone –**

**Apostle Paul 1.Tim.2:1**

- the matters and people you just read about
- the events listed below
- Sisters and brothers in any part of this world who suffer from persecution
- young Christians especially in Western countries not to get lost in the abundance of opportunities and material wealth
- leaders of national CE unions and the WCEU that they act in love and obeying the Lord's spirit and guidance
- peoples who are suppressed by irresponsible governments, fanatics or corrupt politicians.
- unity in Christ's church and among Endeavourers, humility and readiness to forgive each other
- encouragement to endeavorers who are struggling in smaller groups or national unions those who are active in social projects and any kind of service

to people thus showing the love and spirit of Christ.

- Praise God for life, for salvation, for His spirit and love.
- Praise God for all his blessings given through CE,
- and for providing for all our needs.

### Next Board Meetings,

#### Conventions . . .

Please notify your events to the WCEU if you want them to be listed here.

**2011**

4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July – International Youth Camp in Piliscsaba, Hungary

27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> July – Convención Sinodal Juvenil Cosec Costa, Campamento Mahanaim, Cieneguilla, Lima, Peru

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September - 97<sup>th</sup> Irish National CE Convention in Dungannon Presbyterian Church

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011 Board Meeting of the WCEU in Kassel, Germany

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Youth Congress 'echt' near Kassel, Germany

25<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> Sept. – European CE leaders meeting in Kassel, Germany,

28<sup>th</sup> Dec. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. MISSION-NET Congress, Erfurt, Germany

**2012**

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> January – Annual General Meetings for CE Australia in Adelaide at Nunyara Conference Centre

29<sup>th</sup> Jan. – 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. CE-Prayer-Week

2<sup>nd</sup> February CE Day

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March – WCEU Executive Committee meeting

July – Christian Endeavor Regional Conference, Hawaii

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