

MILLS MISSION UPDATE



Winter 2009

Into the Unknown....

I said to the man that stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." He replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better than light and safer than a known way." King George VI



Our Headquarters in Plancenoit Belgium!

Greetings to you from Europe! First off – some news: On October 7, we received word that the rental property where we live and have our CAE headquarters has been sold. It is precisely as King George VI wrote: holding on to His hand is "better than light and safer than a known way." If people have heard it from me once they have heard it a thousand times: "When it comes to knowing what God has ahead, each of us is on a *need to know* basis. When we really need to know something, He **will** let us know ... other wise simply **stay true to the track.**"

About our track called 'The Arts House:' For the last twelve years, Anne and I have continued faithfully with this strategy. At the Arts House, thousands of hours have been spent: counseling and encouraging young interns and artists, mentoring young leaders and missionaries, and praying through and identifying new strategies with key European leaders to effect a spiritual awakening across Europe.

The Arts House is like an Embassy



It is a consulate committed to His purpose for this generation. Since we launched the Arts House in 1995, we have had to relocate three times: in 2001, again in 2004, and now in 2009.

If the truth be told, Anne and I would like to finally own a place that provided more permanence, however, that is in God's hands! As we have prayed, we have sensed: stay true to the track!

Please pray and push with us as we hold onto His hand and walk into 2009!

Read on and enjoy our 2008 mosaic...

Jim and Anne

Across Europe and Beyond...

Each year our team travels across Europe and beyond working with pastors, churches, and other groups of believers for spiritual awakening across Europe! Below are some of our events & strategies.

FINLAND - Life 08!

Institute of Faith, Arts, and Adventure



This is a place where faith, art, and LIFE merge! CMI collaborates with the Finnish Lutheran Mission to sponsor this summer institute that draws teenagers from all over Finland to explore their God-given talents and their faith. What an awesome opportunity for the “next generation” to meet Him: The Lord of all of life. One evening after a inspirational concert and a stirring message, we prayed with many to accept Christ! The Lord reached deeply into the lives of these teens – all of them with the potential to shape the future of their nation, even possibly their world!



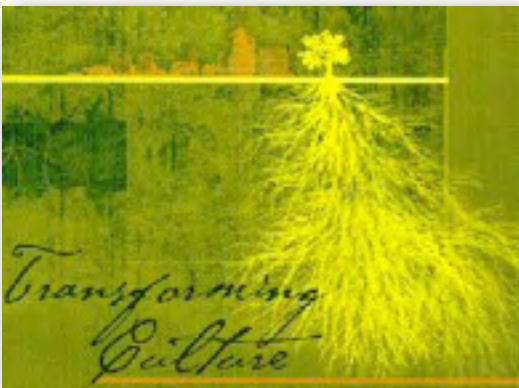
GERMANY - Feb 08

Creative Arts Seminar, Nuremberg

Creative Christians joined us for this rich time of biblical teaching and creative workshops. Friends from former arts camps attended bringing a warm sense of community. An invitation to present a creative Sunday service in a historic cathedral in the old city was the finale of this weekend. This service was a celebration of a creative God combining music, fine arts, dance, and poetry! “Christians are the ones whose imagination should fly beyond the sky!” Francis Schaeffer

AUSTIN, TX - April 08

Transforming Culture of Hope Arts, Hill Country Institute



The Transforming Culture event aspired to put forth “a vision of a relationship between the church and the arts that is theologically informed, biblically grounded, liturgically sensitive, artistically alive, and missionally shrewd.” The symposium imparted empowering insights into: 1) The arts and the corporate worship of the church, 2) The pastoral care of artists, and 3) The artist’s role in the renewal of culture. Finally, it was an overwhelming privilege to participate in what will surely be remembered in generations to come as one of the significant events of the current renaissance of the arts in the evangelical church!



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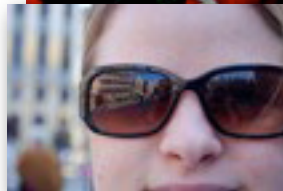
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What's Goin' On...

- Feb 1 Home again in Brussels
- Feb 23 Dave & Lindsey move to Europe
- March 12-17 IMAGINE- Planning, Finland
- April 1-30 Reading & Writing - D-Min
- May 10-15 Stone-Works Summit, Austria
- May 17-20 Arts & Bible School, Finland
- May 20-22 CAE Anniversary, Helsinki
- May 22-24 IMAGINE 2009, Helsinki
- May 24-28 CAE Staff Planning, Finland
- June New facility move as God provides!
- July 1-15 Final D-Min Course, Jackson, MS
- July 22-Aug 7 Life Institute 2009, Finland

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Our Mission - Our Concerns

Creative Arts Europe is a movement of creative people who seek to find new and innovative strategies to reach their generation with the Gospel. It is our vision to serve and encourage the Church in their endeavor to make God known in European society through the language of the performing, visual, and media art

A Cultural Revolution:

We recognize that Europe possesses a legacy of magnificent Christian art that is their heritage. However, the current dominance of relativism and existentialism has caused a consequent erosion of European society. Creative Arts Europe aspires to permeate European culture with art that ignites a spiritual and cultural revolution.

The Church:

We support the church in her mandate to make God known to this generation. We are committed to work towards reconciliation not only for "artists and the church," but also for "art and the church." We seek to foster a broader vision regarding art and it's place in the life of today's church and culture.

The Artist:

We are committed to the personal and professional well-being of artists. This includes their personal restoration, character development, success in their lives and careers, and their development as skillful artisans. We are concerned that art-makers find affirmation and encouragement in the church.

The Next Generation:

We desire that the "Next Generation" realize the relevance of the Gospel to all of life; embrace their significance as history makers; and be motivated by God's love to make a difference in their world. Some people call them teenagers; we call them the future!

"The value of your ministry in Finland and Europe cannot be expressed in statistics or with Euros or dollars. You sow seeds into the hearts of people. You are catalysts. You are sparks that ignites a fire that spreads and conquers."

Kalevi Lehtinen, (Leading Evangelist in Finland)