

October 2010

Fr. Luke and Evelyne at the National Assembly of CLC Lithuania March 2010



Euroteam Meeting Munich: July, 2010

It was a beautiful sunny day when we arrived in Munich for our team meeting, we were staying in the guest accommodation of a Benedictine Convent next door to Inge's apartment which would be our base for the three days of the meeting. Among the high points of our stay was a meeting with Thomas Gertler SJ, EA for CLC Germany and visits from Daniela, president of the World Ex-Co.

A great deal of our time together was taken up with the planning of the Eurolink's meeting to be held in Budapest this coming November. We are delighted that CLC Hungary agreed to host this and are really looking forward to our time together there.

Having dealt with the details of this event we then moved to other items on the agenda which included discussion on the annual contributions from National Communities, these are essential if we are going to continue supporting the growth of our Community in Europe and particularly in being able to offer support to the newer national communities.

We are also very grateful for the responses which some communities have made to the questions on the training of group guides, this is a project which we will be pursuing and which we hope will form the basis for discussion at a meeting for European

EAs which we plan to hold in November 2011, and which Lithuania have agreed to host. In the meantime we would like to encourage those national communities who do have training courses in place to consider personally inviting representatives from other European communities to participate where this is practicable (same language groups!).

Other items discussed included, our new(s)letter, a new Eurolinks flyer which will be available at their meeting, initial discussion on possible follow up to the leadership workshop, updating of the European website for CLC and finalising dates for future meetings and events.

We are very grateful to Inge for hosting the meeting which although intensive still allowed us to enjoy our time together in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. We are grateful also to the hospitality of the sisters where we stayed and the possibility of sharing in their prayer and liturgies.

On our final evening we met up with some members of CLC Munich who took us on a guided tour of the main part of the beautiful city of Munich and then rounded off a very entertaining tour with a shared meal in a typical Bavarian restaurant....a good end to a very productive weekend! *Evelyne Maloret*

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
(Matthew 6, 31-33)

European holiday week in Tannenlohe, 7-15 August 2010

To live simply - this was the headline of the CLC European holiday week where 86 children, men and women (from the ages of 4 to 70) met. I look back on these days gratefully and feel enriched. We led a simple life together, shared our joy at creation and encounters, exchanged our experiences with the CLC and added new ones. In all our get-togethers we experienced HIS presence. We had the chance to hear a lot from each other and to learn from each other, to meet interesting people and visit interesting places: the castle of Falkenburg, the basilica, chapel and cistercian convent in Waldsassen, the geographic centre in Windisch-Eschenbach with one of the deepest drilled holes in the world and the concentration camp in Flossenbürg.

We had a daily get-together with common prayers. The highlight was certainly the eucharist celebration. I felt especially touched by the Lord's Prayer: despite the fact that each one of us prayed in his/her own language, we reached a unifying harmony. One might be astonished to realize how much we all have in common and that communication is far beyond lingual understanding.

I'd like to express my gratitude with the grace that Robin taught us for dinner on the last evening:

*Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for HE is kind.
For His mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. (John Milton)*

You may share our experience by reading the following statements. *Inge Höpfl*

ON the holidays in Bavaria I felt myself as in a true community of friends in the Lord. I felt our unity and friendship which has its source in God. So now we can see how important are our spirituality, our common prayer and the Holy Mass. Especially I'm surprised with the care about our friend who was sick. It was true love. I thank God for this meeting and I hope we are close one another. I thank you - especially the GCL for the organisation, presence and warm heart.
Margaret, Poland

I came here to meet my friends and to get new friends. It was a real holiday for me and my family and not a workshop like the Grundkurs last year. Our friendship became deeper and more serious and I have got new friends.
Attila Szevedi, Hungary

Little children greet me with a smile.
At Flossenbürg I wanted to cry.
It is lovely to sing together with people of many languages.
Robin, Great Britain

I think it was a very good idea to organize the holidays in Tannenlohe for people from foreign countries who are members of the CLC community and their families. The programme was very interesting and varied. We had the opportunity do pray, to learn a lot about other countries and their CLC community, to meet great people and to visit a lot of interesting places (e.g. the castle in Falkenberg, the basilica in Waldsassen, the concentration camp in Flossenbürg). I could hear about their experience and talk about similarities and differences comparing our communities. It was very important to meet our president of CLC, Daniela. In addition, the everyday common prayer and the mass was touching me. Together we created the spiritual atmosphere which we will take home with us. *Ania S., Poland*

Diary

A diary to inform you of events taking place and also to ask for your support in prayer for these events.

Eurolinks meeting: Budapest.
November 4 - 7, 2010

5th CLC European Encounter
on Forced Migration.
Luxemburg. January 27-30,
2011

Euroteam Meeting. Rome.
March/April, 2011

To further information look at
the CLC Europe website:
www.clc-europe.org

CLC Europe News

The website of CLC Europe is currently being updated. Please give us your feedback and suggestions.

In particular, please check the information related to your National Communities and let us know if there are any errors.

Thank you to those of you who sent information about group guide training and the EA meeting which we requested in the previous issue.

Please keep us informed of events and initiatives which have taken place or are planned in your National Community. If possible, send photographs, contact emails, and related websites where more information can be obtained.

Besides helping the Euroteam in their work, this information will be placed on the CLC Europe website, so that the website can truly express the life of CLC in Europe.

Images of Tannenlohe

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