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church. Each church represented that morning shared good news, Franck and Fabienne Descotes (Lyon) did the communion, and while John McGuirk (Paris) preached the Word. These relationships (ligaments) will really help with the building of the churches in Western Europe! We do believe there will be Elder appointments in the near future. It is so encouraging to work together to build God's church. We appreciate your prayers for the work in Western Europe!

Texas-Oklahoma Ministry Training a Huge Success

Written by ICOC Hot News — Wednesday, 05 June 2013

The Texas & Oklahoma churches held their Ministry In Training program in Austin, Texas last week. Roughly 165 people attended, aged 18 to 70. Several came from Monterrey, Mexico, as well. While everyone came to learn and grow, most were there with a dream of serving the church in leadership in the future as a deacon, elder, evangelist, women's ministry leader, etc. Teachers included Mike and Anne-Brigitte Taliaferro, Todd and Patty Asaad, and others from accross the two states. Most everyone stayed in an off-campus housing facility, and ate together in the cafeteria. The fellowship and fun went on till late in the evening. The event will be held again in 2014.



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Orlando and San Diego, USA
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"Be One" Middle East Conference
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New York, New York
September 11-15, 2013

International Youth and Family Conference
New York City, USA
September 13-15, 2013

New York 30th Anniversary Service
New York, New York
September 15, 2013

Biblical Studies Tour & International Teachers Seminar
Greece & Turkey
October 19-26 2013

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Elder Training in Western Europe

Written by Joe Silipo — Western Europe Tuesday, 11 June 2013



Here is a trustworthy saying, "If anyone set his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task." — 1 Timothy 3:1

Over the last few years, Elder training has increased all over Europe. The desire and need to develop all roles of leadership in the church has increased significantly. When there is a shortage of something we all feel it in some way. This can be practically anything from food, utilities and even people. In Western Europe, we have, at this point, not appointed elders. The European Bible School (EBS) began an Elder training track 4 years ago, this effort planted seeds and these seeds have grown! The need arose for more specific and focused training for the candidates who could be appointed relatively soon. We are thankful for our partnership with Wyndham and Jeanie Shaw and Valdur and Irene Koha in Boston. The Shaws and Kohas, over the last 2 years, have met with couples in various churches all over Europe.

At the end of April it was amazing to have our first ever Euro Elder training retreat here in Milan, Italy! We had 4 couples from Paris, 3 from Milan, 2 from Lyon, 2 from Munich, 1 from Berlin, and of course, the Shaws and Kohas. The teaching and fellowship were amazing. Sunday all the couples were able to worship with the Milan

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