

September, 2009

Dear friends,

Greetings from Mallorca!

Looking back

[Mission-net](#), the European youth missions congress, was a great event, with a number of contacts made for OAC in Europe. We enjoyed participating, not to mention the trip across Europe in spring. Northern Germany was much warmer and sunnier than Mallorca over Easter!



Oldenburg



Making friends in the Black Country!

Summer is over

One of the hottest Spanish summers on record comes officially to an end today. It's pouring with rain, following on from a stormy week! But we were very grateful for opportunities to escape the earlier heat. In early July we were in the Black Country (England) for this year's reach the City outreach, 'Shine your light in the Black Country'. [See the Youtube video!](#)

Also, we were able to get some holiday visiting friends and touring southern France, the Pyrenees and down to Madrid. Otherwise, we have kept to our home base, taking full advantage of the beautiful sea!



Time for Europe

Our main project over the past months and into the autumn is preparing our upcoming OAC GB tour, under the title 'Time for Europe'. We are bringing together a number of our staff and friends from around Europe and beyond to report and bring the challenge we face for the future. With this letter I would have loved to enclose a flyer. But it took longer to print - not to mention prepare...- than I hoped, [so here is the link to download it!](#)

JOIN US AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
VENUES:

Nottingham: Sunday November 8th

Bristol: Friday November 13th

London (Enfield): Saturday, November 14th



More information is available online at <http://www.oaci.org/timeforeurope>

In addition, please get back to us as soon as possible if you would like us to visit personally. **We'd love to see you!** We are available between 28th October and 7th November, excepting 1st November in Bristol and one or two other dates not yet confirmed. These include visits related to Hilde's new area of concern.

Mallorcan matters

Meanwhile, life continues with our various home-based and local activities. The webs are always in need of updating and [PrayforSpain](#) is currently being fully re-launched. I hope this will take place when we return from our trip.

Local church activity includes leading an English speaking home group and co-leading a local Spanish speaking group. Each of these takes place every other week and we try to have one each week. That doesn't always work out as we would like... We are ably supported in the English group by doctors Ken and Rosie Prudhoe, who have long been supporters of GB national director Dave Glover in Newcastle. They moved to Mallorca 3 years ago. As you can imagine, this group includes several long-termers, but we also host short-termers and also visitors most weeks. So we attempt to ensure that each meeting is both self-contained and part of long-term support for the group members.

The Spanish-speaking group only has one true Spaniard from the locality - although a couple also come regularly from Palma. The remainder are 5 Europeans and 5 Latins. Pray that in addition to reaching out to our own nationalities and other immigrants, we might also begin to touch the established local community!

Other local church activities include monthly open air evangelism in Palma and a market stand (book stall) in Santa María, one of the medium sized towns where several church members live.



Group members at our 20th anniversary party!

Care for the unborn and their mothers

Hilde has a growing concern for those women who reject their babies and voluntarily abort. Millions do across Europe every year. The Spanish government now has a bill before the Congress to make abortion even easier, while from August it has been possible to get the 'morning after pill' over the counter. She is gathering information and materials with a view to starting some ministry in this area. A new NGO has recently been set up here which includes this issue in its statutes, but up to now had no one able to lead the ministry. Pray for Hilde as she gathers material and contacts with a view to starting something perhaps next year, possibly under the auspices of [+QS](#).

Thanks for praying!

We look forward to meeting you soon!

much love from us both, Chris & Hilde

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Reminder: support is now being handled by OAC (West Country). Please send cheques to Korky Davey for OAC, with a note on the back that it's for us, to:

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THANK YOU! More information (direct debits/ standing orders/ gift aid...) on request.