

Quick Update from Chris & Hilde

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On the outside...

Dear friends,

Easter approaches, with a time to remind ourselves once again of the wondrous work of our Lord. As I write, we have just moved officially into spring, with temperatures particularly pleasant, after a longer and colder winter everywhere in Europe. We hope you are enjoying it as much as we are!

Hilde is at present in prison. I am rather hopeful that she will be let out again this evening! She is currently visiting monthly with ladies from the church we attended our first year on the island. In addition, last week she began to give English tuition to several Moroccan children at the village rectory, under the supervision of social services. This, together with the English- Catalan exchange with our landlord's daughter (who is studying English at the university), means she is advancing rapidly with the local Mallorquin, although I'm not sure if she will get into Rif dialects soon! She is also interested in a medical NGO in the church which brings children from Equatorial Guinea for Ops, but who also want to develop outreach locally through the abortion issue. In any case, it helps us to feel that we are where the Lord wants us, despite house and land prices remaining way above our ability to buy anything we like.

Church involvement has led us to take leadership of a new English speaking home group, with members from 4 continents! We continue to attend a Spanish speaking group in our area, too, so there is plenty to do helping each other. This week, one lady had a gall bladder op., so we all had to rally round one way or another. I'm glad to have learnt that I'm not the only squeamish man in the group. Her husband was temporarily admitted when he fainted, or something, on his second visit! The church leadership team is being extended with a sort of advisory group 'G8' to which I have been invited to join. Monthly services in the new church plant in Arenal will begin in April, but at this stage we will not be directly involved in leadership.



Carol Singing at the Christmas party



Conference Board, February '09

The Evangelists' Conference board has been renewed after the first financially successful 'boutique sized' conference last December. What with the good outcome of the conference and a growing subscription to our quarterly evangelistic magazine, the board is happy indeed. Over 60,000 copies of the 'Waiting Room' magazine are printed each quarter, for distribution by all kinds of local churches. Chris took advantage of a meeting in Madrid to preach with Ken in the Puerta del Sol the night before.

OAC ministry has recently been the main item of my activity, with the European Council meeting in Brussels at the start of March. It was very encouraging to hear of developments all over the continent and beyond, especially towards the east, in several cases into lands we previously believed closed to the sketchboard! We are also busy preparing for an Easter trip to Oldenburg, Germany. We will have a stand and seminar at



[Mission-Net](#), where they are expecting up to 5,000 young mission-minded young people – and about 500 mission reps from all accounts! I will also be translating, once from the platform. On the opening night, I will be in the Spanish booth, attempting to get the excited young people even more over the top! (At least there is no New Year's Eve at Easter!) Driving up, we will take advantage to visit Hilde's family and preach in her home church, visit my brother and family in Geneva and the Howes in France.

Looking ahead, we hope to visit Britain between 25th October and mid November. We would love to visit you. Please get in touch and give us a date. We will try to fit you in.

Thank you for standing with us.

Lots of love,

Chris & Hilde



'Heretics' were burnt here... OAC leaders at the Grande Place in Brussels

Praise:

Evangelists' Conference results
Local opportunities in church and community
Growth in OAC Europe

Prayer:

Mission-Net Congress – interest in OAC and Spain!
Local and national summer ministry
UK autumn visit
A property to buy.

Immediate trip timeline:

31 March	Ferry to Barcelona
1 April	in Calonge (Costa Brava)
2 nd	drive to Buchenau (Hilde's home town)
5 th	20.00 presentation in Buchenau Fellowship
8 th	drive to Oldenburg, Mission-net begins
8 th	20.00 Interpret opening session at Mission-Net
10 th	Open Air Seminar/workshop
11 th	Another session to interpret
13 th	return to Buchenau
15 th	drive to Geneva (visit brother and family)
17 th	drive to Cavailon (visit Howes)
18 th	return to Calonge – largely holiday!
23 rd	23.00 ferry to Mallorca

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:
20, St. Hilary Close, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1DA
THANK YOU! More information (direct debits/ standing orders/ gift aid...) on request.

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