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Covenant Players

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Opening Doors Through Sponsorship

November 2010

Tremendously exciting ministry has been happening through your involvement in Covenant Players' sponsorship program! These programs are made possible through the generosity of our supporters donating monies enabling Covenant Players to serve some of the most disadvantaged organizations. The gift of a CP performance – through sponsorship – is an amazing gift indeed. Meeting themes as diverse as Forgiveness,

Teen Suicide, Loneliness, Healing Prayer and Commitment; you can see how gifts of sponsorship can lift up, heal, or deepen the commitment of a whole church body.

Through the sponsorship of individuals and churches in Germany and Austria, this October, Covenant Players was able to return to Bratislava, Slovakia! The



Slovakian students enjoying the performance

Penni Jo Blatterman) was able to perform for five days in schools, share two church programs and teach a drama workshop.

In April of this year, the MIDNIGHT SUN UNIT (Jo French, Naomi Metz and Lisa Plath) had a busy time of ministry on the island of Gotland in Sweden made possible in part, through the sponsorship of the local churches. Jo French writes, *"The youth worker called Simon came to all the*

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(Katie &
Mårten
Bjergvide,
Unit Leaders
and
Lydia
Gorn,
joined by



Students in Slovakia participating in the program

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CP Performances throughout Sweden, Finland, Estonia and Norway in the Exodus Mission 2010:

- 22 Aug – Varhaug Meighet, Nærbo, NORWAY
- 22 Aug – International Church of Lund, Lund, SWEDEN
- 25 Aug – Business College, Horsens, SWEDEN
- 29 Aug – Stavanger International Church, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 30 Aug – Hasselforsskola/Kanalskolan, Laxå, SWEDEN
- 31 Aug – Finnerödja skola, Laxå, SWEDEN
- 2 Sept – Adolfsbergensskolan, Örebro, SWEDEN
- 5 Sept – RCCG Solution Centre, Stockholm, SWEDEN
- 8 Sept – Stavanger International Church, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 10 Sept – Futurum, Balsta, SWEDEN

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The Search Goes On...

In August of this year, the owner of the house in Unterheinriet, Germany — which Covenant Players has been

renting as office and residence for many years — informed us that the house has been put on the market! We need to be prepared to move out — potentially soon. Our search for a new home for CP Europe has continued over the last 1½ years but it has now be-

come more urgent. We are looking at two prospective houses not far from our current location that have enough living, office and storage space to meet our needs. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for us as we consider this house and for God's provision for the financing.



- 11 Sept – Korskyrkan, Uppsala, SWEDEN
- 11-12 Sept – Førde Kyrkjelyd, Førde, NORWAY
- 12 Sept – MVU Brinellskolan, Fagersta, SWEDEN
- 13 Sept – Ullvi Gymnasium, Köping, SWEDEN
- 17 Sept – Klockarbergsskolan, Skinnskatteberg, SWEDEN
- 19-22 Sept – Ärentuna Församling, Storveta, SWEDEN
- 26 Sept – RCCG Grace Connections, Uppsala, SWEDEN
- 30 Sept – Paldiski Gümnaasium, Paldiski, ESTONIA
- 30 Sept – Moi Menighet, Moi, NORWAY
- 1 Oct – Tonanger Menighet, Tonanger, NORWAY
- 1 Oct – Tartu International School, Tartu, ESTONIA
- 3 Oct – Stavanger International Church, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 3 Oct – Vineyard Tallin, Tallin, ESTONIA
- 7 Oct – Kuopio International Fellowship, Kuopio, FINLAND
- 11 Oct – Petalax School, Petalax, SWEDEN
- 14 Oct – Evangelliska Folkhögskolan, Vaasa, FINLAND
- 15 Oct – Vaasa Svenska Metodist Församling, Vaasa, FINLAND
- 16 Oct – Vörå Församling, Vörå, SWEDEN
- 17 Oct – Vaasa Svenska Församling, Vaasa, SWEDEN
- 18 Oct – Korsholms Gymnasium, Korsholm, SWEDEN
- 19 Oct – Kronoby Församling, Kronoby, SWEDEN
- 19 Oct – Tjensvoll & Bekkefaret Menigheter, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 22 Oct – Oulu International School, Oulu, SWEDEN
- 24 Oct – NMS U, Stavanger, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 25 Oct – Rantavatikan, Rove-

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school shows with us. He is already known in the schools we went to, so it was really great. Afterwards, he handed out an invitation to a workshop and evening performance we will be having next Saturday at the church. What a brilliant link between the churches and the schools! What a wonderful way to bring the young people into the church!"



A program at a center for the developmentally disabled with audience participation

In spring, the PARIS UNIT (Astrid Jacob, Marie Lubac and Talitha Arndt) in France shared a special Easter program, also made possible through sponsorship, at a center for developmentally disabled people. Some of the staff commented: "I think the first play especially is good for them — all about the love of God and this joy. It's a good thing they saw it." "[One disabled

participant] always thinks nobody thinks he is important. That nobody wants to listen to him...It was great he could be this important character. He started all shy and quiet and then I could see how happy and

involved he was...All of them. They were so glad someone was there to listen to them and spend time with them."

We thank God — and you, our partners in sponsorship, for opening doors of ministry throughout Europe. Many other groups are desiring the dynamic resource of Covenant Players ministry but are prohibited due to lack of funds. **Would you consider partnering with us through a regular or one-time gift?** You can do so by using the enclosed response form.

- Your gift of €20 - €150 will help towards the cost of a program.
- €175 - €300 can sponsor an entire

Die besten Pläne

It was with great excitement that we prepared for the London Marathon in April 2010! However, what we hadn't prepared for was the eruption of a certain Icelandic volcano. With the UK a "no fly zone", and many thou-

sands of people displaced around the world, it became necessary to adopt a contingency plan as it became obvious that Robin Goettl was not going to be able to get to the UK for the event on 25th April. In order to fulfill the spirit and intent of the event, we determined that Robin would run "a marathon" at a venue in the USA, whilst 4 Covenant Players (Debbie & Geoffrey Allen, Shane & Aoa Kautz and non-touring Covenant Player, Naomi Philippi) committed to walk the entire London Marathon

course on Saturday 1st May. Following are excerpts from Debbie's narrative of the event:

"In the last 2 miles, the rain starts to come down VERY hard, VERY wet and VERY cold. We pass by the Place of Westminster (the clock tower with Big Ben), some May Day protestors and LOTS of British Bobbys (policemen), the beautiful flower gardens of St. James' Park, along Birdcage Walk, past the Victoria Monument and out into The Mall, the wide avenue in front of Buckingham Palace and from there past.... THE FINISH!! Our total time 9 hours



Robin Goettl completing marathon

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program.

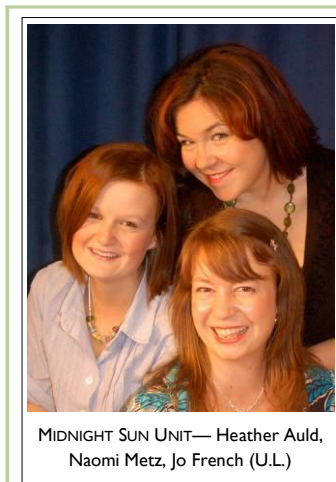
- Your regular committed gifts by direct debit will open new doors of ministry all year round.

Your donations no matter how small will enable ministry: crossing borders, touching hearts and changing lives. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry and thank God for you!

Joe and Karin Medley



JOE AND KARIN MEDLEY — EUROPEAN SUPERVISORS



MIDNIGHT SUN UNIT— Heather Auld, Naomi Metz, Jo French (U.L.)



HAUKELI CLUSTER— Seth (U.L.) and Siri Ueland-Chancy, Jorunn and Arek Goriaczko

The Units covering Sweden, Finland, Estonia and Norway

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Exodus Mission 2010

Performances:

- niemi, SWEDEN
- 26 Oct – Ounasvaaran Lukio, Rovaniemi, FINLAND
- 28-29 Oct – Östra Skolan, Jokkmok, SWEDEN
- 30 Oct – Det Norske Misjons Selskap, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 3 Nov – Bekkefaraet Menighet, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 10 Nov – Lilja Skola, Vännäs, SWEDEN
- 11 Nov – Backens Skola, Harmånger, SWEDEN
- 14 Nov – Harmånger Kyrkan, Harmånger, SWEDEN
- 15 Nov – Kälarne Skola, Kälarne, SWEDEN
- 16 Nov – Mimergården, Östersund, SWEDEN
- 17 Nov – Bekkefaret Menighet, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 19 Nov – Lorensbergskolan, Ludvika, SWEDEN
- 22 Nov. – Markurskolan, Avesta, SWEDEN
- 25 Nov – Forssacklackskolan, Borlänge, SWEDEN
- 29 Nov – Soltorsgymnasiet, Borlänge, SWEDEN
- 1 Dec – Bankeryds Missionskyrkan, Bankeryds, SWEDEN
- 1-3 Dec – Erik Dahlbergymnasiet, Jönköping, SWEDEN
- 2 Dec – Bekkefaret Menighet, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 5 Dec – Stavanger International Church, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 7,9,12 Dec – Bekkefaret Menighet, Stavanger, NORWAY
- 12 Dec – Anstalten Tidaholm, Tidaholm, SWEDEN

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and 35 minutes!! Comments: Onnnnnnnnn!! (God bless you Robin Goettl and anyone else who has ever undertaken such an endeavor on our behalf!) Onnnnnnn!!!

“Let me be frank, the journey back to the ALBION house (home for the CP unit based in London) is very slow, very painful and I think we can all agree that we will never perform a Pathway Play in quite the same way. Once there, Brenda, Mary and Lydia present us with a wonderful meal, and we receive a text from the CAT EAST UNIT, ‘HE DID IT!! VICTORY!!’ And we know that everyone has now ‘completed

their race.’ Praise the Lord!! Our deepest thanks goes to Robin Goettl (who ran the marathon on a treadmill in Kentucky, USA), to those who walked this marathon with us, to all who have supported us in so many ways and to each person who has sought to raise money or given sponsorship for this event in support of Covenant Players. Over **€1,000** was raised for this event. In the current economic climate, when many organizations are feeling additional funding challenges, what a gift it is to have these monies with which to underwrite per-

formances — **making ministry happen and serving the most disadvantaged.”**



Aoa Kautz, Naomi Philippi, Debbie and Geoffrey Allen, Shane Kautz — our marathon survivors

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The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid...I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Players exists to communicate the Lord Jesus Christ through the medium of drama.

To that end we commit ourselves to:

- Go where the people are.
- Serve the leadership of the church and the community.
- Live a life worthy of our call.
- Love each other and those we serve.

In Covenant with God and one another, we dedicate ourselves to this task.

Prayer Guide

PLEASE pray for the Lord's continued direction and inspiration as we seek to be a resource to the needs of the church and society throughout Europe. We pray for renewed vision, and for stamina, increased opportunities, passion to serve and an ability to recognize and respond to the needs before us.

WE appreciate your prayers for Covenant Players' leadership including International Director, **Bobbi Johnson-Tanner** and European Supervisors, **Joe & Karin Medley** as they seek to guide the Covenant Players in God's plan and purpose for the future of the ministry. Please also pray for **Geoffrey & Debbie Allen**, National Directors in the British & Irish Office in the U.K. — for their health and the health of their family. We also ask your prayers for **Mark Johnson-Tanner & Nancy Shalkey**, the North

American Supervisors, **Jay & Lyn LaRue**, the Australasian Supervisors, and **Julie Cunningham**, the South African Supervisor.

PLEASE pray for those considering joining Covenant Players in Europe in the coming year, as well as for new missionaries in North America, Australia, and South Africa.

WE ask for prayer for the return of Covenant Players WISLA UNIT to Poland in February 2011. Please pray for open doors for ministry and blessing upon all preparations for the mission to Poland.

PLEASE pray for our house search, that the Lord will guide us to His house for CP Europe's office and home, which will fulfill the purpose of His kingdom's work through this ministry. We ask for prayers for God's provision for the financing

of the house and any additional donations that will be needed for it to become a reality.

WE give thanks for the Lord's protection and ask for continued prayers of protection and health over the Covenant Players as they travel, as well as His provision for the maintenance of our vehicle fleet.

We are grateful to God for His help in providing for the renewal of Covenant Players' immigration status in Australia. We are also grateful for God's recent provision of sponsorship funds in the U.K. and the U.S., as well as a generous donation for new computers at our European office.

OUR deep and heartfelt thanks go to all of you who support us and participate with us in so many ways — most importantly — with your prayers.

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Europe—Autumn 2010

Response Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

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E-mail: _____

I would like to support the ministry of COVENANT PLAYERS in Europe! (Check boxes that apply)

- Please use my contribution of € _____ to help sponsor a Covenant Players program.
- Please use my contribution of € _____ for the general needs of the ministry.
- Donation Enclosed. Donation by Bank Transfer.
- I would like more information about Covenant Players' ministry and scheduling a program.
- In the future, you may send the newsletter by email. (See left)

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Please include your name and "LW2010" in the 'memo'. Thank you!

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