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Dear Friends—

Great things to report!

The Europe Teen Challenge (ETC) conference was held in Rimini-Bellaria, Italy April 15–18. Of the 32 countries in the ETC fellowship, 26 were represented with around 300 people in attendance. The guest speakers were, Anita Koeshall - Post Modern Thinking, Janelle Hallman - Same Sex Attraction, Jerry Nance - Keeping TC Principles in this Generation, and John Macey of Teen Challenge in the UK preached the evening services.

The theme for the 2010 conference was “Understanding This Generation.” The speakers provided a powerful springboard to explore the Post Modern, Gen X , Gen Y and ... well whatever label you want to use to describe this young generation. The teachings laid a powerful foundation with critical insights into the thought processes necessary to engage the culture of today. Teachers addressed the emerging thought processes of today’s new generation from a global perspective, culturally, sexually, and spiritually.

The volcano in Iceland had a major impact on people as they attempted to leave the conference. Some were detained a full week beyond the end of the conference before they were able to return home. But, on his way home to Siberia, Ilya Bantseev reported riding many hours with strangers in two different cars. He was able in each situation to share the Gospel with his fellow passengers. The Scottish and Irish delegation were stranded on the beaches of Italy for 8 days—if you can call it being “stranded”. All in all, we had a great time of fellowship, inspiration and education. God is good to us!

I would like to close with a prayer request. Recently we have received contact from Finland about opening a TC program there. Many years ago, there was an operational program in Finland, but it has not been active for some time now. Please pray for these developments. We would love to see God’s Kingdom expanding again among the addicts of Finland!

God Bless all of you for your continued giving!

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