



June 2018 - #044

Dear praying friends in Europe –

“He reopened the wells his father had dug, which the Philistines had filled in after Abraham’s death. Isaac renamed them, using the names Abraham had given them.”
Genesis 26:18 [NLT]

Isaac reopened the ancient wells of his father Abraham. This is often used as an inspiration for asking God to re-awaken the spiritual life that we have had in past generations, to reopen the wells of renewal and revival. In Europe we have had so many spiritual blessings over 2000 years and there is so much to inspire us when we look back. How can we benefit today from this spiritual legacy? Encouraged by our history, let’s ask God to bring revival again across our whole continent. This is the subject of the “Timeline of Worship” project which will take place in June next year.



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Wells of Life in Europe

I have been inspired reading about Europe’s almost 2000 years of Christian history. Here are a few points to encourage you!

Roman Empire In Acts 16 the Apostle Paul planted the first European church in Lydia’s house in Philippi. The good news spread around the Roman empire, despite persecutions and many martyrdoms.

450 – 1386 The church gradually spread northwards. Many monks served faithfully to establish new communities in remote areas and some died for their faith. Finally, in 1386 Jagiello of Lithuania was baptised – the last region to convert from paganism.

The Slavic Peoples In the 800s, Byzantine Greek brothers Cyril & Methodius translated the Bible into Slavonic, which greatly helped the establishment of the church in the Slavic countries.

Friars During the Middle Ages, orders of friars (missionary monks) played a big part in strengthening church life, mission and preaching campaigns – the Carmelites, Augustinians, Dominicans & Franciscans.

Reformation and Counter-Reformation Beginning with Martin Luther’s protest against indulgences in 1517, a renewed emphasis on salvation by grace and the Bible being available to everyone.

Moravians and Evangelical Awakenings A wonderful stream of renewal including Jan Hus in Moravia, Count Zinzendorf and the Herrnhut community in Saxony, Pietism in the Lutheran church, Hugenots in France and

the evangelical awakening in Britain through George Whitefield and John & Charles Wesley.

Pentecostal Revivals Revivals in Wales and the USA led to the Pentecostal churches.

1960s The charismatic movement began which has brought much renewal into the Mainstream Churches.

2018 God is at work in Europe today! It is said that where a revival has happened before, it is easier for it to happen again. This encourages us to expect that the recent decline in church life can turn to growth again. Spring always follows Winter!

Timeline of Worship Project

Following the Ring of Worship project last year, there will be a similar event in June next year with teams in all the locations where God has worked in Europe in the past. We will celebrate our spiritual history and ask God to do it again! Dates 21-23 June 2019, more info will follow.

Prayer:

- Ask Jesus to bless and lead the “Timeline of Worship” project and make it what he wants it to be.
- Pray for such a total turnaround in the spiritual situation in Europe that atheism and humanism can no longer claim to be dominant here. Jesus will have a vibrant church in Europe to welcome him when he comes back!
- Pray for more people to pray! The “Europe Shall Be Saved” vision sees 100 million people coming to faith, which needs a lot more people to join the prayer battle.

Please also pray for

- Italy: the crisis of the Government has the potential to put at risk the whole Union.
- a change of Iran’s policy against Israel for the benefit of both sides.