



ECHOES OF INTERCESSION

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This month's letter echoes a prayer initiative for Europe: the OCE project (Opération Capitales Européennes), initiated by Youth With a Mission (YWAM), France.

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I would like to present you with a project that affects not only France, but all of Europe; a project based on the following verses from Psalm 2: *"Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?...The One enthroned in heaven laughs...Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned you rulers of the earth."* (Psalm 2:1, 4, 10)

In a 2009 prayer journey to France, our YWAM team of three people stood at the French-Belgian border, on the side of a highway. The place was particularly dirty; the ground was littered with needles, syringes, and other contaminated products. It was there that God asked us to pray for new visions and for European governments. Returning to the car, we each shared our desire to go and pray in several European capitals, and one person among us shared that he had long had a heart to seek out local intercessors prayer for governments and their authorities in each of the 48 European capitals.

The **Operation Capitales Europeenes** project (or, the "Operation: European Capitals" project) was born. The goal is to make three or four 2-week trips per year. The first week is a week of teaching; the second is designated for prayer in three capitals. Everyone is invited to participate. One of the goals is to create a network of intercessors – the project isn't just for YWAM.

- OCE's Website: www.oceprayer.com (<http://ywam7.com/fr/ministeres/operation-capitales-europe>)

The first trip took us to three centers of European Government: Strasbourg, Luxembourg, and Brussels.

In Strasbourg, we were guided to, among other things, a time of face-to-face repentance with Jewish people in the presence of the Grand Rabbi of Strasbourg and a delegation of the Jewish community. A declaration was made to the Grand Rabbi, with 10 people representing 10 different nations receiving the opportunity to speak (Zech. 8:23).



During the week of teaching, Georgina Dufoix spoke with us about her experience in praying for governmental authorities.

In Brussels, four of us had the privilege to participate in the European Parliament's Holocaust commemoration ceremony. Others were able to pray and intercede in certain parts of the European Commission; in the Parliament's meditation room, we all experienced a very powerful moment of praise and intercession with Parliament employees, and we had a time of silent prayer in the Assembly auditorium and other parts of the building.

In each of these capitals, a local group organized a time of prayer where God spoke quite powerfully. It reminded us of how powerfully God can act through our humility and adoration. We believe that things will change in Europe. God is already shaking the foundations in preparation of the manifestation of His Kingdom.

The next trip for intercession for national governments will take place from May 23 to June 5. The itinerary will include Paris, Luxembourg, and Brussels.

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