

# Canopy of Prayer

# 100th edition



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## *Dear Prayer Partners in Europe*

*A new year, a new beginning! We would like to tell you about a new association, Hebron Europe, that we have set up to be a platform for our activities praying for Europe.*

*Up to now, the Canopy of Prayer fortnightly prayer letters have been supported financially by the Wächterruf, a German prayer network, for which we are very grateful. Some of us are also involved in the European Union of Prayer, a group which has met to pray in every single EU country and now plans to meet in all the non-EU European countries. This work has been generously supported by another German prayer association, Adoramus-Fellowship. Ortwin Schweitzer was the founder and former leader of both these European initiatives.*

*It is now time to bring the Canopy and the EU of Prayer together under one roof! So last October we met in London to set up Hebron Europe as a German association (non-profit/charity organisation). It will be a legal home for the EU of Prayer and the Canopy, and also for any new prayer initiatives that the Lord Jesus gives us, such as the Europe's Wells project in 2019 and the Ring of Worship in 2017, which I had the privilege of leading.*

### **Why "Hebron Europe"?**

*The inspiration for the name Hebron Europe comes from 2 Samuel 5:1-3 and 1 Chronicles 12:38-40, where all the tribes of Israel gathered at Hebron to make David their king. We are Europeans who gather and pray because we want to proclaim that Jesus is King of Europe. Of course He is Lord and King of the whole universe, but we want Him to be acknowledged and welcomed as King in practice in our continent, in our governments, in our families, and in every area of life.*

### **Who is Involved?**

*Ortwin Schweitzer is Honorary Chairperson, so we can still benefit from his wisdom and experience. Ian & Jill Jeal from the UK will continue to lead the team producing the Canopy prayer letters and Corrie Oosterhuis from the Netherlands is leader of the EU of Prayer gatherings. The other four executive board members are all experienced and godly people from Germany and Sweden. I am from the UK but now live in Germany and am honoured to be Chairperson. You may recognise our names as we have all written previous Canopy articles.*

*We believe that the Lord is going to do big things in Europe to rebuild His Kingdom here and we want to be part of that! We want to be available and useful to Him. Join us to see what the Lord will give us to do and where He will take us!*

### **Please pray:-**

- 1. Proclaim Jesus as King of Europe. We have no other King but Jesus!*
- 2. May the number of people praying for Europe increase considerably during this year.*
- 3. We have much still to do to complete the setting up of Hebron Europe – website, email, logo, etc, plus the integration of all its different activities. Please pray!*
- 4. Ask God to lead us in this new adventure. As leaders we would really appreciate your prayers that we will hear His voice and follow Him. Thank you!*

*And now Ortwin, as the father of both Canopy & EU of Prayer, will continue with a very personal word to you.*



## **Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Prayer Ministry of the Canopy of Prayer**

*These have been perhaps the most intense 15 years of my 83 years of life so far. I have been able to travel all over Europe and have met many of you personally and have seen the Kingdom of God grow with you and through you. Our meetings were celebrations in the Holy Spirit for the glory of God!*

*This was within the framework of the prayer journeys of the European Union of Prayer (EUoP). Many wanted afterwards to be part of the ongoing prayer ministry of the Canopy of Prayer for Europe. And others also joined, especially from the ranks of the Wächterruf (the Watchman's Call) and the Adoramus-Fellowship, but also from many other countries and ministries.*

### **Are you Interested in a Few Numbers?**

*The Canopy is currently read in 31 countries, even beyond Europe, e.g. in Brazil and the USA. Within Europe, apart from Germany with 354 praying readers, the United Kingdom leads with 42. This is followed by Austria (20), the Netherlands (20), Switzerland (15) and*

*Finland and France with 12 each. Hungary, Sweden and Belgium should also be mentioned with just under 10 and, what is particularly good is that there are 16 countries with 1 or 2 readers.*

*Altogether, about 600 people receive the prayer letter so far, of which 500 (according to the computer count) click on the letter either regularly or occasionally. That is about 80 % (!). Thank you, thank you all!*

### **We are One**

*Most of us do not know each other personally, but it is good to remember: We belong together before God to a great Europe-wide spiritual community, which carries Europe before God day by day, Monday to Sunday, each in the 15 minutes per week that they committed to. May the Lord fill you anew always with the spirit of faith, so that we do not see Europe's deficit, but God's power and mercy, which is greater than all inadequacy. Europe - you experience God's acting in your midst, in judgement and mercy! Fear not!*

### **Growth**

*Wouldn't it be nice if there were even more of us in this international gathering of praying people? That is indeed a question - to everyone! Could you find someone in your neighbourhood who is also willing to pray for God's coming to Europe and - as Nick wrote - to proclaim Jesus' reign over our continent? Or do you have any access to the media to write a report here or give an interview there? What do you think?*

### **Interconnections**

*Nick has written that a new work has now come into existence to proclaim Jesus' kingship together even louder. This was possible because many from EUoP also got involved in the Canopy. And now it should also be possible the other way round! Which of you Canopy "pray-ers" would like to receive an invitation to the EUoP prayer journeys in the future? Please contact: [info@euofprayer.eu](mailto:info@euofprayer.eu).*

*In this way, things which belong together are growing together! And if you have any ideas for the Canopy or EUoP, please let us know. Thank you very much! Don't hesitate to write to: [info@hebroneurope.org](mailto:info@hebroneurope.org)*

### **Responsibility**

*It is my vision for Hebron Europe, that we will take up a shared responsibility for the new ministry from now on. Together we are strong! So, if you feel in your spirit that this also means something to you financially, why not set up a standing order or make a one-off donation to Hebron Europe.*

*But please only donate if you feel joy in doing so!*

*Account details:- Hebron Europe e.V., IBAN DE53 6129 0120 0488 0210 06, BIC GENODES1NUE*

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### **To Finish**

*Finally, I want to express a deep thank you to the four new leaders. They have been with me through thick and thin all these years and the Lord has given each of them a clear confirmation of their leadership. I hand over thankfully and with full confidence to them: to Nick, to Corrie, to Ian and to Jill. Please pray for them and stand with them!*

*Be blessed and protected at all times,*

*Yours*

*Ortwin Schweitzer*

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