

DAY FIVE EUROPE



In March 1993 an open forum of the European Fellowship was attended by representatives from several of the new and emerging European nations. This fostered greater understanding of the needs and opportunities in these countries. Ways are being sought to continue dialogue as Christian youth work develops.

In Sweden Ansgarsforbundet has been fully incorporated within the new organisation, Church of Sweden Youth, who hold their first AGM in June 1993.

FDF/FPF in Denmark continue to run creative programmes and plan national camps for juniors in 1993 and music in 1994. PTK is now the largest Finnish organisation for boys and girls aged 7-14, with about 100,000 members.

In Britain the BB Mission Statement and Planning for Change proposals seek to establish policy and direction for the years ahead. "Firm Foundations", a family weekend of worship, teaching, music and activities, is now an established national event.

READING: Luke 12: 22-34. Giving first priority to the Kingdom.

PRAYER:

Almighty God, we thank you for the Christian traditions of Europe, but are challenged by decline in active membership of your Church. We pray that effective outreach amongst young people will be established in every European nation, so that your Kingdom will grow.

As internal conflict and terrorism continue, we pray for peace and justice in every European country and ask that Christians take a leading role in bringing new hope and reconciliation.

Guide and encourage all who seek to share the Gospel with young people. In societies dominated by materialism and personal pleasure, help us to reflect Christ in every aspect of our lives.

In His name we pray, AMEN.

DAY SIX PACIFIC



The triennial meeting of the Pacific Regional Fellowship was held in May 1993 in the Cook Islands. Distances between islands in the Pacific are great and travel expensive. Despite this, sharing and mutual encouragement are possible via satellite links, joint activities, camps and voluntary service.

Australia held a successful Pan-Australian Camp in 1993 and in 1994 New Zealand are to host an international camp at Rotorua. Both countries are seeking ways to ensure that the Brigade is relevant and attractive to young people today.

The Papua New Guinea handbook has been published by BB Australia and has been well received in PNG. It is hoped that Churches will combine their efforts in promoting the work of the BB.

Western Samoa was again hit by a cyclone at the start of 1993. Opportunities for young people on Samoa and other islands are limited and the Brigade and its activities provide a useful means of development. Training in carpentry, building skills and motor mechanics continue at the Vocational Training Centre on Savai.

READING: 1 Corinthians, 3: 10-15. Building with care.

PRAYER:

Lord God, we ask for your blessing upon Church youth work in the Pacific. Bless all work in new areas. Enable islands to strengthen and support each other, despite the distance between them.

Thank you for the completion of several new handbooks. May they be wisely used and a help to those whom you have called into leadership.

In a changing world, we pray that we will be open to your guidance and willing to adopt new methods for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Give us the courage to change where necessary and a clear vision of what may lie ahead.

We ask this in the name of our unchanging Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, AMEN.

DAY SEVEN UNITY OF PURPOSE



Despite all that causes us to differ around the world we remember that we are part of one body in Christ. The closing passages of Isaiah look forward to a new creation and to God's Kingdom restored where there will be no war and suffering and the wolf and lamb will feed together in harmony.

Every young person can, through Christ, be part of that new creation. As leaders, we have the opportunity and, indeed, the responsibility of introducing them to Jesus.

In a world in which there is so much hatred and self-interest we are called to be agents of peace and examples of unselfish service, through trust in our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

READING: Isaiah 65:17-25. God's future Kingdom of joy, peace and security.

PRAYER:

Our Father, we praise you for the greatness of your plans in building a new Kingdom with Christ as King. Please help us to be faithful workers in bringing young people into the Kingdom of your Son.

Give us, we pray, the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we can overcome all that is evil and love one another as you first loved us. Forgive us for all our failures in the past, heal divisions between us and unite us under Christ our King.

In His name we pray, AMEN.

Our aim is to encourage everyone in our world family to pray for each other and for the needs of the world.

This card may be used for personal prayer or to help us lead others in prayer. It can be used in Church services, at camp and at training events to help us increase our vision and become aware of our role as part of God's world.

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- Poiken ja Tyttöjen Keskus
- Neenah- Menasha Boys' and Girls' Brigade
- United Boys' and Girls' Brigade of America
- Junior Ministry, India

DAY ONE

IDENTITY & FREEDOM



Do we believe in individual freedom? Do we truly respect each other's identity? We are told that, through modern transport and communications, the world is becoming a smaller place. Yet it would seem to be a world more full of divisions than ever before.

People and communities are gaining more freedom and seek individual identity in a world where people are all too often treated as mere statistics. We learn that our own life style affects that of others yet, despite all experience and history, people have still to learn to live with each other. We seek order in our own eyes rather than the order of God. The former is based on our own esteem and desire to control - the latter is based on love.

As Christians we are in no doubt as to which route we should take. Our Scripture readings in this leaflet are chosen to let us reflect on the individual in God's Kingdom and his worth in the whole of creation.

READING: Genesis 1:26-28. God created man in His own image, with identity and purpose.

PRAYER

Lord, you created us as individuals; each with our own personality; each with our ability to choose right from wrong. We delight in the freedoms you provide and the great value and responsibility you place on each of us.

Teach us Lord to respect the freedom of others. Help us to think before we act and never to impose our own will when this could harm or cause hardship to our neighbour.

Let us learn to speak Your will; to love rather than condemn; to understand rather than judge; to trust rather than fear. Open our eyes to see the greatness of your power and our hearts to accept the breadth of your love. Give to us a spirit of humility and service and a desire to serve Jesus in all that we do.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, this we pray.
AMEN.

DAY TWO

AFRICA



We praise God for the continued development in Africa despite severe hardship in many countries.

In Sierra Leone areas of the country are devastated by rebel fighting causing the destruction of communities and displacement of BB members and their families. Nigeria have appointed a new project officer to look after skills training and work in Zaire and Cameroon continues to expand.

Uganda celebrates 60 years of BB and is expanding activities such as brickmaking, beekeeping and coffee growing at Company level. The BB in Zambia and Kenya face the effects of political changes and economic turmoil. Agriculture training continues at Kaniki and a nation-wide programme of leader training is underway. As situations develop in South Africa pray that Christian youth work continue to be an instrument for peace and reconciliation.

READING: Matthew 20: 20-28. Greatness in God's Kingdom achieved through service.

PRAYER:

Dear Lord and Master, we give you thanks that, despite all difficulties, your Kingdom and your Church continue to grow in Africa. We thank you that you are present with all people who suffer and share in their grief through your Son Jesus Christ.

We ask you, Lord, to care for our family throughout the African continent. Help all who work to eliminate suffering and grant them the support necessary to fulfil their work. We pray for a just solution in every dispute that lasting peace and understanding may be restored.

Thank you, Lord, for all you have provided for the Boys' Brigade in Africa, especially for those who carry the responsibility of leadership. Give them strength to face the difficulties of tomorrow. Renew their vision, guide them in every decision and use them to spread the love of Jesus amongst the young people in their care.

We ask this for the glory of your name. **AMEN**

DAY THREE

THE AMERICAS



Efforts are being made to regenerate appropriate work in Guyana, Barbados and Montserrat. Throughout the Caribbean there is a constant shortage of leadership. Dennis Sprott has been appointed as Area Coordinator.

Life in Haiti continues to be hard and a major ferry disaster early in 1993 caused further loss of life. In Jamaica skills training work has been restarted and plans are being made to celebrate their Centenary in 1994.

Neenah-Menasha have designed a new logo and in Bermuda the BB have produced local programme material.

Batalhão Da Bandeira in Brazil are planning to build a youth centre which will allow their work to develop in many new and exciting ways.

READING: John 3: 1-8. God's Kingdom entered by rebirth.

PRAYER:

Lord God, we have a wonderful image of life in the Caribbean; an image of sunshine, sandy beaches and warm sea. Help us to understand the problems also, especially the isolation and unemployment, and not to neglect the islands in our prayers. We pray particularly for a new generation of youth leaders in the Church; leaders who will find employment and fulfilment near to home, instead of having to seek a new life overseas.

Guide and support Dennis Sprott as he travels between islands and use him to build a new vision for Christian youth work. Thank you for 100 years of BB witness on Jamaica. Please help them, Lord, to use the celebration as a springboard for the future, as well as thanksgiving for the past. We pray that work on Haiti will continue to grow, with peace and justice for all its people.

Teach us, Lord, to serve you with perseverance through every difficulty. Help us to see the world as you see it, and to share the resources which you have freely given.

In your name we pray. **AMEN.**

DAY FOUR

ASIA



In the north of Bangladesh plans are being made to develop work through the Santal Mission. Help is being given from Malaysia and links have been established with existing work in the South of the country.

The Junior Ministry in India celebrate their 15th Anniversary with a camp in September 1993. The expansion of their programmes in more northern provinces in India is being actively pursued along with proposals for skills training.

In Malaysia the Junior Ministry is developing closer links with the regional fellowship. Putra Pengabdi in Medan is expanding steadily and is welcomed into full membership of The World Conference. Young people in Hong Kong and Singapore live under heavy pressure. In Hong Kong the rate of suicides among young people is of great concern. BB Singapore report encouraging progress with their "Primer" programmes for senior boys and girls. The BB in Malaysia strives to find ways of dialogue in an Islamic State. Pray for the new initiatives that have been taken in the Philippines and that work will reach those children in greatest need.

READING: Luke 9: 23-27. A Kingdom demanding self-sacrifice.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the encouraging news of growth and cooperation in Asia. We pray that more young people will find Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. Help them to grow strong in their faith and shine brightly for you in the presence of people of other beliefs.

We ask you, Lord, to provide the daily needs of those who live in poverty and to develop a generous spirit in those who have greater wealth. Help every member to understand the greatness of your love and the value of every life.

In our own lives, Lord, help us to see the needs of all people around us and to bring love and encouragement into their lives.

In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN.**