

Festival of Joy, Dallas, 2014

Come and dine...

Revelation 3:21 (MSG)

20-21 “Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I’ll come right in and sit down to supper with you. Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered, took the place of honour at the side of my Father. That’s my gift to the conquerors!



Our intercessors (including team member, Lillianne, in Switzerland) were behind us for the all important prayer support as Kathrin, Jacqueline, Christina, Bärbel, Daniela and Jane headed out to Dallas to attend the 30-year anniversary of Moms in Prayer International's 'Festival of Joy'. This was to be

followed by a 'Getaway' for Directors, Country Leaders and Regional teams.



Joining us from MIP Europe was representation from Norway, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom, Italy, France, Germany, Romania, Moldova, Iceland, Greece, Switzerland and Israel. What a joy this was! Our shared times of prayer before the daily schedule were special, what unity!

From the first encounter to the last, the hospitality that we experienced in Dallas was exceptional and so appreciated. Connecting with old friends and meeting new sisters in Christ could only be described as a great privilege. We also valued

times with HQ staff to listen to one another and to encourage one another.

The opening of the event encouraged us all as flags from the many countries were



carried in to represent those countries with Moms in Prayer country coordinators, wearing national dress. Speaking praise in their languages provided a stunningly beautiful picture of united richness. No one flag represented the countries we serve in Europe - Kathrin was delighted to hold the Israeli flag 😊

It was so good to be reminded how the ministry has grown over the last 30 years from one single mother called Fern asking the Lord to give her someone to pray with for her children. He determines our steps (Proverbs 16:9)

Over the 'Festival of Joy' weekend we journeyed through the four steps of prayer weaved in through wonderful heartfelt worship, thoughtful teaching and testimonies. So inspiring!

Our times for refreshment enabled us to mingle with many, to personally thank those of our intercessors that were actually attending and to connect with new people. We could write a book about answers to prayer concerning godly connections😊

How encouraged we were by many – especially by Fern, Marlae and Sally as they spent time with us at the ‘Getaway’ sharing, teaching and praying.



Kathrin, Christina, Bärbel, Jacqueline and Jane were able to share our three foundations in Mom in Prayer in Europe of Jesus, Vision of Faith and Unity. Each leader was gifted with especially made pearl rings and bookmark as a reminder. What a joy it was to present these to the women.

We were encouraged that materials and strategies are a helpful aid, but all these things can be meaningless if personal revival is not our first goal.

That means each one of us realising that nothing can replace our one on one time in the presence of Jesus. It's in this place that we can hope to bear fruit (John 15:5) – and, above all, seeking His presence to love Him and know that we are loved. To quote Fern as she spoke with us leaders, ‘Daily quiet times are not optional.’ The invitation to dine each day with the King of Kings..

How we value such a ministry!

We were struck that every single praying mother we encountered had a story; many had battled to get to this 'Festival of Joy'. Many were, in one way or another, going home to continue in their battles. Yet we can claim to know joy within in all because God is with us and in His presence is joy.

...you fill me with joy in your presence..
Psalm 16:11

What a gift this 'Festival of Joy' was to us for us personally and for us, we pray, poured throughout Europe and beyond.



A photo of Country Coordinators and Regional Teams taken at the Getaway

Love from us all,

Jane

on behalf of the Moms in Prayer in Europe Team

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