Dear Friends of EuNC,

We hope and trust that you had a good start into 2011. The month of January was a very busy, but also a very blessed month for European Nazarene College. Thanks for your interest in EuNC and for your continued prayers and support. As you can read in the articles below – God is at work!

We are Salt

150 people from all over the region gathered together for this year’s Leadership Conference, “We are Salt,” January 17-20. We were pleased to have Dr. Leonard Sweet and Jon Middendorf with us this year as our main speakers, helping us learn more about how to be effective ministers in today’s ever-changing world. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with old friends and new.

More details about the conference can be found at: http://www.eurasiaregion.org/index.php/where-worlds-meet/249-eunc-leadership-conference-2011
Podcasts are also available at: http://www.eunc.edu/pages/leadership-conference/leadership-conference-2010-schedule-resources.php

If you were not able to attend this year’s Leadership Conference, we encourage you to join us next year!
Board of Trustees Approves EuNC Plan

In their annual meeting in January, the EuNC Board of Trustees unanimously approved the EuNC plan: “EuNC is Coming Home.” The representatives of all European fields and districts discussed the plans presented by the executive committee and the leadership team to focus the education endeavours of EuNC solely on the 36 learning centres in 17 countries across Europe and Central Asia and to not continue with a campus residential programme in Büsingen. The campus will primarily serve as the administrative centre for EuNC and will be made available for educational purposes for other Nazarene schools (e.g., European Study Abroad programmes). “We believe that God has been leading us in the past and He will continue to be faithful in the future,” said Chairman of the Board, Piet Boekhoud, as he met with EuNC faculty and staff at the board meeting’s closing dinner. We continue to commit EuNC’s future to our faithful God.

EuNC Faculty Assembly

Immediately following the Leadership Conference, EuNC hosted the annual Faculty Assembly that was introduced in 2008. This is the gathering of the entire faculty of EuNC for discussion of the curriculum and syllabi of courses, and for professional development. The faculty assembly is a large group of people with different levels of involvement. This academic year, EuNC has 7 full time faculty; 19 part-time faculty; 15 adjunct faculty and 16 local faculty. Of this group of 57 people, only 11 persons are involved in the campus programme, the other 46 members teach in the learning centres or have central administrative responsibilities.

This year 42 persons participated in the faculty assembly. The first day was devoted to pedagogy, learning styles, and raised the awareness of the faculty of the various dynamics in the classroom. On the second and third day courses were reviewed and syllabus templates discussed, securing that the courses in all locations are taught in a similar way and with the same level of quality.

As every year, we finished the meetings with an outing to the Alps to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and to enjoy sledding, tubing or walking in the snow, drinking coffee or hot chocolate, and just having a great time being together.
Unfortunately, we have had to say farewell to Rich and Bonnie Walker. They served on campus for five years and were a major asset to our team. Rich, our IT Specialist, helped us to enlarge our computer capabilities and apply new techniques. Working with Rich always brought joy and laughter. Bonnie worked as our registrar. It was always special to see her in her office every morning. She became an invaluable associate to all on campus. We wish them God's blessing and guidance for their “new life” in the United States.

As we say goodbye to the Walkers, we also welcome two new members to the EuNC team. Alan Schrock is now responsible for all IT matters, working from his home in the United States. We are thankful to have him back with us full-time! In addition, Raquel has joined the team as our new registrar, working from her home in Portugal. We are so pleased to have her as a regular member of our EuNC faculty. We thank God for the ways he has orchestrated everything so perfectly for us during this time of transition. We can now move forward into the future with an international team located all over the world.