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PURPOSE

To be a ministry of music, serving churches, participants, you; to be a life changing experience.

BOARD

The board of Continental Ministries Europe consists of: Leen La Rivière, Ria La Rivière, Marinus den Harder.

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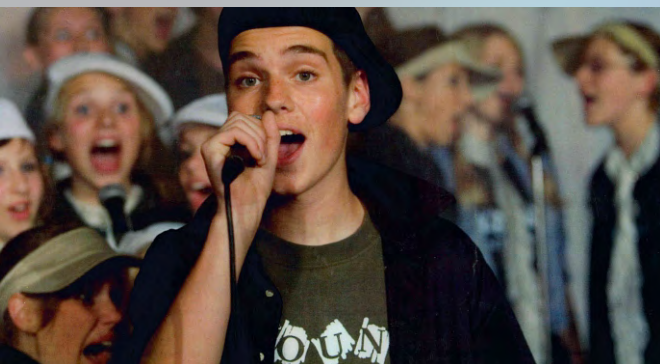
HISTORY

Stichting Continental Sound has organised since 1970 the tours of The Continentals, Discipel, New Hope, Wings of Light, etc. (see www.continentalsound.org). With the start of the European Continentals, those activities were placed in 1985 in Continental Ministries Europe.

CHRISTIAN ARTISTS

All other training- and workshops activities have been concentrated in the annual Christian Artists Seminar: Everybody willing to learn, is welcome at this seminar. See www.christianartists.org. The dates for 2015 are: aug.6 – 9; location KST, Bad Honnef, Germany.

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"Karen and I were so privileged to direct the first truly International Continental group in the summer of 1986 in Europe. Along with Peter & Rolina Grasmeyer, we led 48 people from more than a dozen countries all around western Europe, communicating the message of Christ through music. The group was really a prototype for many other groups to come, in Asia, South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and it inspired many more around Europe. What started in the US in 1967 has been duplicated in so many places, nowhere stronger than through Continental Ministries Europe. But the strength of the ministry is measured not in numbers of groups, but by the lives changed through their efforts. We will always be grateful to have shared in bringing the life-changing message of the Gospel to so many across Europe. We treasure our friendship with Leen & Ria La Riviere, and we hope to visit with many of you soon as we help to expand the ministry there through the new Continentals Global Foundation."

Blessings, Jim & Karen Schmidt

Dear Continental, Young Continental, Continental Kid,

We want to inform you about several very important changes, so please read carefully!

- Rob de Jong, executive director stepped down. On november 4, last year. Rob told Continental Ministries Europe that after 15 years of service he stepped down. 10 years he worked for Leen and Ria La Rivière as part of Continental Ministries Europe; the last 5 years for Continentals.nl (= the Netherlands). We(CME) can only express words of thanks for his years of service and being executive-director. Before him we had other great executive directors like Peter Grasmeyer, Maarten Wassink, Harold Schonewille, etc
- BANKRUPTCY: Shortly after the talk on november 4, the board of Continental.nl surprised us with a sad announcement: It is with great regret that we have to tell you that Continentals.NL (So Netherlands) went bankrupt. The reason: costs were arising and income was decreasing. And to make it very clear: NONE of the other Continental organizations went down, they are still alive and kicking: Continental Sound (the music publishing), Continental Ministries Europe: the umbrella organization (since 1970 under leadership of Leen and Ria La Rivière), Continentals Slovakia, Continentals Hungary, Continentals Romania.
- So Continental Ministries Europe is now studying the situation in the Netherlands for a re-start of Continentals.nl. More about that in the future. Just go to www.continentalministries.org, here the latest news can be found. Updates will appear regularly.
- Now something VERY UGLY! 2 Ex-continentials formed a company, called Dimensions Music. And they bought ALL the names and addresses from the lawyer overseeing the bankruptcy of Continentals.nl. So, if you have toured between 2009 and 2014 Dimensions Music has approached you or will approach you in the future. If you have toured before 2009, you are safe, as Continentals.nl had NO link to the CME database. They will offer you to take part in their tours, organise concerts, etc. But they are NOT Continentals. And they have NO RIGHT to make the impression that they continue the ministry of Continentals under a different name. So, if you have only toured between 2009 and 2014, how can CME mail you? Well, because every Continental organization has the obligation to store every tourmember in the CME-database.
- Unfortunately we have seen that a lot of GOSSIP is moving around via the internet. And that is sad. And all that gossip is NOT true. How to check? Well, if you have any question, just ask via leen@continentalart.org and you will get an answer within 48 hours with all the facts. To mention a few gossips: 1. Rob de Jong had a too high salary, it is his fault. Fact: he had a modest salary of 30.000 a year not counting even all the extra hours, average was 10 hours a day, including weekends.... 2. Continentals.nl had to pay a huge license to CME. Fact: CME had done substantial investments in Continentals just before Continentals.nl became independant. And a major part of all 14 tours in 2009 were already recruited and booked. It is normal that you pay as well an amount for such take-over, besides the license amount (but Rob and the board of Continentals.nl had no money to do that, so the takeover amount was spread over a few years). The license was 12.000 a year (including the take-over money), would go for 5 years, after that the amount would drop 50%. Over 2014 the 12.000 was donated by CME to Continentals.NL to help out. Etc etc. Do NOT believe gossip, ask CME for the facts.
- CME, Leen & Ria La Rivière as founders of all Continentals in Europe have great sympathy for alle motions and feelings that go around. For some it may look if their family house collapsed... The truth is: the family house = Continental Ministries Europe still stands! This European house has several rooms: Continentals Romania, Continentals Hungary, Continentals Slovakia, Continental Sound. One room of Continentals.NL is burnt. But we are working to repaint and refurnish this room. So you can be sure: you have toured as Continental, nobody can take that great experience from you. And you are still registered as Continental in the European database of CME.

NEW PLANS

It is with great joy that we can announce as great fresh start the launch of 3 NEW CD's: For Continental Kids (in dutch), for Young Continentals (English), and Continentals(english). More over these great new productions on the next pages.

NEW THEME

And for 2015 and 2016 the new theme = bible study is ready. You can read the small version on page 6. And the full theme study and all other theme's of the past can be found on www.continentalministries.org go to button theme.

So please let's stay together as Continental family. Stay with us in prayer. Because that is what we need: a lot of prayer and wisdom for the future of Continentals. And if you have any question, please ask!

May God bless you | Leen La Rivière

Chairman Continental Ministries Europe, www.continentalministries.org



Continentals has always been called "a life changing experience" and it is the same today as it has been for the last 46 years. Since 1969 the continentals have been visiting one of our favorite places on the earth, Holland!! And since 1985 The Dutch office in Rotterdam has been generating its own Continental groups to tour all of Europe. Talented Christian young people from Holland and all over Europe are still free to audition for continental groups there in Europe and experience the opportunity of doing concerts night after night as a Continental. Our music, weather created here in the states or there in Europe, is exciting, powerful and fun to perform and it's message makes a difference in people's lives who hear it. American groups have always loved coming to Holland because of the great response to the concerts by the people there. And I'm sure if you tour in a Dutch or European group you will have the same experience! Leen and his staff have been producing continental tours and CDs for nearly 30 years. For you it will be the same as those in the past "a life changing experience" **Cam Floria, founder**

THE CONTINENTALS WORSHIP THE GREAT I AM



AS YOU CAN SEE 13 GREAT, TOTAL NEW SONGS.

This selection was possible thanks to the great help of Pekka Simojoki (Finland), Ingemar Olsson (Sweden) Stefano Rigamonti (Italy) and Paul Field (UK). This is a wonderful new Praise and Worship CD. Those songs are NOT covers of known USA artists, but original new compositions. The first song Holy, Holy should be done with the whole congregation/audience. There are several songs that keep repeating in your mind. This is a very strong, innovative production.

Labelnumber: Free-3115. Euro 15,-
Produced by Continental Sound.
How to order: see page 7.

1. Holy, Holy, Holy.

Original: Helig, Helig. Text + Music: Ingemar Olsson. ©Little Beat Music/Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

2. It's so amazing.

Original: Voi, mikä riemu. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Margaret Vainio. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

3. Jesus is the King.

Original: Kaikkivaltias. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Margaret Vainio & Pekka Simojoki. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

4. The greatest song ever.

Original: Luluista kaunein. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Margaret Vainio. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

5. Alpha and Omega.

Original: Alku ja loppu. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Margaret Vainio. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

6. The name above all names.

Original: Yksi nimi ylitse muiden. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Anna-Mari Kaskinen. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

7. The holy One.

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Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

8. Tell the world.

Original: Kertokaa. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Hanna Rundgren & Pekka Simojoki. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

9. Water's Flowing.

Original: Lähde. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Margaret Vainio. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

10. Hope of the world.

Original: Evankeliumi. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Anna-Mari Kaskinen. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

11. Like mighty waters.

Original: Aamusta iltaan. Text+music: Pekka Simojoki. English version: Margaret Vainio & Pekka Simojoki. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

12. Hallelujah.

Original: Alleluja. Text+music: Stefano Rigamonti. ©Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

13. Glory.

Original: Gloria. Text+music: Stefano Rigamonti. ©Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

CONTINENTAL KIDS

OP WEG MET DIE GROTE GOD IS



II NEW SONGS!

With great enthusiasm done!. But this is a dutch version. You can have a literal english translation coming with this CD. The songs are connected to the great stories from the bible, telling us WHY we should worship this Great God. The title: Op weg met die grote God is Licht en leven means: On this road with God is the light and the life. The original compositions are from Stefano Rigamonti, a former ex-Continentials, who was on tour with the Continentals Italiani. And that inspired him to become a great composer of new material. Well: he succeeded.

Label free-3116, Euro 15,-. Production: Continental Sound.
How to order, see page 7.

1. Licht en Leven

Ned tekst Ron Schröder & Marianne Busser; original: Luce e Vita; tekst en muziek: Stefano Rigamonti ©Continental Sound Music, Postbox 81065, 3009 GB Rotterdam, the Netherlands . www.continentalsound.org

2. Chaos (preludium)

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3. Stilte

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4. Dank U

Ned tekst Ron Schröder & Marianne Busser; original: Grazie; tekst en muziek: Stefano Rigamonti ©Continental Sound Music, Postbox 81065, 3009 GB Rotterdam, the Netherlands . www.continentalsound.org

5. Dichtbij

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6. Een kindje zoals jij

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7. De zaaier

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8. Weet dat Hij komen zal

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9. Hij luistert

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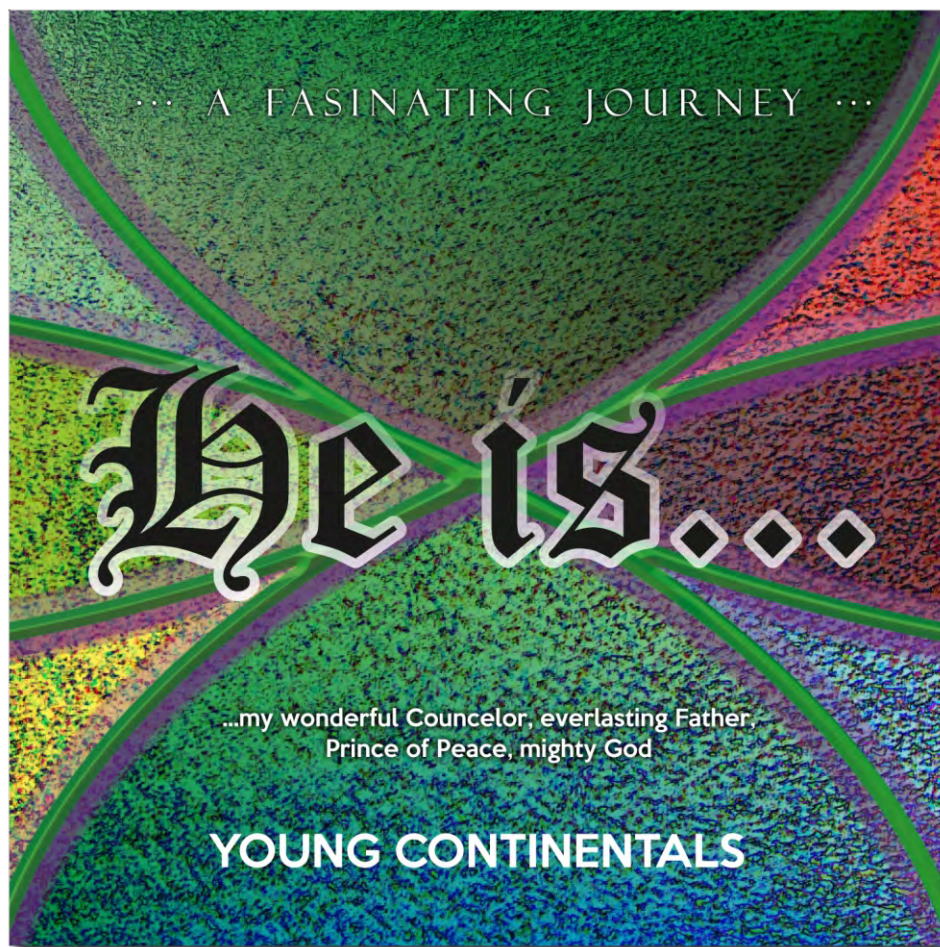
10. De tien plagen

Ned tekst Ron Schröder & Marianne Busser; original: Piaghe; tekst en muziek: Stefano Rigamonti ©Continental Sound Music, Postbox 81065, 3009 GB Rotterdam, the Netherlands . www.continentalsound.org

11. Het grote wonder

Ned tekst Ron Schröder & Marianne Busser; original: Un mondo nuovo c'è; tekst en muziek: Stefano Rigamonti ©Continental Sound Music, Postbox 81065, 3009 GB Rotterdam, the Netherlands . www.continentalsound.org

YOUNG CONTINENTALS A FASCINATING JOURNEY



13 SONGS(!)

Because 2 are as well on the CD of the Continentals (number 1 and 13).The number 2 till 8 are totally new.With great help from the composers Pekka Simojoki(Finland) and producer Edgard Vandenbroucque(France). It is a great pop-gospel-dance-worship CD, especially for teenage youth.And this CD is connected as well to the yeartheme about worshipping God, the great I AM. If you take that step, your life becomes a fascinating journey.

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Production: Continental Sound.
How to order, see page 7.

1. Holy, Holy, Holy

Original: Helig, Helig. Text + music: Ingemar Olsson. ©Little Beat Music/Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

2. In Changing Times

Original: Muutoksen aika. Text + music: Pekka Simojoki. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

3. His loving kindness will never end

Original: Hänen armonsa pysyy iankaikkisesti. . Text + music: Pekka Simojoki. ©Jiffel Publishing/Jiffel Music Oy, Finland. Administrated for Continental Europe by Continental Sound Music, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

4. Hallelujah

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5. Rejoice

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6. Satisfied

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7. Can't give up now

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8. Medley of change

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9. Slam

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10. Get Up

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11. Get a life

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12. Green Hill

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13. Glory

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CONNECTED TO THE IAM KNOWING GOD-WORSHIP GOD

DO YOU KNOW HIM? By © Leen La Rivière : leen@continentalart.org

The themes of the last years spoke about: **Connection, Trust, Faith, Salvation, etc.** Great themes where we dug out jewels of meaning. But slowly it dawned on me (LLR), that all of those great themes were centering around a central message: **WHO is there? With WHOM are we connected? WHO can we trust? Faith in WHOM? WHO is giving salvation? So it is time to go a step further to think, study and talk about WHO IS THERE at the centre of our belief? And WHO IS HE?**

This first question was asked by Moses. I take you to the story of the burning bush, Exodus 3. Moses has fled out of Egypt after committing a political inspired murder. He is now shepherd and far out in the desert. Suddenly he sees a burning bush without consuming the bush. Next a discussion happens. Finally asks Moses how to convince Pharaoh and the elders of the Israelites? Vs 13: 13 Moses said to God, "Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you;' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What should I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM,**" and he said, "You shall tell the children of Israel this: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God said moreover to Moses, "You shall tell the children of Israel this, 'Yahweh (= the LORD), the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' **This is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations.**"

A scholar once said that this definition I AM was the highest and most exact explanation of 'self, of identity.' If you speak this name of God you can feel the immense power behind it.

Who **HE IS** is more explained in the 10 commandments. He reveals here His identity=His view on life, how should we do and live as His creations; Exodus 20. In the New Testament Jesus the Christ puts this all together in the following sentences: Luke 10:26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." He said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live." The same kind of question is Jesus asking to his disciples: Luke 8: On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" 28 They told him, "John the Baptizer, and others say Elijah, but others: one of the prophets." 29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Christ = the Messiah, the send One, the anointed One.

More is revealed about the **content of THE NAME** in Isaiah 9.

More: a remarkable situation is happening at the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth, John reveals (John 1): 17 For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The one and only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him. You can say that in Jesus who God IS, is revealed. John the Baptists continues: 29 The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is another aspect of THE NAME: Agnus Dei: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

The NAME and generations

When you study the stories of Abraham, son Isaac and grandson Jacob you find that over and over God says: I AM.....

God is NOT a God for one moment. He IS faithful to generation after generation. God says that even to Moses appr. 400 years later (Exodus 3).

And what is absolutely great, Paul explains us in the book of Romans (4), that we too and all the world inherit this blessing and promises This covenant with the IAM is a covenant for all time, with all nations, with you and me. This is again confirmed in the letter to the Galatians (3)

Now, it is interesting if you type in on any Bible search register the combination of I AM, the list is very long. But between those hundreds of texts, there are wonderful and powerful supplements to THE NAME:

- I AM the Holy one; I AM the Lord your God at times of rejoicing, feasts and festivals; I AM your saviour; I AM the Lord of the generations from beginning till the end (see Isaiah 41,4 and 44,6) this is the same what is said in Hebr. 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. And in Mathew 28,20 says Jesus: I am with you till the end of times. And in Revelation 1,8: I am the alpha and omega (Rev. 21,6 too) and Rev. 22,13); I AM the light of the world; I AM the way the truth and the life; Etc, etc

And if you go and search for other texts related to His NAME, again you get a wonderful and powerful list.

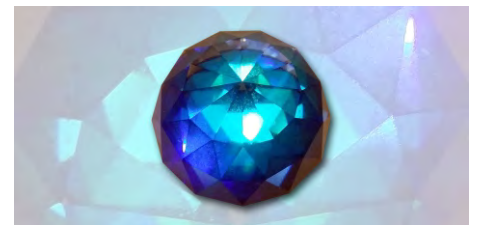
Jesus Christ is the expression of God. The political elite of his time thought he was a revolutionnary, others thought he was a prophet, others saw how he criticised the economical system (the traders in the temple thought he was bad business), the religious leaders (the orthodox and the liberals) saw him as their enemy. Was he a rebel? The military executed him. The cultural elite could not get it with his philosophy. The populists thought Jesus had betrayed them. Why was he always disturbing the status quo? So who IS Jesus?

I add these thoughts as the focus on Jesus Christ is the essential conclusion about I AM. And here is a lot to think about.

HOW DO YOU SEE HIM? As great example? As son of man? As son of God? As Messiah? As mediator? As light of the world? As peacemaker? As grace-giver? As personal savior? As savior of the world? As LORD over all? As king of the kingdom? As sender of the Holy spirit? Depending your point of view, that will decide HOW and WHAT you are going to do in your life. This great passage in Mathew 25 is a wonderful help for direction and this passage is a great help to understand the nature of the 10 commandments. But there is one more VIEW, an incredible one, the Artistic view on the IAM: this mentioned in words like: He is the shekinah, He is like a fire, a sparkling, dazzling Light, He is shining, His radiance, Shining glory, true light, the shining beauty of God (see Ez 8,2; Ez. 10,4,9; Marc 9,3; Ps. 67,1; Ps. 80,3,7,19; Ps. 89,15; Ps. 97,6; Ps. 50,2; Ez. 1,4,27,28; And the shining glory of God can be seen in his great new world and new Jerusalem (Rev. 21). 1 Timothy 6:15,16: God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever. Amen. And it is through Jesus Christ that we can know God.

After all these thoughts, considerations, beautiful views, powerful texts: I want to close with what really will help to find purpose and meaning in your personal life with the GREAT IAM: Romans 8.

So, are you connected to his great Magnificent IAM? Do you know him? Do you really believe Him? Believe in Him? God is like a shining diamond, having so many great and fascinating aspects...



"Understanding the splendour, and beauty of this incredible, glorious GOD, I stood in silence in total amazement, breathless, speechless, full astonishment, perplexed, mind-boggling. In reverence I felt on my knees and wept"

THIS IS A VERY SHORT VERSION! THE WHOLE BIBLE STUDY CAN BE FOUND ON: www.continentalministries.org, go to button theme.

To know what Praise and Worship is: Read the book by Leen La Rivière: Praise & Worshippers. Books costs 10 Euro



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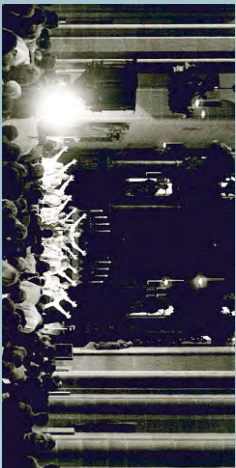
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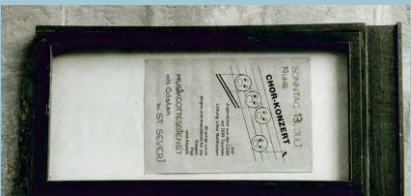
MORE HELP NEEDED:

We have asked ourselves many times and prayed many times for this vision: has the time come that we have Continentals-Denmark; Continentals-Germany; Continentals-France; Continentals-Austria, Continentals-Belgium; Continentals-CH, Continentals-UK, etc? If you think God is calling you to start such ministry and such group, please contact Leen La Rivière, as CME owns all the rights, logo's, music, tracks, etc for all of Europe. Write to: leen@continentalart.org
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THE MINISTRY IN EASTERN EUROPE



Today you get in your car and travel to Poland, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Serbia, etc. You can hardly understand how difficult that was during the communistic era.. But we knew already in 1970 God had us called for a ministry for ALL of Europe. We remember the question of the notary putting the official papers together for the foundation in 1970: do you really want all of EUROPE in your charter? We said: YES. Several people thought we were 'nuts', because a ministry in the east was not possible. But since 1972 we started working on a eastern european network. That could only be done by personal visits. As result American Continentals, New Hope, Wings of Light, dutch disciple, the European Continentals went to Poland, Hungary, Tsjecho-Slowakia, DDR, Serbia, Romania, etc. It sounds so easy now, but every visit took months of preparations, as you could not call and letters were opened. For a while we held special meetings in East-Berlin, you could enter via Checkpoint Charlie at a daypass. On the DDR side somebody would approach you. You were always praying it would not be somebody from the KGB. This person brought you somewhere and here your partners of this network were gathered. To make possible a concert of the Continentals in Erfurt (1986), we found out that a christian youth choir from Prague under directorship of our friend Libor Mathauser could enter the DDR without any problem as they were 'kameradski'. So these comrades could do a concert in the big cathedral in Erfurt. So, the moment this concert started, an autobus with Continentals parked on the square before the cathedral. They heard music, so our musical tourists entered that cathedral. Libor Mathouser 'discovered' that these tourists could sing and had concert clothes on. So why not giving them the opportunity to do a musical greeting? So Continentals gave a musical greeting of app.20 minutes, said goodbye, got in their autobus and left. A few minutes later the secret police showed up in the cathedral, where this comrade choir did their concert... Yes, strange actions, but it worked. In 1987 we had to stop the operations in Romania, as some pastors were ending up in prison. However thanks to top-level negotiations Continentals got official tours in the DDR, Tsjecho-Slowakia, Hungary. And from 1984 we could get every year delegations from DDR, Poland, Tsjecho-Slowakia, Hungary to our International Christian Artists Seminar. We knew, there was always an 'agent' among them who had to report to their secret police. We always found that person. Leen La Riviere would give that person a free coffee and did a very political talk about the evils of capitalism. And that for the future of mutual understanding such delegations from the east were essential. Next year a new delegation could come... These contacts have been of immensely importance for the churches of the East and for their youth and artists. It gave them 'air', new ideas for creativity, hope. Some expressions at CA were very weird ... what about christian rock music? It took several years to develop an understanding for that in the East.



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