

Living Water



Covenant Players

Charles M. Tanner, Founder and Playwright
Bobbi M. Johnson-Tanner, International Director

Return to Kenya

May 2014

Last November **Covenant Players** returned to Kenya after more than 15 years! **Joe Medley**, who served on CP units in Kenya in 1986 and 1992-1993, and **David Groves**, who was on the first full time unit there in 1984, were blessed to be able to return to Kenya for this special mission trip.

Joe writes:

"After the pastor who originally invited us cancelled two days before our departure, the Lord provided—at short notice, 12 playdates over the two weeks in 4 different towns and cities. In response to the ministry at a school/children's home in Eldoret,

Kenya, over 25 children and youth raised their hands to rededicate or make first time commitments to Jesus Christ!

We performed the plays of Charles M. Tanner for churches, children's homes, a school, a missions conference, a university and other fellowships. More than once did people say it was for them that God had sent us.

It was an exciting, non-stop, powerful time of ministry. The Lord blessed us with divine appointments, supernatural protection, wonderfully generous hospitality and overall a joyous,

David Groves and Joe Medley with children of Testimony Faith Homes in Eldoret, Kenya



enthusiastic reception everywhere we went."

We hope that this will be the first of continued regular return visits to East and West Africa. We have tentatively planned for a 2 week drama workshop in Nigeria later this year. Thank you to all whose partnership, prayers and support made the return to Kenya possible!



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CP Performances in Denmark, Sweden & Norway –

- 2 Feb — Skillingaryd Församling, Skillingaryd, Sweden
- 3 Feb — Fågelförsskolan, Skillingaryd, Sweden
- 4 Feb — Bekkafaret and Tjensvoll Churches, Stavanger, Norway
- 6 Feb — Mullsjö Folkhögskola, Mullsjö, Sweden
- 9 Feb — Bredaryd Pingstförsamling, Bredaryd, Sweden
- 13 Feb — Bogbjergskole, Faaborg, Denmark
- 17 Feb — Hedemølle Efterskole, Bjerringbro, Denmark
- 20 Feb — Skødstrup Efterskole, Mariager, Denmark
- 25-27 Feb — Ishøj Ungdomskole, Ishøj, Denmark

From Norway to Australia

Siri and Seth Ueland Chancy, who with Jorunn and Arek Goriaczko currently make up the Haukeli Cluster Unit, have been named by International Director



Bobbi Johnson-Tanner as the next **National Directors for CP's Australasian area**, headquartered near Sydney, Australia. Visas are in the works for Siri, Seth and their two children, **Erik** (18) and **Natalia** (16), and it is hoped that they'll be able to take up their assignment in June.

This is an exciting step for Siri (31 years of service in CP) and Seth (24 years), who have been

serving as Unit Leaders in Norway for over 15 years. The family asks for prayers for their transition—new culture, new climate, new schools—truly a monumental move!

Bart and Pam Cowser, the current Supervisors, will be re-assigned to the North American campus. **Please keep them all in your prayers during this time of preparation, orientation and transition!**



Performances:

- 3 Mar — Katrinebergs Folkhögskola, Vessingebro, Sweden
- 5 Mar — Furuboda Folkhögskola, Åhus, Sweden
- 6 Mar — Wieselgrenskolan, Helsingborg, Sweden
- 11 Mar — Litorina Folkhögskola, Karlskrona, Sweden
- 11 Mar — Blekinge Läns Folkhögskola, Bräkne-hoby, Sweden
- 14 Mar — Ulriksbergskyrkan, Växjö, Sweden
- 18 Mar — Blå Kust Bibelskola, Oskarshamn, Sweden
- 22-23 Mar — Väske församling, Visby, Sweden
- 25 Mar — Åsa Folkhögskola, Sköldinge, Sweden
- 25 Mar — Hemse Svenska kyrkan, Hemse, Sweden
- 28 Mar — Stavanger International Church, Stavanger, Norway
- 29 Mar — Hagakyrkan, Örebro, Sweden
- 31 Mar — Fröviskolan, Frövi, Sweden
- 6 Apr — Centrum Kyrkan Avesta, Avesta, Sweden
- 7 Apr — Grillska Gymnasiet, Örebro, Sweden
- 11 Apr — Älvstrandsgymnasiet, Hagfors, Sweden
- 15 Apr — Komvux, Oskarshamn, Sweden

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Mission Highlights!

A Blessed Week in Szczecin, Poland

The Elbe Unit, **David & Silke Groves** spent a week in Poland in November, 2013 organized by Covenant Player alumna **Amy Lo**. Amy writes about their visit:

*"In addition to our evening theatre program, we also performed outdoors in support of the ministry of **Kościół Uliczny** (that means Street Church) and at a **Teen Challenge** 'Coffeehouse' meeting (a ministry devoted to support recovering addicts). Street Church was inspirational to me because of their heart for reaching the homeless and faithfully proclaiming God's Word every Wednesday outdoors—come rain or shine, sun, wind, or snow."*

"At the coffeehouse meeting, one man wrote in our comment book words that were blessed evidence of fruit from ministry: 'For 40



Silke Groves & Anneli Schott in THE DAY OF THE BLACK HOLE

years I've been an alcoholic and a dooper. Never have I believed in God. But today, after meeting with you, it's possible that something in my heart is changing.' Praise God!"



Penni Jo Blatterman & Debbie Allen in THE MAGDALEN AND THE PATRICIAN

Career & Education Fair, Hannover, Germany

In February 2014, **Larry & Penni Jo Blatterman** with CP alumni **Michael & Maria Lierath**, performed and represented Covenant Players at **Beruf & Bildung 2014** (a career & education fair) in **Hannover, Germany**. Penni Jo writes: "Larry, Michael and I 'manned the stand' that presented information about Covenant Players. We witnessed an estimated 17,000 people over each

of the two days seek out information for their future careers. We could confidently say, 'We are not an apprenticeship! We are a way for you to serve, to give back to the community, to follow your dreams.' Person after person, oftentimes with their family, explained that they were looking for something 'just like this!'"

People who want to serve, to act, to travel, to do "something different" — all of these can find their place here in Covenant Players.

If you know someone like this, please feel free to pass on our information or contact the European office for more details.

In the UK

Covenant Players have been blessed to receive another grant from the Souter Trust. This money is being used specifically to help underwrite the costs of ministry & outreach in Scotland and the North of England. The unit consisted of **Geoff Allen & Naomi Metz** of the British & Irish Office (BIO) and **Brenda Hansen** of the Albion Unit. This 9-day "mini-mission" included a full schedule of performances with churches, schools, youth organisa-

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tions as well as some very specific programmes working with children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties (SEBD). The night before their departure, the unit vehicle developed problems and it immediately became clear that this vehicle was not going to be heading North. Quickly, the unit contacted local church friends and leaders to present the need and ask for prayer and—just as quickly—the family of God responded. Within a short time the unit had a choice of vehicles to

meet this need. The unit had a powerful week of ministry, performing many different plays to meet the needs of the local church and communities. *We praise God for His provision, for the body of Christ and for these blessed partnerships in mission.*

Impact in France

The Charlemagne Unit, Katie & Märten Bjärgvide and Mélodie Lumbu, performed a family program in Lieusaint, France last fall. In addition to performing Charles M. Tanner plays was included, *The God Loves You Exercise*, an enactment of the Gospel story with audience members taking the parts of God the Father, Jesus, disciples and

Katie & Märten Bjärgvide in A FUTURISTIC FAIRY TALE



others. Those present, including a 7 year old boy who took the part of Jesus, were deeply touched by both the plays and the exercise. A few days later, the unit received news that the day after their program, "Little Jesus" accepted Jesus as his Saviour!

If you would like to support the ongoing ministry of Covenant Players in Europe, please use the attached response form to make your gift.

Thank you for your partnership in mission, yesterday, today and for the future!



Naomi Metz & Geoff Allen in ABOUT BRIDGES AND CHASMS

Performances:

- 16-20 Apr — The Norwegian Mission Society, Mesnali Campground, Lillehammer, Norway
- 18 Apr — Nässjö Pingstkyrkan, Nässjö, Sweden
- 20 Apr — Möllebackskyrkan EFS, Karlskrona, Sweden
- 20 Apr — Hyllie Park Kyrkan, Malmö, Sweden
- 23-25 Apr — Gnosjö Kommun, Gnosjö, Sweden
- 27 Apr — Stavanger International Church, Stavanger, Norway
- 28 Apr — Sommenbygdens Folkhögskola, Tranås, Sweden
- 13-14 May — Östervåla Skola F-9, Östervåla, Sweden
- 18 May — Redeemed Christian Church of God Karlskrona, Karlskrona, Sweden
- 20 May — Mörmoskolan, Skoghall, Sweden
- 1 June — Redeemed Christian Church of God, Borås, Sweden
- 8 June — Anstalten Tidaholm, Tidaholm, Sweden

MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Players exists to communicate the Lord Jesus Christ through the medium of drama.

To that end we commit ourselves to:

- Go where the people are.
- Serve the leadership of the church and the community.
- Live a life worthy of our call.
- Love each other and those we serve.

In Covenant with God and one another, we dedicate ourselves to this task.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO CONFIRM THE UPDATED PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

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The Units in Europe – Genesis 2014 Mission

Charlemagne Unit —
Mélodie Lumbu, Katie & Märten
Bjårgvide (Unit Leaders)



European Continental Office — Dale & Ann Sieber, Joe & Karin
Medley (Supervisors), Larry & Penni Jo Blatterman



Midnight Sun Unit —
Larry & Jo French-Howser (ULs),
Dale Norman



Albion Unit — Henrik & Brenda
Hansen (ULs), Mary Ewing



British & Irish Office — Ellis Allen, Geoff & Deborah
Allen (National Directors), Naomi Metz.



Donau Unit — Anneli Schott,
Silke & David Groves (ULs)



Haukeli Cluster — Seth & Siri Ueland
Chancy (ULs), Jorunn & Arek Goriaczko

Prayer Guide



We are deeply grateful to all of you who support us and participate with us in so many ways — and most importantly — with your prayers.

WE thank God for enabling and providing for the **ministry trip to Kenya**. Please pray for God's provision and blessing upon the planned **ministry trip to Kaduna, Nigeria** later this year.

WE give thanks for the **increase of people interested in joining Covenant Players**. Please pray for their faith and follow through in the application process, so that we will have several

missioners to join Covenant Players this August in Europe as well as in South Africa, Australia and North America.

PLEASE pray for the **youth of Europe**, struggling to find meaning to life in our ever changing, high tech world. Pray for **open doors and creative strategies** as we seek to reach them through the drama ministry of Covenant Players.

PLEASE pray for **Seth & Siri Ueland Chancy** as they transition to becoming **Australasian Supervisors**. Please also pray for **Pam & Bart Cowser** as they transition from Australia to North America.

PLEASE pray for International Director **Bobbi Johnson-Tanner**, for **Joe & Karin Medley, European Supervisors**, and for all CP missioners as we seek to serve the Lord in joy, humility and obedience.

WE ask for your prayers for God's provision for **the maintenance of our vehicle fleet**, including the current need for **an additional vehicle at our European office** in Germany.

PLEASE pray for **safety for all CP units**, as they travel many kilometers in His service.



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"All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18, 19, 20 NIV

Please return this to Covenant Players or email your response to cp.europe@covenantplayers.org.

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