

One great moment in my life - The formation of a European IOWC Teams

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On the picture, some members of the European IOWC

On the first weeks of May 1975, we had the visit in our training center of Vaucresson near Paris of Dennis Orme, UK national leader of our Unification Church. He spoke about the formation of a new Team beginning the first of June 1975 in England during 3 months and after turning around Europe 3 months in each country: Germany, France, Italy,... Around 100 people will come from all European countries and divided in different smaller teams dispatched in each cities of the visited country.

There will be an external purpose to announce the message of the Divine Principle to individual and through public speech given in the great cities given by the national leader to prepare the nation to the second coming of the Lord; the internal purpose was to unite young people from all Europe from Finland or France, from Germany or Italy from Spain or Norway....

So it was a very interesting experience, I raised my arm as candidate and I was accepted. So June first, 10 French members with Henri, our national leader, took a ferry across the Channel to go to England, so we arrived in Lancaster Gate in London and we were brought in Rowlane Farmhouse near Reading where we gathered all of us from the different nations to build the teams.

I was lucky to be in the team of Jack Corley, one Irish with another French, Joachim (he was so proud to be Catalan, that makes me understood the problem of Barcelone in 2017), one Finnish Urho, one Norwegian, Knut, two Spanish Juan and Ovidio, one Italian, Ciro; there I had to improve my English very quickly if I wanted to share with the others.

Jack pushed me in front of the others in a Park in Birmingham so I spoke about my faith: it is the best way to improve your English language and your public expression. The spirit was very high as we pray regularly, sang Holy songs, lived for the others and shared our faith in God.