

MISSION POSSIBLE



There are no words to express how one feels when you look around an auditorium of 1000 young people in a country like Spain and see them worshipping the Lord or standing in response to a call to deeper commitment and service. This was Mission Possible 2007 and it was amazing!

Mission Possible is the National Youth Event organised by the FIEIDE (Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches of Spain) every two years. This was the fourth edition. It launched in September 2006 with simultaneous events linked by internet in 7 different cities in Spain. A total of 650 young people attended, an indication that attendance at the Easter event would probably be high.

Spanish young people are typically slow in signing up for events, waiting until February to sign up. Over one weekend, hundreds signed up and there was a waiting list of 120. The committee had worked for almost two years preparing for the event. One of our major prayer requests was for safety in travelling; many travelled from all over Spain and many came from different countries. Praise God there was no incident in either direction! There was great expectation among the

young people; I don't think they were disappointed. The praise group had prepared for months and their efforts paid off. The guest speaker from Argentina was used by God to challenge the young people. The theme was *'You're arriving late! – the mission is urgent, necessary and possible!* They were challenged to serve the Lord in Spain and abroad and many responded.

After the morning sessions the young people divided into small groups to share and pray together. The groups met every morning. In the afternoons there were seminars on topics of interest one day and the following day all seminars had a missions focus. There was a counselling service and a prayer room available too.

The stands area included Mission organisations, youth organisations, other ministries and Bible colleges, all with their representatives available to talk to the young people and share their vision and opportunities for service. This area was important for giving a vision for missions; many of the young people have never had the opportunity to visit such an exhibition area before. I praise God for the support of the mission organisations etc. People came with a stand from

Belfast, Sweden and Ecuador this year, as well as from all over Spain – even the Canary Islands.

The missions focus was also developed through testimonies by the special guests. One was a Spanish missionary in Turkey. He gave a seminar and I had the privilege of interviewing him on Easter Sunday morning. His testimony is powerful.

This year, for the first time, a Pastors' Track was offered. It was great to have pastors and their wives attend and consider how the church can really help young people. The advantage of having them on site was that they 'lived the experience' with their own young people and were available to help with counselling.



News is coming in slowly of stories from the young people and what God has done in their lives. One girl decided to finish with her unsaved boyfriend of 16 months. She returned home and did finish with him and has asked to do a discipleship course. One girl accepted the Lord on returning home. Others are close; only time will reveal all the fruit.

There is no doubt Mission Possible encouraged more than 1000 young people. They enjoyed the Lord's presence, they enjoyed the company of many other young people but, most of all, they heard the Lord speak into their lives. Please pray that seeds sown will continue to bear fruit for eternal life and result in the evangelisation of Spain and other countries. ■

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