

CELTIC VISION - A MISSIONAL FAITH JOURNEY

When people hear the word “celtic,” it brings various things to mind. Some people think of the fascinating and beautiful music from places like Ireland, Scotland, Wales. Some people think of the art and literature of the Celtic people, while others think of the deep spirituality and interesting, if often turbulent, history of the Celtic lands.



When we use the word “celtic,” we embrace all of these things and more. One meaning of the word, which is significant to us is the linguistic one. “Celtic” refers to a branch of the Indo-European languages family, which has six (some might say seven) languages: Welsh, Irish, Breton, Gaelic, Cornish, and Manx (and some might add Shelta). Of primary importance to us as well is the ongoing Christian expression of spirituality among these people groups.

celtic vision is a cultural adventure of faith for followers of Christ from other parts of the world in order (1) to learn more about a ministry and strategy to reach Celtic languages speakers with the Good News and (2) to explore how they might be a part of this missional adventure with us and the Celtic peoples of Western Europe.

Vision Journey:

Christians in other countries (particularly the United States and Canada) often contact us, saying they feel God is pulling them to the part of the world and the people groups with whom we work. They feel that God might be leading them to expand their missional call to include the Celtic people groups. At other times, there are believers in these places, who simply feel that God might be leading them to embrace a more global vision (or an expanded global vision), but they don't know exactly where or how to proceed. Still others are wondering whether they (as individuals or families) might be sensing a call to relocate long-term to a new place/context for ongoing missional living, and they would like to explore the Celtic languages people groups as a possibility.

For all of these people, we would like to offer you the opportunity to interact personally and missionally and “on-field”-“up-close-and-personal” with some of the Celtic languages people groups and the calling, vision and strategy that God has placed in us as a means to make the Good News of Jesus a reality, both linguistically and culturally, to speakers of these rich and ancient languages.



About Us:

We are the Celtic Languages Team, an Evangelical and international organisation dedicated to build Christian spiritual community among the speakers of the modern Celtic languages (those who speak one of these languages as their heart language or first/preferred language). One of our foundational values is that the Good News of Jesus is for all people of every time and culture and language (Revelation 5:9; 7:9); therefore, we believe that every living person has the right to interact with this Good News of Jesus through his/her heart language and culture. We feel that our part in this great work of God's Kingdom is to embrace this call among those, who speak Welsh, Irish, Breton, Gaelic, Cornish, Manx, and Shelta. To learn more about us, please visit our website: www.thecelt.org





FAQ

WHO: Any followers of Christ, representing their church, ministry, or themselves, who would like to explore the Celtic languages people groups and the possibility of joining us in the ministry to communicate Jesus as a reality to them. For those representing a church or ministry, we recommend more than 1 person to come and probably no more than 4 or 5.

WHEN: Celtic Vision will happen during the following time:
11-19 November 2011

Arrive in the UK (using Manchester Airport in England) on the 11th
Depart the UK from Manchester on the 19th.

For those from North America, this usually involves departing on the 10th, in order to arrive in Manchester on the 11th. Departing on the 19th from Manchester will put you back in North America on the same day.

We have designed the schedule to make sure that those involved in church leadership will only miss one Sunday.

WHERE:
Airport to use: Manchester, England
Initial orientation and final debriefing will be in North Wales (a very Welsh-speaking area). "Up-close" interaction with one of the six, modern Celtic languages will follow the initial orientation. For this journey in November, this will mean one of the following: Welsh speakers in Wales, Irish speakers in Ireland, and, perhaps, Gaelic speakers in Scotland (to be determined). The people group for interaction will be selected at random, adding a bit of "mystery" to the experience for all participants (i.e., you won't know where you're going precisely until you get here).

HOW MUCH: We are setting the field costs at \$1300 per person, which covers all expenses related to food, lodging, on-field travel, sightseeing, training/orientation materials, etc. Basically, you would only need some extra personal money for souvenirs, personal toiletry items, etc., but all other essential expenses are included in this price. This price does NOT include your travel from/to wherever you are to/from Manchester Airport in England. You would have to make these arrangements for yourselves, accommodating the dates mentioned above.



Pass it Along:
Feel free to pass this information along to your other Christian friends and contacts.



CONTACT:
If you would like more details about and how to register. Send an e-mail with your questions and contact information to

CeltsAlive@thecelt.org

Rain Check:
If you cannot make Celtic Vision for Autumn 2011 but would like to consider it in future, let us know, and we'll keep you informed about details for the next Celtic Vision experience.