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Sandra's Alpha News

as part of the Growth & Innovation Team Alpha EMENA (Europe, Middle East, North Africa)



Holding on or Letting Go...

...was the topic of God's message delivered through Sandra. It was a great joy to serve in God's house and learn and grow along the way. It was the Spirit's message, and I am honoured and humbled that He chose me to deliver it in one of Switzerlannd's most influential Alpha Partner churches. Thank you, Prisma family, for the warm hospitality, and thank you to the Senior Pastor, Reto, for the invitation, your leadership, and your trust. Of course, we were also excited to share about their upcoming Alpha, which starts in September.

Just so grateful for every precious encounter and how God always meets us where we are, reveals, takes us deeper, invites us to let go and let God and sets us free to feel fully alive and purpose-driven. "When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom but on God's power." (2 Cor. 2:1-5)



EMENA Regional Team Strategy Retreat (Sept 10th - 13th)

As EMENA (Europe, Middle East, North Africa) team, we serve 62 Alpha Representatives or Offices that equip the local church in their mission to help people discover Jesus. Our team came together for an intense Strategy Retreat. We live and serve out of Portugal, Holland, Lebanon, Dubai, Spain, Scotland, England, Switzerland, Poland, Czech Republic and meet on a half-yearly basis in person.

Six of us in the picture are delegates of the Marriage course. We have one Regional Alpha Youth Director in the team, our four Regional Directors of the Nordics, Eastern and Southern Europe and the Middle East. A Catholic Context Delegate, one Product and one Marketing Delegate, 4 Backoffice & Digitals and, two of us in **Growth and Innovation Development** and our EMENA Head.

Alpha for Everyone

Our vision is for everyone, everywhere to have the opportunity to explore faith through Alpha by 2033.

Alpha for Everyone is our vision for 2033 – which marks the 2000th anniversary of the resurrection.

Almost 600 Alpha Churches...



...gathered at the Training and Vision Day in Holland

Alpha Church Leaders from every denomination whose hearts are aching for empty churches came together to worship, pray, learn, praise and dream God's dream! Their desire to partner up with us to help other Leaders with their experience of how Alpha as a church DNA transforms their congregation. People coming to faith, the church is coming alive, faith arising and God's love transforming the society.

We feel like God is doing a new thing lately and somehow in all areas of our lives, not only on our way to our 2033 vision with you. Us moving to the in-laws, leaving Cedric behind and letting him entirely run his own life. And then there is the unseen and unknown in the making. The sense of God is working while we get stretched to surrender and trust more and more.

"For I am about to do something new.

See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness.

I will create rivers in the dry wasteland." (Is.43:18)

Thank you for being on this journey with us. Our partnership allows & empowers me in this role to keep following God's call.

With love Sandra & Enrico

Coming Soon: NEW Alpha Youth Series!



MEET DEZ, OUR REGIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR