

Freedom Outreach International (a ministry to the military) SPRING RETREAT 2018



Château de Thieusies, Belgium – April 20-22



Thank you for your interest in attending the 2018 FOI/MTTM Spring Retreat, held again this year at the beautiful Château de Thieusies, near SHAPE NATO base in Belgium (address Rue du Château 26, 7061 Thieusies, Belgium). You will want to register for the conference, then purchase your meal plan and register for optional day trips, and finally determine your lodging, all of which can be done through the info and links in this packet.

1. **Register:** Information about how to register with a link to the electronic registration and payment page;
2. **Meals:** Menu for the meal package and a link to purchase the meals in advance (advance purchase is required for our catering team's planning purposes);
3. **Lodging:** Information regarding four options for lodging with links to reserve the accommodations choice;
4. **Schedule:** Information about the schedule (the final schedule will be available at the conference itself);
5. **Ministry to Children and Teens:** learn more about nursery, children and youth ministry, with an explanation of how you can save money on the conference by volunteering for only one service.
6. **Sightseeing:** Information regarding group travel and tourism opportunities;
7. **Additional Info:** Contact information for the conference coordinators in case you have any additional questions.

1. Registration

Register today for the conference by going to the webpage below. Our registration processes are completely automated online through Event Brite. The cost of registration is \$50/family and \$30/single.

<https://freedom-outreach-european-spring-conference-2018.eventbrite.com>

2. Meal Options

To purchase your meal tickets, please go to: https://foi_spring_conf_meal_packages.eventbrite.com

This conference is unique as we provide a meal package for the entire conference. This is because there are very few restaurant options available in the area and the facility has ideal kitchen and dining space. The price of the meals is at our cost and includes: Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch – four full meals. The meal package must be purchased in its entirety as we are not able to provide tickets for single meals. However, if after reviewing the menu below, you have dietary concerns or food allergies, please contact us so we can arrange alternative options for you, if possible.

Friday, April 20, 1700-1845: Dinner – Herb crusted pork (veg. option), roasted potatoes, salad, dessert

Saturday, April 21, 1230-1330: Lunch – Hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni and cheese, chips, salad bar

Saturday, April 21, 1700-1845: Pasta with Bolognese sauce, Pasta with red sauce (vegetarian), Pasta with chicken and cream sauce, French bread, salad, dessert.

Sunday, April 22, 1230-1330: Choice of a variety of sandwiches and wraps, fruit medley, veggie medley, meat and cheese trays, chips, dessert, beverages – meal available to be packed as a sack lunch for those attending the Bruges trip or departing for their return home immediately.

3. Lodging: Our conference speakers, Center Directors, and their families will have lodging arrangements made for them and do not need to book their own rooms. Directors will be staying at the Casteau Resort Hotel (see below) unless you've been contacted by the conference coordinators about other arrangements. All other conference guests must book their own lodging. Information and prices, along with links to book online, are listed below.

- **Château de Thieusies:** Stay with us at the Château de Thieusies! We have several guest rooms for 2 people and 9 rooms available for families (bunkbeds) with room for 4-14 people per room. The cost and location make up for the somewhat rustic rooms:
 - **Singles:** In dorms, 15 Euro per night
 - **Family Rooms:** Private rooms with bunkbeds for families – 45 Euro per night for the entire family
 - **Guest Rooms:** Nicer “hotel style” rooms on the side of the Château, for up to 2 people – price varies by room and we have only a few – please contact us for price and availability.
 - **Breakfast:** Breakfast is included for each guest of the Château and is served each morning between 0630-0830

Affordable and convenient, book your stay at the Château and walk downstairs to the conference -- enjoy more opportunities to fellowship! Reserve by emailing Jennie at JacobsGen@gmail.com.

- **Casteau Resort Hotel:** (Chaussée DE BRUXELLES 38, 7061 Casteau, Belgium - 5 kilometers from Château) – Please note, this hotel is no longer a part of the Best Western Hotel chain, as of recently, so you cannot book through the Best Western website. Prices range from 72 Euro to 120 Euro per night, depending on class of room, and includes breakfast. Most rooms are limited to 2 people occupancy. Please use this link to book: <https://reservations.cubilis.eu/be/aparthotel-casteau-resort-casteau> or search for the hotel through Booking.com.
- **Best Western Orange Hotel, La Louvière:** (Chaussée du Pont du Sart 238, 7110 La Louvière, Belgium - 8 kilometers from Château) – Prices range from 69 – 169 Euro per night, depending on class of room and number of occupants. It has a nice breakfast included and a full restaurant on site. Most rooms are limited to 2 person occupancy. You can book here: <https://www.orangehotel.be/en/>
- **Hotel Saint Georges, Mons:** (Place du Parc 32, 7000 Mons, Belgium - 11 kilometers from Château) – This is a fabulous old mansion in downtown Mons that has been recently refurbished with full kitchens and living areas in each room and rooms that vary between 2-people only or up to 8 in an apartment. Unfortunately, there is no breakfast included. Mr. Baran Kilic is the owner and operator – book directly with him and mention that you are part of the conference at the Château de Thieuseis with Brian and Jennie Humann, and he will give you a discount of 10-30%, depending on the class of room you book and the length of your stay. Prices vary between 80 – 150 Euro per night. Email Mr. Kilic at: contact@hotelsaintgeorges.be or call +32 (0)65 65 20 14 (he speaks excellent English) or book on the website: <http://hotelsaintgeorges.be/>

4. Schedule

Note: All events will be held at the Château with the exception of the Friday morning Directors Pre-Conference training. Also, the optional outings are not listed in the schedule. See item #6 for details.

Thursday, April 19th, 1900: Director's Dinner – Château de Thieusies Coffee House (Directors and spouses and invited key leaders and conference speakers only. Director's, if you are bringing any leaders besides yourselves, please contact conference coordinators so we can get an accurate headcount for our caterer.)

Friday, April 20th:

- **0900-1300:** Pre-conference for Directors, their spouses and invited key leaders only. Meeting will take place at the SHAPE International Christian Center, 42 Rue du Grand Coron 7034 St. Denis. The church is only 3 miles from the Château and the training and luncheon are hosted by Pastor Gregory and Michelle Perkins.
- **1700-1845:** Dinner at Château
- **1900:** Evening Service/Worship

Saturday, April 21st:

- **0830-0900:** Prayer Offensive
- **0900-1210:** Morning Sessions, Breakout Classes (details will be on the program)
- **1210-1330:** Lunch at Château
- Afternoon Free Time
- **1700-1845:** Dinner at Château
- **1900:** Evening Service/Worship

Sunday, April 22nd:

- **0900-0930:** Prayer Offensive
- **0930-1200:** Morning sessions, worship
- **1200-1330:** Lunch at Château

Street parking is open, parking on Château grounds is limited. Parking passes will be issued by email.

5. Nursery, Children and Youth Ministry

Nursery (ages 0-4) will be in the Château dining room (the painted room next to the kitchen) and Children's Church (ages 5-12) will be in the Community Center, just across the Château courtyard. Teens (ages 13-18) will meet during the Saturday morning sessions only from 0900-1200 inside the Château in the chapel (just off of the foyer).

Important Note -- We are in need of volunteers for Nursery and Children's Church! If you are a guest of the Château, we would like to offer one day of free lodging for each service that you volunteer to serve the kids at. For example, we have 4 segments – Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning. You can get between 1-4 days free lodging as a blessing/incentive for volunteering. If you are staying at a hotel, we will give you one free meal package for each service that you serve the children at. Please contact Jennie at JacobsGen@gmail.com to be part of the team!

6. Group Tourism/Excursion Options

We have put together four wonderful travel options from Friday to Monday! For some, you will need to caravan or join with someone who has seats available, or take the bus on Monday to the Netherlands. We ask that you visit this site: https://foi_spring_conf_2018_travel_options.eventbrite.com to register, even for the trips without cost, so we know how many vehicles will be following and if there are any seats available for those who are flying to the conference



Friday, April 20, 1230-1730: 15 Euro per person (\$18.50) – **Brussels, Belgium Grand Place and chocolate demo.** If you are arriving on Thursday night for the conference or able to check in before noon on Friday, join us for a trip to the Brussels Grand Place. Vehicles will depart from the Château at 1230 and may follow along in a caravan, each responsible for their own fuel and parking. Parking will be near the Grand Place, near shops and restaurants. Attendees may pay 15 Euro for a chocolate demo and tasting at one of Brussels premier artisan chocolatiers, Planete Chocolat (we need a minimum of 15 people to book the demo).



Saturday, April 21, 1330-1645: No cost/caravanning – **Mons, Belgium, Grand Place** – caravan along in your POV or we can help you find available seats. Vehicles will depart from the Château at 1330 and will park near the Grand Place (30 mins away). The group will have approx. 2.5 hours to visit the two beautiful cathedrals, the Belfry, and enjoy the beauty, food, chocolates, waffles and shopping at the Mons Grand Place!



Sunday, April 22, 1300-1800: No cost/caravanning – **Bruges, Belgium** - if you need to find an open seat in one of the vehicles, we can assist you and ask that you give the driver 3-5 Euro per person for parking fees and fuel. Bruges is the “Venice of the North,” famous for its well preserved buildings from the 1500-1800’s. Take a canal boat tour of the city for only 12 Euro (not booked through us, there are plenty of vendors and hourly tours.)



Monday, April 23, 0800-1800: Keukenhof, the Netherlands: Stay an extra day and visit the world famous Keukenhof Tulip Gardens in Holland! The bus departs the Château on Monday, April 23rd at 0800 and will return to the Château at 1800. The cost of the trip is **45 Euro per adult** (\$55, age 18+), **35 Euro per child** (\$43, ages 3-17) – RT bus transportation, entrance into Keukenhof gardens, bottled water on the bus (a sack lunch can be pre-purchased for 5 Euro per person for the picnic areas or you may opt to eat at one of the food vendors at the gardens). Please note that the price includes a minimum of 20 people (to ensure group rate and bus) and a maximum of 49.

7. Contact Info:

The conference coordinators are Brian and Jennie Humann (JacobsGen@gmail.com, +32 (0)471 90 83 57) and Gregory and Michelle Perkins (mzstirp@hotmail.com, mzperkinsm@yahoo.com, +32 (0) 471 96 05 71), and you can download flyers and info at: www.MTTM.org.