



GLOBAL CONGRESS FOR LIFE: A VISION THAT BECAME REALITY



For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

Malta, a breathtaking island and one of the smallest countries in Europe, is steeped in history and has been strategically significant in the Mediterranean region for thousands of years. Located 50 miles south of Sicily, it boasts some of the oldest and most beautiful architectural structures known to the world in a sub-Mediterranean climate that is warm and inviting, just like its people. It is here that the vision the Lord gave me for a global gathering for life became a life-changing reality. I had been to several conferences on the island of Malta. The small island nation is significant for its culture, location, and, perhaps even more interestingly, its notable ties to Christianity. The Bible records how God used Paul to bring the gospel to Malta when he was shipwrecked there as a Roman prisoner. In the book of Acts, Luke details how the Maltese people cared for Paul and his shipmates by welcoming them and giving them food and shelter when they washed up on shore. One lesson from this story in Acts is that God faithfully brings about His purposes even when we cannot see the path through our own doubt and fears.

This past October, I found myself heading toward a different kind of “shipwreck” as the Global Congress still needed full funding, and we were less than two months away from the event. I was experiencing building pressure and nagging doubts as I wondered if I had heard God correctly. What if I had only thought God wanted me to organize a global congress, but I was wrong? The thought of being unable to see it through after bringing so many people this far was a tremendous burden and one of the most significant tests of my faith.



Marco and Carmen: “One of the deepest wishes of our hearts is to serve the Lord. At the Congress we felt God affirming us in our ministry. Our hearts are on fire and wishing to do full time work for the Lord.”



One day, while driving home from the LIFE offices with North American Hub Chairman Larry Gadbaugh, I received a phone call from one of our board members who said, “Kurt, the Lord has laid it on my heart to give LIFE \$100,000.” That was the moment that God re-convicted my heart. The message was the same, but now it came through loud and clear to my spirit: “Kurt, I’ve got this.” Deep in my soul, I knew that He did, and I was overwhelmed by His goodness. Little did I know, that donation was seed money for what was yet to come. I am not proud of my weakness during that time, but it is part of the story of how God is faithful and that this is His work and His alone. In His abundance and grace, over the next ten days, we received donations totaling over \$800,000 from unexpected sources, which brought us to complete funding for the Malta gathering! Isn’t it brilliant how God uses all kinds of circumstances to show us that we are not in control, and as a direct result, He gets all the glory? He uses us in our weakness to display His magnificence and bring about His purposes. Humbled, we are then in the proper position to marvel at His beauty and fall to our knees in worship!

Arriving in Malta with the renewed awareness that God is sovereign and in control released the pressure and gave me the freedom to have confidence in His handiwork. So, it was with profound and expectant joy that I watched brothers and sisters in Christ embrace, celebrate, and fellowship together as they arrived for the Congress. There were 108 nations present in person and another 47 were invited to attend virtually. In total, 155 nations participated in seeking the Father’s heart for life. All that we had been anticipating and working toward was becoming a reality before my eyes. Even before our official sessions

Yevrahim: “The Lord has blessed us throughout this conference, maintaining the zeal of faith to make our Lord of life known to this world lost between good and evil.”





Ellen: "It gives me courage to continue the battle for the God-given value of the unborn here in a secular Denmark!"

began, the unity was palpable; a testament to the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. I witnessed delegates and leaders from countries at war with one another, praying together with their arms around each other. Specifically, leaders from Israel, Syria, and Egypt; Russia and Ukraine; and Venezuela and Guyana. This is a scene the Father loves - people praying together, loving and caring for one another in unity that transcends earthly division and opposition. The moments when I caught a glimpse of the Father's heart left a deep and enduring impression on me. I am aware that there are countless other ways in which nations expressed their love for one another, bringing joy to individuals and strengthening the bond with our all-loving God.



Soman: "Initially, I was upset because I could not attend in person, but virtually, I felt totally connected to everyone. During one of the sessions I was inspired by the word 'testimony': it's not about us, it's about God. I said to God, 'I am sorry. It's not by me, it's by You.'"

At the opening of our official schedule for the assembly, everyone arrived with the expectation of hearing from the Father and to receive further clarity regarding His heart for life. Every session, whether a teaching from Scripture, testimony, or worship, was designed to give each participant the chance to listen to what God wanted to communicate to them. That was the primary objective that would then propel how we move forward and ultimately engage the world. These moments together gave a glimpse into what heaven will be like. People from every nation, tongue, and tribe gathered, worshiping our Creator, listening and being attentive to all that He says. I struggle to find words that can capture how the Spirit moved in our midst during our times of worship. I have been captivated by the thought of angels in heaven worshiping with us and the connection between believers on earth and the heavenly realm. I believe God was glorified, and believers were given numerous spiritual blessings. I had the privilege of hearing about one of those blessings from our partners from Germany and Russia. They shared that they came to the Congress

skeptically because of their experience with North American-sponsored events. They said, “You didn’t tell us what to do or how to do it. You simply pointed us to the Father.” Johannes, from Indonesia, said, “At other conferences I attend, they want me to do something or buy into something; they want something from me. You feed us [spiritually] and tell us to listen to the Lord and respond to Him. You feed and equip us [spiritually], and then say, take this and do what God would have you do with it.” These testimonies have been a profound encouragement to me and serve as a benchmark to remember and commit to trusting the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of His people for future events. It can be scary not to feel in control with a full and detailed agenda, but I have learned that God’s agenda is always best, and I can trust Him to do His part, which helps me have the courage to do mine.

As our time together unfolded, one of the most impactful results was the all-encompassing unity. From my perspective, there were three primary expressions of unity at the Congress:

- Unity because of our status in Christ.
- Unity around the gospel and the mission of spreading the Father’s heart for life around the world.
- Tangible unity through fellowship and being cared for through meals, accommodations, and rest.

Many expressed a renewed passion for their mission; in one case, Nugo from South Asia reported feeling “a whole new set of marching orders.” One Delegate from Europe expressed it this way, “I feel like I’ve been released from prison for three days to be encouraged and equipped to go back into the fight.” Throughout the Congress, the words, “I don’t feel alone” and “this feels like a family,” were repeated more times than could be counted. Many people also expressed gratitude for the wonderful accommodations and food; there was an atmosphere of feeling like they were invited to a banquet. It was truly a time God used to bless, refresh, and encourage His people, which overflowed into an outpouring of thankfulness to God for all He has done.



Layla: “The Lord used the time at the Congress to restore my faith. God gave me a vision that when we come together, He gives us the seeds of life. Some are given more seeds and some less. Everyone will take away seeds and those seeds will grow.”





Anita: "I was very excited at the Global Congress for Life because it was the fulfillment of something I had been trusting to happen for a long time, even when I was going through a lot of hardships and doubts. Somehow God always comes through at the last moment; He gave me a new portion of faith and trust."



During the third day of the Congress, delegates from each country met with their regional Hub leadership team and member nations to represent their country within a larger region of the world. They gathered to discuss the themes God had placed on their hearts during the earlier listening sessions. The gathering of the Hub regions was an unprecedented opportunity for global collaboration with the intent to ensure that all voices were heard and had input. During the meeting, a scribe captured notes and recorded the main themes that God had spoken to each of their regions. Once this process was complete, a leader from each Hub attended the drafting of **The Malta Commission** (*see back cover) to collaboratively develop content for the official document. This is important because, at LIFE International, we believe the Father desires to involve every nation in this effort. He is building a global life movement and an army of people who align with His heart for the gospel, the sanctity of human life, and His global redemptive plan. One way we have committed to stewarding and guiding this movement is through the Global Advisory Council. This group is comprised of trusted and seasoned international leaders who advise our board and help shepherd the life movement and its global impact. We are committed to remembering that this is not about us, the Congress, or the Global Advisory Council but what the Father is doing and our desire to see the glory of the Lord fill the earth just as the waters cover the sea.

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Making known the Father's heart for life

OUR MISSION: To partner with leaders globally to boldly proclaim the biblical truth of the Father's heart for life, champion the gospel of Jesus Christ, and establish life-giving ministries.

OUR VISION: We see a world where people of all nations find their hope and healing in Jesus Christ and fully embrace the Father's heart for life.

My dear friends, I want to acknowledge that God has done and will continue to do spectacular kingdom work as a result of His Global Congress for Life. During this process, I witnessed firsthand how God worked in my heart and deepened my faith. It was an incredibly powerful and life-changing experience that I will always cherish. I am not alone in this, as there are many others who can attest to the same. It is astounding how God chooses to work in mysterious ways, and I am forever grateful for His love and grace. As believers, we have the privilege of knowing God's Word, but it is amid testing and trials that our faith is truly strengthened, and our dependence on Him is reaffirmed. These challenges are not meant to discourage us but rather to ignite a fire within us that propels us forward on our journey with even greater passion and purpose. I pray that each one of us lifts our eyes and ears heavenward with hope, trusting that our Heavenly Father is accomplishing His perfect will and that He has brought us on this journey together to listen to His voice and follow Him wherever He may lead. I am deeply grateful for so many of you in the body of Christ who are a part of this movement! I praise God for how He knits His people's hearts together to bring about His purposes. I believe going forward the Congress will serve as a marker, a point of reference, to signify a movement and a community seeking His heart in all things. I believe I speak for all of us when I say that this community follows the Father, humbly seeking His heart and knowing that He will accomplish His will, and we have the privilege of offering our time, talents, gifts, and resources in service to Him. We are all a part of this body, and God has something for everyone.

What is the Father saying to you?

Please consider joining this global movement for life with your prayers and resources. The opportunity and need before us is great!



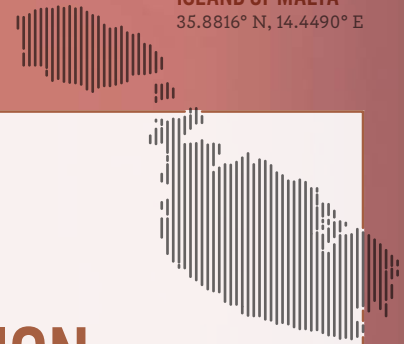
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THE MALTA COMMISSION

In the fall of 2018 the Lord Jesus gave Kurt Dillinger, President and Founder of LIFE International, a vision for a **Global Congress for Life** gathering on the island of Malta. For three days, leaders from every nation repented for violations against the sanctity of human life, bore witness to our Father's heart for life, and were commissioned to proclaim His message of the Gospel and life worldwide. In November, 2023, delegates representing 155 nations came together in a solemn assembly, and this **Malta Commission** was adopted:

Whereas all people are created in the image of God, we boldly affirm the biblical value of all human life.

And whereas in our need for redemption, the Father sent His Son to do for us what we could not do for ourselves, we hereby commit to move toward people in need.

And whereas we are in an era of history that denies objective biblical truth, we therefore humbly and prayerfully commit to depend upon the power of the Holy Spirit to:

- proclaim boldly the gospel of Jesus Christ,
- work collaboratively to speak for the pre-born, and those who have no voice,
- stand courageously as champions against all violations of the sanctity of human life,
- share the message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who have suffered as a result of a violation of the sanctity of human life,
- invest sacrificially in life-giving initiatives that give all people an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel,
- equip and empower leaders to serve the purposes of God among the nations,
- and work toward the day when the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God even as the waters cover the sea.

Signed by the LIFE International Board and the Global Advisory Council on November 29, 2023

Pastor Omar Garcia: "Something historic happened on the isle of Malta – The Global Congress for Life. This was a gathering unlike any other in the history of the world. And although unnoticed by the world, the deliberations of those who gathered on the island nation will reverberate to every corner of the planet."