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4.500 young people from all over the world met from the 10th till the 15th of July 2012 in Foz do Iguazu, Brasil, for the first World-Youth-Conference held by ICCRS. A report by Christof Hemberger from Europe.

GOD IS LEADING US IN THE FUTURE

The conference was a great blessing and its fruits will definitely last long – the gathering of CCR-youth and young adults from all over the world seemed to me a prophetic sign for the worldwide renewal: We do not live in the past – God is leading us into the future!

Since the World-Youth-Conference was held in Brazil the majority of the participants came from Latin-America. I enjoyed the enthusiasm and zeal of these young men and women of this continent: I enjoyed their powerful worship- as well as their joy of being host of such a conference.

The theme of the Conference was a passage from the Gospel of Matthew: 'All people will take their hope in Jesus'. Teachers like Michelle Moran, Jim Murphy, Patti Mansfield as well as young leaders of the CCR in the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking world did a great job in proclaiming the Hope that the Holy Spirit is raising in us when we begin to trust in the Lord.

Various Bishops, many priests and deacons were present as well as CCR-Leaders from all over the world.

Besides daily masses, teachings and prayer-times the program was enriched by workshops and testimonies about the reality, ministry and the vision of young people in the CCR today. At one afternoon young leaders from all continents were interviewed at a 'round table' about their experiences, the structure of their CCR-youth-ministry back home and about their ways to reach young people.

Brasil

Next to the World-Youth-Conference the Brazilian CCR run their national conference. When this conference ended several thousand participants then joined the youth-meeting so in the end there were more than 10.000 participants present at the final days.

An international conference always gives insight into the reality of the nation that functions as host. I was amazed and touched about the zeal and the maturity of the young leaders in Brazil! The Brazilian CCR exists mainly out of young people (60% are younger than 40 years!). They are running a lot of outreach- and mission activities e.g. in universities (students), at the beaches of the Coppa Cabana (tourists) and in the Amazon-area (poor natives). I will not forget their joy of sharing the gospel and proclaiming their hope not only in their prayer-meetings but also in today's world!

Global CCR

After the conference the ICCRS-Council met from 17th till 21st of July to share about the developments of the global CCR and to decide about the upcoming activities and projects of ICCRS. A report about this council-meeting will be sent to the national leaders in a short time.

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