

# PRAISE & PRAYER



## REVIVE EUROPE

Young people were empowered to share their faith

### REVIVAL IN THE UNIVERSITY

*“Revive set my heart on fire and I want every young Christian to experience the same fire I have now in my heart for Jesus.”*

**MIRIAM, CBU SPAIN**

27–31 December 2019 saw more than 3,000 students, graduates and staff gather in Germany for the IFES Europe student evangelism conference, Revive. 38 of the region’s 41 member movements were represented, as well as delegates from Africa, Asia and countries closed to the gospel. The 11th of its kind, this European student evangelism conference was bigger and broader than ever before.

It had begun with a dream: a vision of seeing a generation come together from every corner of Europe to pursue revival in the university world and beyond. United in this vision were representatives from more than 20 other Christian organisations in Europe (including Agape, Cru, Friends International and Youth With A Mission), who partnered with IFES Europe in dreaming, planning and praying. The culmination was Revive: five days of life-changing encounters with God through Bible teaching, evangelism training, fellowship and prayer, and the joy of welcoming a new year together.

So how did the event impact participants?

*“I hope to continue sharing Jesus through cross-cultural mission next year... IFES InterAction!”*

**ROXANNE, UCCF GREAT BRITAIN**

*“I am already planning in my student group to put on The Mark Drama for non-Christian students. I have lots of ideas now of how to be more creative in spreading the gospel — so thank you Revive for that!”*

**CLAUDIA, OSCER ROMANIA**

### EQUIPPING ARAB STUDENTS

*“With all the wars and killings in the Old Testament, how can you say that Christian teaching is different to what ISIS teach about jihad?”*

Questions like this have been very hard for IFES students in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to answer.

Jordanian graduate Yazan Malkounian was so challenged that he started to study and then to write. His book “Old Testament Wars” became one of the first publications of Inspire Publishing House, which was launched in 2018 by IFES MENA region. Inspire translates resources and commissions new material written by Arab believers for the Arab context to enrich students’ understanding of the gospel and help them to engage with contemporary issues.





These photos should give you a flavour of Revive



REVIVE EUROPE continued...

Most exciting were the stories we heard after Revive was over:

*"When we arrived in Zagreb I took Uber to the office and started talking to the driver. I talked about the conference and told a little about evangelical Christians. It was so interesting that he decided to turn off the taxi meter and took me home (an extra 30 km). God has clearly given me the opportunity to share the Gospel and my testimony, which I did. It was amazing how fast God is in action!"*

**TOMISLAV, STEP CROATIA**

*"I had a great conversation on the bus. I shared my faith with a student studying in Karlsruhe. Gave him the book about the cross by Slavko Hadzic from Bosnia. Then he explained that he is Bosnian, grew up in Turkey. At the end I was able to pray with him!!"*

**CHRISTIAN, ÖSM AUSTRIA**

*"God changed people at Revive and he is calling people through us who were at Revive. I just love getting these messages from my Revive brothers and sisters — joyfully telling me the latest news of a person coming to church, a person being hungry for the Word of God, a person listening and responding in various ways..."*

**AILÍN, SMD GERMANY**

Thank you so much for your prayers for Revive. Please ask God to empower the young people who were at Revive as they share their faith and continue to pray for revival in Europe. Pray with us that the benefits of Revive would continue to be far-reaching and long-lasting, for the sake of a continent, and for the glory of God.

EQUIPPING ARAB STUDENTS continued...

Their most recent publication is "Uncover John" in Arabic, joining the previously published "Uncover Luke". These seeker focused gospels are already being used by IFES students across the region, but were also on sale at the Cairo International Book Fair in January — the largest and oldest book fair in the Arab world. The IFES MENA team were delighted to exhibit there for the first time. They were selling other titles too, including Bible study guides written by IFES MENA students and other resources in Arabic and English.

**Please pray for the Inspire team as they work on upcoming publications — including "Uncover Mark" and Lindsay Brown's "Shining Like Stars", and for Arab authors working on books and resources to help students answer their own and their classmates' questions.**

## IFES WEBINARS

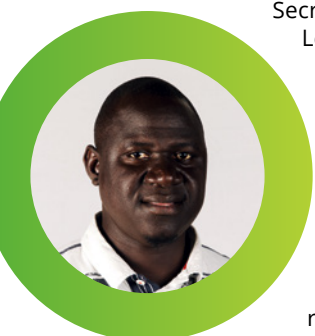
IFES runs regular webinars to help you find out more about what is happening across our ministries. Previous webinars have focused on regional ministry and events, introduced new staff members and IFES projects. They have been a chance for listeners to hear what God is doing in and through students and to ask questions of those who work

in the ministry. Webinars are usually at lunchtime for North American participants and evening for European ones. Signing up means you can join live or watch later at a time that suits you. To see what is coming up and sign up to attend: [ifesworld.org/webinars](https://ifesworld.org/webinars).

## IFES PEOPLE: LAWRENCE GOMEZ

IFES EPSA ASSOCIATE REGIONAL SECRETARY

Lawrence Gomez has served in different capacities with the IFES movement in The Gambia: as student leader on campus, student representative on the board, board member and eventually board chair, prior to his appointment as General Secretary in 2018. He was part of the first cohort of the IFES Global Leaders Initiative. Before moving into ministry full time, he worked in the banking sector for ten years and is married to Marie with three children (Daniella, Jessica and Ariel). He joined the IFES English- and Portuguese-Speaking Africa (EPSA) regional team as Associate Regional Secretary for the West Africa Sub-Region last year. He is also responsible for delivering IFES' Indigenous Support Development training within the region. This training helps equip national movements to raise financial support for student ministry in their own contexts. Lawrence asks us all to pray for wisdom and grace so that he can fulfil his role according to God's will and purpose.



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