

Bonjour, Hola,Ola, Good day from Europe.

I have just completed my first trip after our family returned from our 11 month visit of the CS world. Hard to believe it's been over a year since I visited our European Leaders

There were three main Objectives

1. Reconnect with our European Coordinator and National Leader of the UK the ever-energetic Phil Williams.

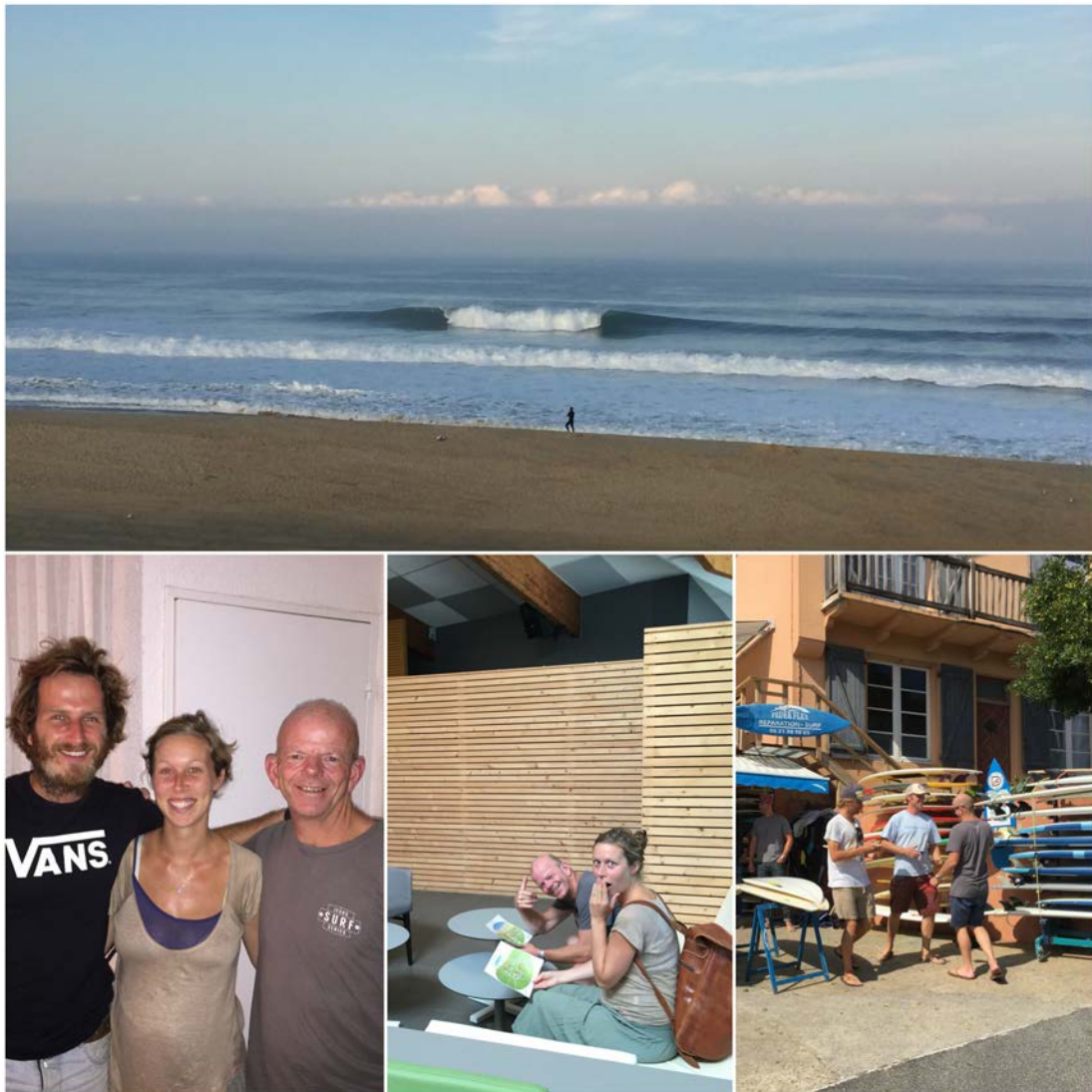
Phil is busy as ever and the CS UK crew had just finished a number of events when I arrived. Phil fetched me from the bus stop fresh from grabbing a quick wave on the Severn Bore his local river wave. Phil's crew gifted him this incredible hand made hollow core wooded board as a tribute to his faithfulness in serving for over 20 years at the Jesus Surf Classic. A quick coffee and breakfast and we were off to catch up with the CS Wales at a movie screening and then back home and off to France to check out Conference Venues.



2. Visit and scope out potential locations for the France France 2018 CS International Conference.

Our Biennial International conference was last held in France in 2004, this epic equipping event had 86 registered and by time the conference was over there were around 186. CS Europe and CS Globally has grown significantly since then and so we are expecting a bumper conference in 2018.

There is a great sense of anticipation around what God is doing in France, with Rich and Reggie planting the surf Church which operates from within the Roman Catholic building in Hossegor, with Audrey and Powell from CS being joined by Joby an Vickey, and a sense of real excitement and creativity around the Gospel. There is much work to be done but God is moving in a powerful way.



Top: Best beach breaks in the world, Bottom Left: Joby & Vickey working for CS France; Bottom Middle: Scouting out Venues, Bottom Right: Thomas and Doerta Ding Repair in Biarritz, epic Christian couple living out the gospel. Pray for the team as they get ready to serve the WSL event that is in town and starts 04th October

3. Attend the CS European Leaders Gathering

We had a really tight turn around for the CS Europe Gathering, so it was back from France, and then a 4:30am start to get to the airport to head to Portugal and the CS European leaders gathering. But WOW what a gathering! This was my first opportunity to connect with a number of the CS Europe leaders that I had not met and a great reconnect with some that I met on our trip. 9 nations were represented there, all with exciting CS surf ministries and a number from land locked countries, CS Germany surf a river waves, while others travel to surf.

All are passionate surfers and stoked Believers, sharing the Good News of the Gospel in their context. I have a real sense that there is something amazing brewing in Europe. Perhaps one of the really personal highlights for me was seeing that 5 of the 9 nations represented had leaders in them that had been to J Bay and had gone through our [CSALT program](#). WOW We need more such programs in other geographies around the world :)



Top: Leaders gathering. Bottom Left: Mark Chu and Lydia Sawyer got engaged over conference, courtesy of CS dating agency LOL
Bottom Right: CS logo

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