



Study-Tour

Travel with us to the United States and experience CEOs who unashamedly embrace Christian values and lead their companies using scriptural principles. Silicon Valley, the most innovative location of America and the world gains a spiritual strength not just from its churches but also from ethical companies run by dedicated Christian leaders, God@Work-Companies.

US-Study-Tour to Silicon Valley (Tuesday, Sept. 12 – Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017) and Annual International Conference of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International (FCCI) in Miami/Florida (Sunday, Sept. 17 – Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017)
(Arrival in Europe: Friday, Sept. 22, 2017)

A journey to God@Work-Companies who see themselves as a platform to proclaim the gospel



Dear friends,

Travel with us to the United States and experience CEOs who unashamedly embrace Christian values and lead their companies using scriptural principles. America, the largest economy in the world, gains a spiritual strength not just from its churches, but also from ethical companies run by dedicated Christian leaders. This dynamic has many names: God@Work, Kingdom Companies, or just BAM (Business as Mission).

The tour will finish with the participation in the „38th International Conference of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International“ (FCCI) at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Miami/Florida.

Welcome – I am looking forward meeting you.

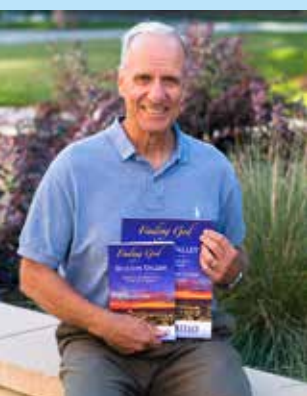
Prof. Dr. Jörg Knoblauch

Our tour group will have participants from Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. You will benefit from new relationships made and the discussions among our international group.

What is on the agenda?

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The arrival into San Francisco is done individually. We deliberately booked a hotel at San Francisco Airport so that the hotel can be reached via free airport shuttle. As most flights from Europe land in the afternoon, we have planned an “unofficial get-together“ for the evening.



We start with the presentation of an insider in Silicon Valley who advises a wide range of Silicon Valley companies – “Skip“ Vacarello. He is the author of the book “Finding God in Silicon Valley – Spiritual Journeys in the High-Tech World“. In his book he describes dozens of Kingdom Companies. He is the initiator and organizer of the prayer breakfast for the valley. 100 Christian entrepreneurs participate in this regular event. He reports this

evening of fast-growing and successful companies founded by Christian entrepreneurs. These companies have occupied promising niches and live the digital disruption in practice. We will have the opportunity to discuss all important topics of Christian entrepreneurs, such as the global disruption of traditional industries, the handling of employees who are no longer able to cope with the high-tech environment etc.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

We check out of the hotel at San Francisco Airport and move into the “valley“. In the valley are the companies, which have become too big for the close San Francisco. Companies such as Google, Facebook, Cisco, Ebay and Tesla have their headquarters here. At the end of this day we will stay at the “Maple Tree“ in Sunnyvale.



Whether for the first time in San Francisco or the repeated time: this morning we make the obligatory city tour in San Francisco. Lunch at Eatsa, the restaurant without staff is particularly exciting. In the early afternoon we are in Vallejo with Michael's Transportation Services, the company where we rented the bus. A Kingdom Company. Michael's Transportation Services, a 200-bus company that has had a positive impact on the crime-ridden city of Vallejo.

In the afternoon, we move to the “valley“, and then we will meet with Dr. Ed Silvano of “Harvest Evangelism“, which has a school for transformation with international influence in San Jose. They have developed a process to lead Christian-led companies into social responsibility.



For dinner we are at the famous Silver Creek Country Club, where we will get to know other interesting Kingdom companies.

Thursday, September 14, 2017

We start the day with a visit of Full Armor, a software company that was started by Danny Kim. Afterwords we visit a leading high school in the US, Valley Christian School with a 150 million campus that has a lively connection to Stanford and NASA. Particularly exciting: the students learn not only to “hack”, but to build rockets, deal with robotics, artificial intelligence and cancer research. The founder, Dr. Clifford E. Daugherty, is known far beyond California’s borders. Even US-President Barak Obama has visited this model school. After this we visit some oter companies.



We have dinner together with Nancy Ortberg. Nancy is a widely known author. Her challenge is “Transforming the Bay for Christ”.

Friday, September 15, 2017

“Plug-and-Play“ is a typical Silicon Valley company. This company brings together forward thinking, digitally oriented companies. The company maintains contact with leading German high-tech manufacturers such as BMW, Bosch and Siemens.



Some of the start-up companies in Silicon Valley are too small to welcome us as a group. We have invited several CEOs to meet with them in the modern “Plug-and-Play“ rooms.

Even on shopping we thought for our trip. If you do not want to shop, you can visit the shops of Tesla, Apple etc. instead.

Saturday, September 16, 2017

At the heart of the Valley in Palo Alto lies Stanford, one of the most famous universities in the world, from which influential global companies such as Google, HP and others have emerged. In a special tour, we will not only experience the extensive beautiful campus, but also learn how modern universities are working today.

The program also includes a visit to the world’s leading Computer Museum, sponsored by Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, where we will experience the history of the digital revolution in an exciting way showing key players like IBM, Intel, Apple, Google and others.

In the evening, we go to the service of the influential “Cathedral of Faith“. They have a large food program to support the poor in the area.



After a joint dinner and evaluation meeting, we fly to Miami with AA 2648 at 11:10 pm. The flight takes 5:26 hours, arriving at 7:36 am on Sunday morning. In the evening, the 38th Conference of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Miami, Florida with a large number of influential speakers.

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Miami



The conference takes place at the luxurious Ritz-Carlton in Miami/Florida.

FCCI Business Conference

(Sunday, Sept. 17 - Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017)

The tour will finish with the participation in the „38th International Conference of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International“ (FCCI) at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, in Miami/Florida. Together with about 700 Christian business owners and managers, we will experience awesome keynote speakers, workshops and discussions about how biblical principles influence our daily business. fcci.org/conferences

Keynote speakers are:

Dr. Tim Irwin

Author, Speaker, Executive Leadership



Dee Ann Turner

VP, Chick-fil-A



Terence Chatmon

President & CEO, FCCI



Thursday, September 21

The conference will be concluded during the morning. This is the day of departure. Flight to Europe (arrival Friday, Sept. 22)

Join us on an exciting journey!



Prof. Dr. Jörg Knoblauch

CEO (tempus)
Speaker, author. International board member of FCCI, married, Germany.



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Organisation



Pat McGrath

Latin America Director FCCI
Responsible for the Spanish-speaking region of FCCI. Born and raised in Mexico City.



Terence Chatmon

President & CEO
Fellowship of Companies for Christ International (FCCI)

Total cost

For participants exclusively taking the tour to San Francisco and Silicon Valley the price is \$ 1.890. 2.790 Euro for Europeans including FCCI conference. (Flights are at your own expense: Flight into San Francisco, from San Francisco into Miami and back to Europe/Germany. We are happy to help you booking flights.)

Transport and Accommodation

Accommodation is in excellent hotels (single rooms do cost extra). Including all transfers in an airconditioned deluxe motor coach, all entrance fees. Meals are included (some exceptions). Experienced tour guides.

Number of people

We expect 40 people from around the world in our group.

Registration

Please register through the enclosed form.

For more information

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Cancellation

Until 6 weeks before the trip starts the cancellation fee is 400 Euro per person. If cancellation comes at a later point you will be charged the full price.

Insurance

It is up to you to arrange insurance covering costs in case you do not start the tour. Similarly you may arrange a health insurance and insurance against loss of luggage.

Passports

Valid, machine-readable passport. The passport must still be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the US. Please check the visa conditions of your nationality.

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Traveling preparations

The book „Kingdom Companies“ (available in English and German at: Traudel Knoblauch, PO Box 14 20, D-89529 Giengen, E-Mail: T.Knoblauch@tempus.de) tells the story of 24 companies and how they use their company as a platform for the Gospel. These are the type of companies we will visit.