



Teen Group from the Presbyterian Church in Portugal (Paulo from Azores hadn't arrived yet)

Contributions from the Taizé Pilgrimage of Hope in Madrid



DANIELA

Hi, my name is Daniela! 🙌 These past days I've been in an amazing Taizé experience in Madrid. I got to be in an amazing city, meet people from all over the world, be closer to God and create an amazing big group of friends that I hope meet all next year for another great Taizé experience. Thank you for the help.



PAULO

My first time out of Portugal!!!! An amazing experience! Such a really good way to understand and see by yourself how hard, but rewarding faith is. Thank you



EDIVALDO

One of the best experiences I ever had, and, also the one that I met amazing people. Thank you for helping us experience this.



GABI

Mixture of cultures and truths! after all, our God is just one, was very blessed ♡. I'm so grateful. Home is sometimes not the place where we live, is the place we meet God.



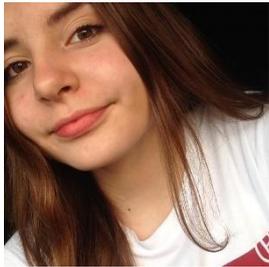
PEDRO

I liked a lot, it was a good way to learn (or a least think about it) how a road trip might have been in the time of Jesus. A different experience in my life. Thanks.



MARTA

I really love my receiving family, the prayer times and the workshops. I learned new ways of thinking about God, and how different worship and connection to God can be. I met the most incredible people that made this experience unbelievable!    thank you. Thank you very much.



MATILDE

I really liked this experience! The lady that received us was so nice!!!!  I would like to repeat the experience! Thanks.



JOÃO VITOR

My experience in this Taizé meeting was ever so extraordinary. I was able to know new people, different cultures but specially I could understand what it is to be a disciple of Jesus, where the future is not certain, and life was simpler and difficult. With this experience I felt closer to the sacrifice of Jesus, coming to this world as a fragile and simple man. I really appreciate and I'm thankful to all the one who gave me this life-changing opportunity, and the people who received me in their home.



ANA

My first time out of the country. So many things different and new. The family that received me was so nice. It was a very different experienced and I loved it. I liked the times in my parish: all the prayers, the games and the conversation. The night where we presented music and dances from our countries was so fun! Thank you for helping me with these experiences. Thank you.



MADALENA

I really really liked this experience. It was so different, and I fell that I grew as a person. The family that received us was amazing! I met people from different countries and cultures, and I became friends of them. I had the opportunity to go to workshops and learn new things. This trip strengthened my faith and my relationship with God. Thank you for this opportunity,



CAMILA

It was so different, so tiring but so amazing. I met new people, experienced different cultures. The lady that received us was so nice and lovely! I liked the music and the spirit of the meetings. Amazing time with amazing people. Thank you for this opportunity.



Lisete - Team Leader

In the Taizé meeting in Madrid I felt hope. I felt the presence of Christ in the life of those 18.000 young people that left the comfort of their homes and chose to pray instead of going to new year's worldly parties. They lived in a humble and simple place dedicating those 6 days to the Lord. The music, the games, the laughter, the silliness was so reassuring to see. The faith, the prayers, the spirit was so amazing to experience. I'm so blessed that I could be a part of this pilgrimage. Thank you for helping these young people to experience this life-changing event.



Prª Cacilene – Team Leader. What a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual growth for me and for the teens and young people I accompanied to the Madrid Taizé meeting! This was a time to experiment a spiritual path of reflexion about the faith and different spiritualities. I had the opportunity to show to the young people the theological differences but as well the importance to respect and learn from the different spiritual sensibilities. Another important experience was to be received by families, churches and groups of volunteers, who taught so much about the importance of the gestures of love. We saw the face of Christ in the faces of strangers who received us and took care of us like brothers and sisters. That made clear for everyone that the love that unites us is bigger than the differences that separates us. Thank you for helping us to show ecumenism to these young people.