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Missionaries to the Netherlands

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Ruth's Notes from the Heart

Some of the Albright family has really enjoyed their "surprises" since our last newsletter Cork has shared with you the "surprise" trip that our friends from the Baptist Church in Valkenburg gave to us in September. Well . . . in August another member of the Albright family was greatly "surprised" when her husband came home in time to celebrate her 30th birthday and their daughter's 6th birthday. Griz was able to come home from Iraq for a couple of weeks and Amy had no idea that he was coming. I told a friend not too long ago that I really enjoy knowing when special things are going to happen so I can enjoy the anticipation time rather than being "surprised" but with these "surprises" I can say wholeheartedly, "THANK YOU, LORD!"

Family throb: I will be leaving in a couple of weeks to be with Amos, Christina and Caleb in Jacksonville, Illinois. I am so excited about helping them adjust to another little one which is to be born on October 19. Caleb will be one month shy of his first birthday when the baby arrives. We are so thankful that Amos and his family are settled into their new ministry and loving the people already. As their adjustment period at this church continues a new adjustment will soon be on hand. We thank our Lord that they love Him and enjoy His strength and courage from day to day.

Ministry throb: As Cork has mentioned, we are beginning weekly meetings with the fine Christian folk right here in Opglabbeek and surrounding areas. It is so exciting to experience the beginning of a new church with Cork. I continue to attend a Bible study with about twelve ladies from this area. It is a blessing and privilege to study God's Word and to share with other women of like faith what I am learning.

Praise throb: It was a joy to have sixteen people come to the BBQ. The day was perfect with the sun shining for the five hours of the BBQ. Believe it or not, that was just about all the sun we had for that day, so we had the feeling that God was smiling down on our BBQ. And each week we hear of the blessings taking place in Valkenburg as the Christians there are being faithful to God and loving each other in the Lord. Those people have a very special place in my heart . . . especially the children.

Prayer throb: It is going to be fun being with Amos and family but I am finding it hard to convince Cork of that fact. He will be here alone from October 15 through November 19. We are so thankful that Angele and Hilbert live close to us but is two hours away close enough? Please pray for Cork as he manages a month without me and for me as I will miss him terribly. There is so much to pray for when starting a new church. Please remember us throughout your week. We have already begun praying for a man to take over this new ministry in a number of years.

Dutch throb: In getting ready to go to Illinois I've asked the children what they would love for me to buy for them. It amazes me how much our children still miss Holland. They each have their special requests for things they want me to bring to America. I enjoy listening to their reminiscing about their years of growing up here. Each of the children has through the years experienced at least one new


church beginning with their Dad and Mom. They remind us of this when asking how things are going here in Opglabbeek. This being my first experience with a new church, I am anxious to see what God has in store for us and how He is going to answer the prayers of so many of you on our behalf. Of course, we don't know of all the specific needs that we will experience in this new endeavor but we are so thankful we know the One who can provide for each and every need. Thank you again for praying for the beginning of another Baptist church to the Dutch speaking people.

Cork's Ministry News

To kick off the start of our fifth Baptist Church we held a "meet the Albright's" BBQ in September. In our culture people do not like saying no. They will say yes to an invitation when they have no intention of coming. So . . . we are never really sure of how many will show but have learned that those who come will have fun! We hosted 16 guests at our Saturday BBQ and it looked like we needed another Saturday for a second group. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and evening with total strangers! For the proposed second BBQ it was found that only four were willing to commit so we postponed it until another time. Together with our BBQ contacts we have decided to begin weekly midweek services the first week in October. We ask you to continue to pray with us that we will be able to start Sunday services when we reach about twenty coming regularly.

You probably remember from our newsletters that we have turned over our fourth Baptist Church to the Dutch. The last Sunday in August at the end of our very last service as missionary evangelist in this church in the city of Valkenburg, the church members surprised us with a trip to Israel on September 8-18, 2007. They booked the flights and hotels and rented a car for us. Needless to say we have been surprised by their generosity and overwhelmed by their love for us and our Lord. We still cannot believe this has happened nor that one of the churches that we planted in the Netherlands would express their thankfulness in this way. A dear brother in Christ helped us to realize the real value of this gift when he wrote: "Wow! What a confirmation of your ministry in the Lord to the dear people who bought you and Ruth the trip! That is such a blessing from the Lord to realize the depth of their love and respect for you."



 <p>Netherlands Cork Ruth Albright</p>	<p>If in the Bible there's a command, we're going to obey it; if there's an example, we're going to follow it; if there's neither command nor example, we're praying about it.</p>
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