



Cork and Ruth Albright

Missionaries to the Netherlands

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Ruth's Notes from the Heart

As Cork has mentioned in his newsletter, we enjoyed a wonderful Missionary Retreat with Pastor and Mrs. Bruce Humbert and their daughter April and son-in-law Jayson. I look forward to meeting people like Nancy Keene (she cooked for us at the retreat) who have known Cork for over 20 years. When I married him I said that his friends will be my friends . . . to meet some of these friends and to really make them my friends is such a blessing! And they were truly such a blessing to us! I trust we were a great blessing to them as well!

Family throb: Angele is off to an excellent start in her second year of teaching fourth grade. She tells us repeatedly that the stress of teaching this year is next to nothing compared to last year. We are so glad she knows she's in the middle of God's Will doing exactly what God wants her to do. She is making plans to come home for Christmas . . . we like the sound of this! She has not been home for Christmas for two years. Yes, she was just home in June but she really wants to come see us again (well, there is a special someone here who would love to see her again too.) Amy and Griz are having fun together teaching a children's group on Wednesday nights at their church. Hebrew is not as much fun for Amos but we are so proud of him working hard to learn this language. Christina is a great encouragement to him . . . they are working together to get Amos through his Masters. We are thrilled at the way the Lord has given our children great Christian mates and are excited that each wants God's best for their lives.

Ministry throb: Just last month I was wondering what I was going to do with all those extra hours I would have each day since I am not going to language school anymore. What extra hours? I now enjoy doing the Ladies' Bible Study preparations for the church in Valkenburg all by myself. In the past I had help from one of the ladies from the Baptist Church in Weert but now it is time for me to do it myself. I must admit, I get more out of the Bible Study when I do it with her and it did not take me as long as it does now to understand the lesson but I am learning more vocabulary on my own and am glad I have the time to study my lesson this way. We held our first Ladies' Bible study for the new season in September. I did not feel as confident, yet we all received a blessing from the Lord and from each other. I always come away from our Bible studies blessed!

Praise throb: We praise the Lord for the great time of fellowship at our yearly BBQ. We like to start each new season of church Bible study after summer vacations with a BBQ at our house. I think we all enjoy seeing each other fellowshiping together in a different setting. Almost everyone from church attended, including one man's wife who does not come to church. Our first Bible Study for the season followed the Wednesday night after the BBQ with a very good attendance. We look forward to another year of growing together in the Lord.

Prayer throb: Thank you so much for praying for Angele as she searched for an apartment before school. She is in a wonderful apartment in a great location. Please continue to pray for Amos as he

tackles Hebrew this semester. Also, please pray for Amy as she is carrying our third grandchild to be born in March. We are so excited for the Nida family with this new one on the way!

Dutch throb: This is the chorus of "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" "Sinds Jezus nu woont in mijn hart, sinds Jezus nu woont in mijn hart, is mijn blijdschap en vree als de golven der zee, sinds Jezus nu woont in mijn hart." AMEN!

Cork's Ministry News

Coming together the second week of August 2005, 85 European missionaries and their families met in the Baptist Center of Thieusies, Belgium for their annual European Missionary Retreat hosted by the Albright Family, missionaries to the Netherlands. The castle and grounds recently purchased by the Rawlings Foundation for the expressed purpose of providing a place for a camp, a college and retreats where Baptist missionaries would do ministry to the honor of God were a fitting location for the week's theme of Kingdom Bound.

The week was characterized by a very special sense of unity, expressed in the sermons and teachings of this year's guest speakers: Rev. Bruce and Laurie Humbert and Jayson and April Workman (teens and children) of the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple, Richton Park, Illinois. Missionaries commented on the spirit-lead preaching and singing, referring frequently to the message on the Altar. We were led to pray together each day, bringing one another and especially those families with children before our Lord.

Of all the retreats ever experienced in Europe, this one was certainly characterized by great food! Nancy Keene, also from Sauk Trail Baptist Temple, prepared such delicious meals . . . truly the best we've ever had at a European retreat. She was helped in the kitchen throughout the week by just about every missionary wife that attended.

A true sense of unity was present during the week making fellowship one without competition. We truly desire to seek first the Kingdom of God, knowing that "staying clean in a dirty world" as several messages reminded us, is made possible by the godly principles that govern our lives.

We are so glad that Pastor Bruce and Laurie, Jayson and April and Nancy came to Europe for the 2005 Missionary Retreat and to visit several of Sauk Trail's missionary families to Europe over a three week time span! Our desire was that they would see how your prayers and financial support have made the difference in Europe. They needed to be here to see Europe and to see what your missionaries face to minister to ungodly and indifferent cultures — humanistic nations full of themselves.

Ruth and I appreciated their visit so much . . . especially their heart for missions and missionaries. Our soul desire is to see our Lord glorified in the Netherlands. We desire to be useful instruments for this purpose. Their ministry to us in August equips us to do a better job of being servants . . . enlarging our vision and confronting our indifference.

We are grateful to STBT for the investment and sacrifice they are making to encourage and challenge European missionaries to do their best for Christ.

	<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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