



## Dr. Cork and Ruth Albright

Missionaries to the Netherlands

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### Ruth's Notes from the Heart

**Family throb:** For the first time in seven years Cork had family here in Europe to enjoy his birthday with him. Angele and Hilbert came to spend part of the day with us. It is such a blessing to have Angele living within a two hour drive from home. It was the best birthday present he could receive! Of course, friends and family members from the States and friends from Holland called to wish him a Happy Birthday as they do every year. And the birthday cards that many of our supporting churches sent were such a blessing!

Amy and the girls are already into Rachael's school routine. Amy is home schooling this year and wants to have it completely finished around the time Griz will be returning from Iraq which will be probably April 2008. We cannot believe that six months of his tour has already past. Amy says that in some ways the time has gone fast but in other ways it is not fast enough! Her home church has been a great encouragement to the both of them.

**Ministry throb:** During the months of July and August we continue to have midweek Prayer Meetings with the folks in Valkenburg. Many families are on vacations for two to four weeks. We are thankful that all the families do not go on vacation at the same time! There are always a few who are interested in attending the Prayer Meeting and this is encouraging to us. We are so excited about the attitude of the Christians there and their determination to have a Baptist Church that will be pleasing to the Lord after we are gone. What could better encourage the heart of missionaries than this fact - Christians continuing on after church leadership has been transfer to the nationals! I, myself, dread a little seeing August coming but then I am so excited about the interest for starting a Baptist church right here in Opglabbeek! Please continue to pray for us.

**Praise throb:** God has given us assurance that the timing is right for leaving Valkenburg and that the location to begin a new work in Opglabbeek is His plan. Cork has mentioned how the plans for the BBQ are progressing. We just might need to have three BBQ's instead of two. How exciting! We also praise the Lord for how He has lead and helped Amos and Christina to their new ministry location in Jacksonville, Illinois as associate pastor. Christina has already found a doctor to help her as she anticipates the arrival of their second child in October. I am planning on being with her for this event. God is so good!

**Prayer throb:** Griz is on our hearts every day. He is involved in an office job in Iraq in the "green zone" which is the safest place to be in Iraq but then again no place there is really safe. We thank the Lord for keeping him from harm and pray that Griz will continue to be a blessing during his last months there. We don't know how many months he has left on his tour but we are assured that God's Will will be done in his life as we pray for him each day. Please pray also for the continuing plans for the BBQ at our home here in Opglabbeek. Not everyone has been contacted yet and their response is so important to our BBQ plans but also to starting a new church. Thanks for praying.

**Dutch throb:** We had the privilege of having two young Dutch brothers stay in our home for a week. Tom, three years old, stayed from Sunday night until Wednesday afternoon. Jaap, four years old, came to us Wednesday afternoon until Sunday morning while Tom went to stay with his oma (grandma). My plans were to, of course, spoil them while they were here. I made pancakes every morning until Jaap asked for broodjes (sandwiches) the third morning he was here. He wanted what he always had for breakfast at home (I did spoil him with peanut butter and jelly instead of cheese and meat though). Then on Friday night Jaap insisted on having frites (French fries) because his family has them every Friday night. It was so much fun having young ones in the house again. I am so thankful that their parents trust us with their boys. The boy's oma shared the week with us so the parents had an entire week of concentrating on getting DIY projects done at home. By Wednesday they were really missing their boys. We received calls every other night to see how Tom or Jaap was doing. And "No!" the boys did not miss their parents. They were enjoying "their vacation week" so much they had no time to miss mom and dad.

## Cork's Ministry News

We are happy to report that so far ten people have given a positive response to our invitation to join us in our home for a BBQ. We are expecting more to come and will most likely be spreading our "meet the Albright's" BBQ out over two or more Saturdays in September. Together with the lady who first came to our door wanting to start a church and two others, we are inviting contacts to meet with us for the first time to hear about our desire to start our fifth Baptist Church . . . this time in the city of Opglabbeek (please see our last newsletter for details). We ask you to continue to pray with us that we will be able to start Bible studies and prayer meetings in October with Sunday services beginning when we reach about twenty coming regularly to our midweek services.

The transition of leadership in the church in Valkenburg took place in June and so far is proceeding as we had hoped, prayed and prepared for. We are leaving behind a wonderful group of believers who are determined to continue on in winning souls, supporting missionaries and honoring God. In our church planting ministry we have again been blessed by our Lord providing a new church planting opportunity to go to before turning over our current church to national leadership. This has certainly helped the Valkenburg church to let us go to establish a new church in Opglabbeek.

Although July is vacation month for the International Baptist College Europe we are happy to report of the faithfulness of the English and French speaking students as they continue their studies this year. As you can imagine there are often difficulties that hinder the students, yet we can attest to their desire to finish their studies and receive their diplomas. Most all are married and balance faithfulness in their family life with church, work and Bible College. We do everything we can to help them in reaching their goal of educating themselves to be better pastors, deacons and teachers in their local churches.

Our daughter Angele and her husband Hilbert, recently married in April, returned this year to be counselors in the Good News Bible Camps where they met for the first time so many years ago as campers. Although we've experienced an exceptionally rainy summer in our part of Europe this year, Angele remarked how our Lord provided for the "dry" times just when the camper's program would be set to go outside. Two souls were saved during the week and several campers committed their lives in service to our Lord and Savior.

	<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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