



## Dr. Cork and Ruth Albright

Missionaries to the Netherlands

February – March 2007

**Ruth's Notes from the Heart** - Ruth's notes from the heart will appear next month.

### Cork's Ministry News

So far this time of transition in our ministry appears to be going smoothly. The plans and programs we have implemented and bathed in prayer to prepare the church in Valkenburg are working. No one has left the church. No one is afraid or even confused . . . and no one has caused problems . . . although several godly church members have repeatedly asked us not to leave Valkenburg to start another church. They want us to stay. We love them so much that we would like to stay as well.

Yet this is not God's plan or will for us. I have explained that our supporting churches in America have not sent us to the Netherlands to start just one church with the goal of becoming the pastor of that church. Our ministry would have ended in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Soest, the Netherlands 30 years and four churches ago if that were the case. Our supporting churches expect us to start more than one church. To follow the Biblical example of church planting we need to be free to start the process over again in a new location. If we were to stay in Valkenburg our supporting churches would expect the Valkenburg church to financially be responsible for us just like the churches in America are responsible for their pastors. Like Paul, we only do the work of a pastor until such time national leadership can replace us. Our goal is to mentor godly men and women to replace us in the ministry in Valkenburg. Our hope and desire is that they will continue on in Valkenburg as we follow Paul's example by visiting the churches we have previously established. Your prayers will make the difference . . . please keep praying for Valkenburg.

Our sending church, Sauk Trail Baptist Temple of Richton Park, Illinois surprised us in May of 2006 with a financial gift that made it possible for us to travel to Hawaii. During the month of March we were able to visit the islands enjoying the great weather and hospitality of the Hawaiian people. We continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity and love of our sending church. Without them visiting Hawaii would still only be a dream. Pastor Bruce Humbert hoped that we wouldn't be disappointed . . . I wrote him the following: "We are going to have a great time! You probably haven't built our expectations up high enough . . . Hawaiian sunshine is all that I need! I'll be ecstatic. Anything with sun will beat Northern European dark and dreary every time."



	<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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