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Ruth's Notes from the Heart

Already 2007 has proven to be a year like no other year in the entire Albright family. In just one month's time many prayers have been answered in only ways that God can answer them. What a marvelous God we serve and love. How can we do less than give Him our best!

Family throb: Usually in our family we have one big event happen about every two or three years. Well 2007 has experienced more events in the first month of the year than all that happen in 2006. Angele is currently working on her wedding plans. Many of you have had this event in your family with at least one of your children getting married and you understand how busy she has been. Each week a major decision is made - location for the church service and the reception, what music will be performed, who will perform the music, purchasing of rings and even the decision of who will perform the church service. The decision of the dress and its purchase has already been made. What an exciting life Angele is experiencing right now! Amy has so many decisions and things to be done in her own life with her girls. She is making her plans to come for the wedding with the purchase of passports and tickets - taking Rachael out of school so she can make a long visit out of this occasion - and then of course making the initial trip with three little girls. Amos, Christina and Caleb will not be able to make the trip here for the wedding. A future visit has been planned. Amos will complete his internship at a church in Florida in May. He will be graduating and then moving on to work at a ministry as associate Pastor or Pastor. He is getting some great open doors. Now to decide which one our Lord is leading Him to walk through. This is also a very exciting time for them.

Ministry throb: During the Ladies' Bible study in January we talked about the idea of each lady taking turns leading the Bible study each month so I will not be the only one leading the studies. The ladies loved the idea and beginning in March I will be rotating with two of the other ladies giving the lessons. I am excited with the involvement of the ladies in this area. What a blessing! We have a small church in Valkenburg and it is exciting to see how everyone wants to be involved serving the Lord. 2007 looks like a year of involvement already.

Praise throb: We praise the Lord that we will see many of our family members again—they will be coming to Europe for Angele and Hilbert's wedding! The date has been set for the church wedding on April 7. It is so much fun seeing how every little detail is being worked out.

Prayer throb: Of course, Griz's military training and absence from his family will always be a burden on our hearts. He is continuing with training at various military bases. From March 15, until they decide he is done, (they can only keep him a total of 24 months as a reservist being mobilized) he will be in Iraq. Amy has begun the process of getting the passports for the girls and herself to visit with us. Please pray for her as she makes the trip here with the girls by herself.

Dutch throb: I am challenging myself to do my devotions in Dutch this year. You would not believe that a five minute devotional could take fifteen minutes when you attempt to do it in another language.

I am enjoying studying familiar English verses in Dutch. This is one of my favorites: I Timothy 1:14 "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." "En zeer overvloedig is de genade van onze Here geweest, met het geloof en de liefde in Christus Jezus."

Cork's Ministry News

The International Baptist College Europe officially completed the second year of her Bachelors Program in December. All of the English speaking students from Germany passed their courses with flying colors with the exception of three students who failed English. The French speaking students of our school started eight months after the English speaking students. Students from France and Belgium are continuing their course studies and will finish their second year in August 2007. The IBCE is located in the French speaking part of Belgium near the city of Mons (45 minutes south of Brussels). Some students and teachers drive as much as three hours to attend classes one Saturday each month. Those coming from far travel after work on Friday and stay overnight in the facilities bought by the Rawlings Foundation. Working together with other missionaries and pastors, we provide a place to sleep, three meals and quality education to equip godly men and women with the tools and knowledge needed to start Baptist churches in Europe. Courses offered this year are: Beginnings Under Attack (a study in Genesis), Ecclesiology, English Literature (Pilgrim's Progress), The Four Gospels and the Pauline Epistles. Our Bachelors Program uses materials developed by Louisiana Baptist University. As we continue our ministry of church planting in Holland we ask you to pray with us that the International Baptist College Europe will be used by God to impact the European continent.

The process of turning over our fourth Baptist church to Dutch Christians began in September 2006 and will continue until August 2007. We are not leaving because of things going wrong, clashing personalities or because we want too. We desire to follow God's plan for church planting . . . just as we have done now for these 30 years. We will follow Paul's example by visiting the churches we have already started later this year. We are looking into starting a new church in the area where we live. In December a total stranger came to our door with a request similar to Paul's Macedonian call. We asked her to come in as she told us of her desire for a Gospel preaching church in her city. She said that there were other Christians here as well who desired to start a church. We met in January for the first time with her and six others for prayer seeking God's will together. We will meet again in February was well.

We desire your prayers during this transition time . . . for the church in Valkenburg as we turn over our responsibilities there as well as for a possible new church in the city of Opglabbeek. Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support . . . for your investment in our family and Dutch souls. This ministry would not be possible without you! Our Lord will not forget your work and labor of love (Hebrews 6:10).

	<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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