



Dr. Cork and Ruth Albright

Missionaries to the Netherlands

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Ruth's Notes from the Heart

Each Tuesday was a new experience for me as I did a Bible study with an unsaved lady in our neighborhood. She did not realize we were doing a Bible study on the names for Jesus as we looked up the Dutch words for the English words I wanted to use for a cross-stitch project. We have been friends since Cork and I moved here to Belgium in 2000. At the beginning of our friendship she told me that I would not be welcome in her home if I spoke about God. I was always very cautious in my conversations and spoke only of God when I talked about our ministries, which was often because that is my life. She was comfortable with the mention of Jesus and God in this natural way but no "preaching" would be allowed. For years I have done a cross-stitch with the names of Jesus for many of our Christian friends. I have made about 15 such cross-stitches but never one for Cork. Well, Cork says it is time to make one for him and he requests his to be done in Dutch. The cross-stitch looks like a Scrabble board with the name Jesus Christ in the very center. There are 60 different words on the work. It is beautiful! Two months ago I asked my neighbor friend if she would help me with the project of getting the English words translated to Dutch. She said she would even enjoy helping me place the words out like Scrabble and making a pattern for me to use when I am ready to cross-stitch on the material. What a project it has been! We have finished looking up all the words in the Bible and are almost ready to "play Scrabble" with the translated words. She has asked so many questions in the past two months. I don't have room to share how much she has learned about Jesus "without knowing it". I thank the Lord that we had this project to work on together and expect Him to do wonders with the seeds that have been sown in her life. I still cannot believe that He allowed me to be the one to share all those verses with her.

Family throb: "Counselor — Raadsman" We have certainly experienced Jesus as our Counselor in the past two months. With God's leading and counseling, Angele and Hilbert have found a very nice apartment closer to his new job. They are planning their move for the end of August. With God's leading and counseling, Amos and Christina are busy looking for the church where they feel God wants them to minister. With God's leading and counseling, Griz and Amy have already started homeschooling with Rachael and Julie. They feel very comfortable with the materials they have decided to use. It is a joy to our hearts to see our children seek their counseling from the Mighty Counselor!

Ministry throb: "Lord — Heer" We are so privileged to call Jesus Lord as we compare our Lord to the lords of this world. I have heard some good preaching this summer in the churches of Valkenburg, Weert, and Roermond about making Jesus Lord of our life. What a blessing to know there are three Baptist churches in Holland where the Word of God is preached and where the people love and serve the Lord. He is the very same Lord you love and serve! We can never say thank you enough for your faithfulness over the years in prayer and in financial support. We are counting on your prayers as our new church grows right here in our home knowing that you will stand behind us in this endeavor also.

Praise throb: "Living Bread — Levend Brood" I praise the Lord for Jesus. He has the answers for all of life's situations. I not only can be a help to our children but also a help to the ladies here in our ministry as I encourage them to follow Jesus every day. We all have the same problems with children, co-workers, neighbors, etc. and we all have the Living Bread to help us as we seek His help each day. One Person can help everyone in the entire world so we should share our knowledge about Him with them. I also thank the Lord for the project I have shared with my neighbor because we talked about the Living Bread each week. I pray that she will see what He can do in her personal life and that she soon will accept Him as her "Levend Brood". Because of your support

for us, you have a very big part in making it possible for me to present the "Levend Brood" to her. You can also enjoy hearing about the blessings God is giving to the churches He has used Cork to establish.

Prayer throb: "Heavenly Father — Hemelse Vader" What a privilege we have to take everything to God in prayer. I enjoy receiving emails from prayer partners sharing with me some personal prayer requests. Please note that I have a new email address and telephone number. See above. Thank you so much for praying for the entire Albright family!

Dutch throb: This verse is full of names for Jesus. Look it up in your English Bible - Isaiah 9:6 (In the Dutch Bible it is Isaiah 9:5) - "Want een Kind is ons geboren, een Zoon is ons gegeven, en de heerschappij rust op zijn schouder en men noemt hem Wonderbare Raadsman, Sterke God, Eeuwige Vader, Vredevorst." Jesaja 9:5.

Cork's Ministry News


Thanking God for all He has done and is doing for us has never been more real in our lives than now. We continue to be grateful for how God is using you to make what we do in Holland possible. Our prayer is: "*Father, would you please give us an attitude of gratitude - every day?*"

Because of our desire to live by an attitude of gratitude we want you to know how grateful we are for several churches who have responded to our difficult financial situation by increasing our monthly support. We have learned to enjoy living by faith, trusting our Lord for our daily bread as we have done for these 32 years. In times of difficulty He reminds us to depend on Him. In times of prosperity He reminds us not to forget Him. The reality of our situation is ever on our minds after hearing that five of our missionary colleagues have permanently left Europe due to their financial situation. To confirm what we already know is true the BBFI has just provided us with a cost of living index comparing different countries in the world with the United States. Cost of living in the States is determined to be 100%. For us to enjoy the same in Holland we need 167% to equal Stateside figures. We have a long way to go before we will be able to say that we've reached this goal. We are still on the mission field because of your prayers and faithful financial support.

July is vacation month at the International Baptist College Europe. We're catching up on back paperwork and backing up our files. I've been negligent in this area. This fact was brought home when one of two hard drives in our five year old computer failed. I was using it for all our backups. We paid to have those files recovered and put them on backup DVD's for safety. A week later the screen on our four year old laptop also failed. A nearby lightening strike that arrived with a hail storm most likely fried our electronics.

We have been able to reduce some of our monthly expenses by combining our telephone, internet connection and cell phone with one company. This has resulted in changes to our phone number and e-mail addresses. Please see blow. Please update your address book.

"**Gratitude**, an attitude in acknowledgment of a benefit that one has received or will receive."

 <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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