



## Cork and Ruth Albright

Missionaries to the Netherlands

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### Ruth's Notes from the Heart

At this time of year, it is always good to take a few minutes to reflect on 2005 and to anticipate what the Lord will do in 2006. As you read this newsletter, you will see we have a lot to pray for and to anticipate during this coming year. The event we have anticipated for many years, and are still anticipating, is the return of Christ. It may be very soon!

**Family throb:** Angele is all set to come home for two weeks during the Christmas holidays. She is counting the days and maybe even counting the hours. She has sweetly informed us that she is planning to spend most of her time with a young man in Belgium she is interested in so we are prepared to see very little of her. It will be fun having her come home at night with mom and dad staying up waiting for her like in the "old days" of her teen years. Amy and family only have three more months of waiting until the new baby arrives. What excitement at the Nida's house! Amos is looking forward to a well deserved Christmas vacation. With his daily schedule of working a job, pastoring a small church in the area, studying and getting projects done for college requirements plus the busyness of Christmas, we are so thankful for his wonderful wife, Christina. She is such a great help to him. We are thrilled that they are loving each other and love serving the Lord together as much as Cork and I. What a blessing!

**Ministry throb:** We are so excited to have the wife of one of our faithful men begin attending church recently. This is the wife I wrote about who came to the BBQ in August. She has also attended one of our Bible Studies on Wednesday night. The Lord answers prayer! We are grateful for the work only He can do in her heart. It is exciting for our church people to witness God's working amongst us.

**Praise throb:** We praise the Lord for the growing work in Valkenburg. Even the two to four year olds at church are getting old enough to understand their Sunday School lessons and they enjoy doing their weekly take home papers. December will mark one year for the International Baptist College Europe (IBCE). I am still amazed that our students are products of the missionary works going on here in Europe. What a privilege to be part of this growing ministry.

**Prayer throb:** With the many things we are anticipating for 2006 comes the privilege God gives us to take it all to Him in prayer. Please continue to pray for Amos' college studies, Amy's last three months of pregnancy and Angele's trip home for Christmas. We appreciate so much your prayers for our family!

**Dutch throb:** Luke 2:11 is such a good Christmas verse — I want to share it with you in Dutch, Lucas 2:11— "U is heden de Heiland geboren, namelijk Christus, de Here, in de stad van David."

**GEZEGENDE KERSTDAGEN EN EEN VOORSPOEDIG NIEUWJAAR!**  
*(Blessed Christmas Days and a Prosperous New Year!)*

## **Cork's Ministry News**

"The long and painful history of the church is the history of a people ever and again tempted to choose power over love, control over the cross, being a leader over being led." (from: *Mornings with Henri Nouwen*). I was once told early on in my ministry that I would do well in the ministry if I didn't care who gets the credit for the things that Jesus would do through me. Serving our Lord and others with a true servant's heart is no easy thing. When we speak of good fortune, luck, chance, and circumstantial happenings, we reveal our contentment with leaving God out of our thinking. We are not living in the daily awareness that He still notices the sparrow's fall or a nation's fall.

With a little persuasion some people can be induced to tell you about their health problems. You have heard the story so often that you can tell it yourself with all its embellishments: "I did not get to the hospital a minute too soon. I was scared and praying and about to die. Fortunately, one of the best doctors in the state was there and started working on me. He knew the latest techniques and also used a newly developed drug which worked wonders. Had I not been so lucky to catch that doctor there at that time, I would not be around to tell about it now." This illustrates a strange mentality that is seen too commonly. We are a people who supposedly turn our lives over to God and pray to Him to care for our needs. Yet when a crisis is over, we often give the credit to ourselves or other persons, leaving God out of it.

So who really gets the credit for creating our Universe and our world? Who gets the credit for saving our soul and forgiving our sin? Who gets the credit for what God does through us in our ministry in Holland? Let us show Him through our love and devotion that only He deserves all the credit for every good thing this Christmas Season and in the coming New Year. Let us determine to "bring others forward on their journey, because they have gone forth for His name's sake. There is no greater joy than to walk in truth that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth" (III John) and to those who carry the truth around the world. May our Lord receive all the credit for every good thing we do to proclaim His word to a lost and dying world. May we be true servants of the Most High God giving only Him all credit.

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