



## Dr. Cork and Ruth Albright

Missionaries to the Netherlands

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### Ruth's Notes from the Heart

**HE IS HERE! SILAS HENDRIX MONSUUR, NOVEMBER 15, 2009, 12:09 P.M. (NOON), 9 POUNDS 1 OUNCE AND 24 INCHES LONG.** Anticipating Silas' arrival is so much like anticipating the arrival of Jesus' return in the clouds. We know it will be soon. Every day that passes is a day closer to His arrival and we all want to be prepared for when He does come by living our lives pleasing Him. Now we just have to wait in anticipation. This may be the day!

**Family throb:** Of course, most of our attention has been on Silas this month but we are spending much time in prayer for our other two children and their families as well. Griz and Amy have decided it was time for Amy to get a part-time weekend job. This is Amy's description of her new job: "I am a glorified receptionist/cashier/billing agent for air, ramp and other services at Air Wilmington (NC)." She enjoys the job and is anxious to learn what is required of her. Amos' last night of work for US Airways will be in a couple of weeks. He didn't have enough seniority to make the job cut. He is praying for a day job close to home. He is still pastor of Charity Baptist Church near Roanoke, Virginia. Angele is very busy getting into the mother/wife routine. She sure loves her new job!



**Ministry throb:** Cork is busy securing teachers for our next school year. We are beginning our sixth year at the International Baptist College Europe. It will be exciting having Hilbert (Fundamental Math) and Angele (Baptist Heritage) each teaching a course for the first time. And guess who will be available to take care of Silas? Ü! Cork has written a very good summary of where we are and what we are doing in the ministry God has given to us.

**Praise throb:** We continue to praise God for the safe delivery of Silas. It is such a special blessing to have a grandchild live on this side of the ocean. We also praise the Lord that each subject to be taught next year at the IBCE already has a teacher and materials for each class. We thank the Lord for the students who are continuing their education with us as we train Europeans to start Baptist Churches.

**Prayer throb:** Please pray with us for Amos' work situation. You can imagine that this is a very heavy burden on their hearts at this time. Also please pray for us as we continue to minister to the Dutch speaking people here in the Netherlands and Belgium.

**Dutch throb:** Can you figure out which Christmas carol this is: "Eer zij God die onze Vader—En die onze Koning is.—Eer zij God die op de aarde—Naar ons toegekomen is. Glo...o...o...ria, in excelsis Deo, Glo...o...o...ria, in excelsis Deo. (The chorus to this song is a big clue to help you know what carol this is.) *Gezegende Kerstdagen en een Voorspoedig Nieuwjaar!* (Blessed Christmas Days and a prosperous New Year!) Jesus may come back in 2010!

## Cork's Ministry News

A year ago we sought counsel from the BBFI Mission Office on how to handle our ongoing financial problems because of Dollar—Euro exchange rates in Europe. "You may need to cut back on your ministry," was part of the advice we received. We have a growing ministry to the Dutch in the Netherlands and Belgium with opportunities to expand into new areas yet we continue to be hindered by a lack of ministry funds due to exchange rates. We have sought ways to keep from cutting back—none are proving successful. Our sending pastor, Rev. Bruce Humbert, called our supporting churches a year ago explaining our situation. I can best describe our current ministry as: "We're still doing the job you sent us to do yet in some areas we are not reaching our goals". We remind ourselves it's not the money that makes the difference; that finances are not the reason for our victories. "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).


In our newest work in Opglabbeek we meet in our home. On Thursday we hold Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings. On Tuesday we hold discipleship classes. Every week our home is full for the mid-week services. We should be moving on to Sunday services in a rented building but have been hampered by a lack of ministry funds. We want to print tracts and invite people to church but we are not able to pay for the tracts or afford the rent on a building. We still hope to organize soon. We believe we will lose our momentum if this situation continues. Yet we know our God knows about all of this. And we continue to encourage ourselves in His ability to do all things.

Last year we had hoped to expand our Bible college with an extension school in Germany. The free use of a building we were offered ended when the English speaking Baptist church to the US military closed its doors in the Aachen area. Paying rent on a building to open the new location is not in our budget. And we continue to encourage ourselves in God's ability to do all things.

Our Dutch churches have national pastors and continue to stand for the cause of Christ on their own. We continue to help in the church in Valkenburg with preaching twice a month and Wednesday Bible Studies twice a month. They lost their pastor at the beginning of this year. This church is moving on! They will soon be implementing the "Pillar Course", following the example of the churches in Roermond and Weert where more than fifteen adults have been won to the Lord this year. In Valkenburg they have also implemented a tract distribution program to distribute 15,000 tracts to their community. Please remember this ministry and their need of a pastor in your prayers.

And we know you too are experiencing difficult financial times as well. We are in this together for as long as our Lord desires. We must continue to count on each other as we look to our Lord to answer our prayers allowing our ministries to grow. We are so thankful for your continued investment in our ministry to the Dutch through your prayers and finances.

We have invited two of our neighbor families to our home in December. They know why we are here. We have witnessed to them many times. Each year we give our neighbors gifts reminding them that Jesus is the Reason for the Season. We are encouraged that they have again accepted our invitation. Please pray with us for this opportunity to be a testimony for our Lord. We trust that you will enjoy His richest blessings this Christmas and in 2010.



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.

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