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Missionaries to the Netherlands

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Ruth's Notes from the Heart

What a Summer! As Cork has mentioned in his Newsletter, the baptismal service and the 25th Anniversary service for the church in Roermond were wonderful evidences of the 'fruits of our labors'. We know that one picture can convey a thousand words so we are including some pictures in this issue of "Notes from the Heart".

Family throb: We have successfully helped Angele and Hilbert move into their new home. What a joy it was working together over several days. Amos and Christina are still busy looking for the church where they feel God wants them to minister. It will be a joy to get the news of what the Lord has in store for them. After much prayer, Griz and Amy realize the many blessings the Lord is giving to them daily through his work situation and have decided to thank the Lord for those blessings and stay at the job Griz currently has now. It is a joy to hear that they feel the presence of God in their daily lives!

Ministry and praise throb: We hope you enjoy these pictures of the baptismal service and the 25th Anniversary service from the church in Roermond.



Praise throb: As you have read in Cork's Newsletter, we do praise the Lord that we are here to experience the blessings and have part in what God is doing in each of the churches we have established in Holland. He is working in an personal way in each church just like He does in each of our individual lives. What a joy to know His perfect will for us as we obey Him in our daily walk!

Prayer throb: Please continue to pray for me as I spent time with my neighbor lady each week. We are still working very hard on the cross-stitch project for the names of Jesus. It has opened many doors for discussion and I am praying that this project plants many seeds in her life that will lead her to a personal relationship with Jesus. It is such a joy to be used by God in this most unusual way!


Dutch throb: This is a short song entitled "Praise Him!" Test your Dutch and see if you can translate this song on your own. "Prijst Hem, prijst Hem. Prijst Hem in de morgen, prijst Hem in de middag. Prijst Hem, prijst Hem, prijst Hem tot de avond daalt."

Cork's Ministry News

The contrast has never been greater. In our 32 years of ministry in the Netherlands we've never experienced in one year such spiritual highs and financial lows . . . such disparity when comparing our spiritual ministry with our financial ability to do ministry.

As you know this year has been marked by economic woes in both the U.S. and the rest of the world. In our case in Europe, August almost did us in. We had come to the end of our financial rope. It looked like we would be forced to join the six BBFI families who have permanently left Europe because of the weak Dollar. But just when it was financially darkest the Dollar-Euro rates improved some giving us an extra \$200 for the month . . . just what we needed to be able to stay. With your help we'll need at least a year at this level to stabilize our ministry financially. I will not be making any financial commitments, signing any building contracts or obligating us in any way financially for a good while yet.

We are praising our Lord that He is making it possible for us to stay on the job . . . because we are enjoying spiritually the best year of our ministry. Seven children and one teen were saved in summer Bible camp. So far this year eleven adults have been saved and seven baptized. Now I know this may not seem exceptional to some but remember this is Western Europe where we are ecstatic to see one saved or baptized in each of our churches each year. And to top off these wonderful blessings are the churches we have established that continue to be faithful to our Lord. Our second church in Roermond celebrated their 25th anniversary in September. They prepared for the day by inviting back those who had moved out of the area showing a PowerPoint presentation from their inception to present reminding all of the faithfulness of three families who have been with the church from the beginning. And to our surprise we were honored for our part in the birth of the church. If we had been financially forced to leave in August we would have missed the fruits of 25 years of ministry in Roermond. Next year our third church in Weert will celebrate 20 years of ministry. We want to be here to celebrate with them. Will you help us to make this possible?

	<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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