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# Repairing Old Ruins

Isaiah 61:4 - Restoring the Gospel of Christ to Europe

**Have Eyes of Faith**

Always stay focused on the promises of God!

**2 Corinthians 1:20 "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." (NKJV)**

**Praise Report** – We want to start off by giving you a quick update on our *legal permission to stay in Holland*. Every year we are required to fill out a bunch of paperwork for the government and every year it has been a battle to stay in the country. This year they sent our paperwork back several times for more information, correction and further explanations. After several months we went to the appointment with much peace and were delighted to find out that they gave us a card for 5 years! This means we don't have to go through this process again until 2006. We don't know exactly why but we acknowledged it as God's favor with the Dutch government – a system known for no flexibility in the rules. God has been so good to us.

**Baja, Hungary** – As we type this newsletter, we are getting ready to leave for the SOZO Music and Arts Festival in Baja, Hungary. We have a team of 14 going from Delft to work again on the staff there. Betsy and I will serve on the prayer and logistics team – that means whatever needs to be done. Betsy will also teach a seminar on 'worship intercession' and I have been asked to assist with preparation for the festival. We will probably be the oldest people there - what fun! About 200 staff and Christian musicians will come there from all over the Balkan countries (Serbia, Romania, Hungary, Albania, Turkey, Macedonia, Bulgaria, the Ukraine and professional musicians from Nashville too).



During the day we will have times of worship together, seminars, music lessons and work duties and concerts in the evening. The purpose of this gathering of about 900 young people is to pray for reconciliation in the Balkan nations and to encourage them to be agents of change for their countries. We would appreciate your prayers for us as we travel, for the staff and for the participants who are just coming to listen to the array of Christian bands. We believe God is using this festival to change the Balkan nations.

**Romania Report** – In May Betsy traveled with Gabi to the city of Sighisoara to the Youth With a Mission base in the heart of Romania. They flew into Budapest, Hungary and then traveled 10 hours by train into Romania - what a travel experience! They ministered together for about a week teaching about prayer and intercession, ministering one-on-one with several of the group praying with them and worshipping together. Betsy taught one evening on worship intercession and then they had a time of worship together. We also saw first hand how the churches are beginning to unite and work together to reach the city. They were invited to pray for the worship team in a local church – that was a powerful time.



Betsy with Romanian freinds

Here's a picture of two Romanian worship leaders - Romi and Ogene. It was a privilege to be there and invest in their lives. We continue to



The Romanian young Christians

pray for the new friends we met there and we look forward to seeing most of them at the SOZO Festival. Thank to those of you who gave to this project – we estimated that it would cost about \$500 for the trip and when all was calculated it was within just a few dollars of that amount. God always takes care of His travelers.

**Antwerp, Belgium Report** – **Awesome** is the only word I can think of to describe the outreach team of about 100 in Antwerp. After the logistics of getting everybody settled in hotels and youth hostels we began the work of reaching out to the city. We had reports that the police would not give us permits to do activities on the

streets – but the first day the police gave us 6 permits to perform on the streets in Antwerp. It was clear confirmation to us that God had prepared the way for us to come into the city.

It was great to see the unity of the different teams coming in from the states and countries in Europe with a common vision – “to impact the city of Antwerp with the gospel of Jesus Christ”. People chose where they wanted to serve and then flowed in their areas of gifting:

prayer/intercession, street ministry (clowns, singing, drama, sketch board, and even an American Indian who dressed in his native costume and played the drum), running the outreach office, follow-up, worship and evangelism. Each group went to different areas in the city and began to sing, dance and make balloons for children. A group of children called the ‘Joy Team’ from Munich, Germany, drew crowds by singing, dancing, mime and drama – it was powerful. Another team of college students from Arizona began to sing worship songs and do surveys to see what people believe and talk with them.

Here are some of the results of the 10 day outreach: about 20 people prayed on the street to receive Christ, one young man was baptized in the hotel bath tub, another young man’s eye was healed as he was prayed for on the street. There are about 200 people to follow-up. Some very interested in doing Bible studies.

The follow-up team is in full swing by going to Antwerp to meet with individuals and do Bible studies. We’ve included some pictures so you’ll get a glimpse of all that went on there. Thank you for your prayers during this



Street Outreach in Antwerp Belgium

outreach time. The core group of about 30 people we believe will start the church in Antwerp is growing in number and is already being disciplined.

**Summer Time** - Summer is always a busy time here with outreach in Delft and Antwerp, Belgium, and the SOZO Music and Arts Festival in Baja, Hungary. Our call to work here in Europe has expanded. Some of you knew we would be moving into new territory and we really have. As we type this to you we hear the sounds of demolition going on just outside our windows – jackhammers, cranes, bulldozers – tearing down the old buildings and preparing for new construction. It has been a picture to us of our part in the work here – ‘rebuilding old ruins’. We want to take this time to

thank you supporting us with your prayers and finances. We are so grateful. We pray that the Lord will bless you and that you know you are a vital part in impacting Europe with the gospel of Jesus here.

**Personal News** – Here’s ‘the news’ about our family: Miesje is engaged to be married in October to Cameron Carlsen and Paul and Heather are expecting their first baby in November. The family is growing. So our trip back to the states this year will be a little bit of business and lots of pleasure.



Donnie & Cindy visiting

For those of you who watched our children grow up and know them – I know it’s hard to believe they are so grown and on their own. Please pray for a healthy safe delivery for our grandchild. And pray for Miesje and Cam as they enter into the covenant of marriage. We also enjoyed having a visit from our friends Donnie and Cindy Rogers from Augusta with us for a few days - it was a great time of refreshing for all of us!

*Reverend & Wife*



Another Baptism

### Current Needs:

- **Sponsors Needed:** Betsy and I plan to sponsor 2-3 young people go to SOZO. If you would like to help by sponsoring someone, the cost is \$125.00 per person.
- **Guitar needed:** A Romanian worshipleader is in need of a guitar. The cost is approximately \$400.
- **Our Finances:** We need some additional funds to cover the travel costs of our summer projects. The amount is approximately \$700.

### Prayer requests:

- For safe travel for us and the Delft team traveling to Baja, Hungary to work at the SOZO Festival. We leave on July 5th and return July 29th.
- For wisdom as we continue the work here in mentoring, discipling and counseling the young adults we are working with.
- For Cam and Miesje’s hearts to be prepared by the Lord for their marriage - that Jesus will be the center of their relationship and marriage.
- For a healthy grandbaby and safe arrival & delivery of Paul and Heather’s baby due at the end of October.

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