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European Missions Outreach



Repairing Old Ruins

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

"Eyes of Faith"

We see thriving works in Holland, Belgium, Hungary, & Romania.

We see Europe changed for Christ. Will you be Part?

We arrived safely in the USA on September 20th – just days after the attack. Many friends asked if traveling was difficult. It was tighter security and more check points but other than that it was fine. When we arrived in Augusta, our home base in the US, we began to prepare for Miesje and Cam's wedding. Miesje did a wonderful job planning for the big event and we were so



Cam & Miesje Carlsen

grateful to be here with them for the final preparations. The morning after we arrived we drove to Florida where our families had a Bridal Shower for Miesje. It was a wonderful time of being together. The wedding on October 5th was beautiful. We were deeply touched with the expressions of love to them by Pastor Frank Garner and our friends and family.

shared with you that we felt the Lord calling us to 'extend our tent pegs'. We are beginning to see clearly what that means. Next year we will do significant traveling throughout Europe – East and West – as we network with other Christian leaders. We've included a new brochure for 2002 with this newsletter to help give a clear picture of the need in Europe and what our plan is for the coming year. There is a short video clip on our web site about Antwerp, Belgium that the Delft Team produced with short interviews of people and what they

believe from the streets of Antwerp. We believe it will really touch your heart and you will see why Europe is a 'forgotten mission field' that has been labeled 'post-Christian'.

September 11th

has caused significant changes throughout the world and it has affected our lives as missionaries as well.



The TV Interview

Traveling is now more difficult for

us as Americans. The US has issued warnings to any American traveling abroad – and that includes the country we live in as well as the countries we will work in next year. While we are not fearful or afraid to go, we know we need prayer for safe travel. We would appreciate your prayers.

Support Raising time - We have had the opportunity to speak and share in a number of different churches about the work He has called us to do throughout Europe. We've really enjoyed touching base with our friends and partners. 'Raising support' is a phrase that normally brings terror to hearts of missionaries

because it is so foreign to our nature. But we simply have prayed for God to go before us and stir hearts to join us in sowing into the people in Europe. We know God will provide all our needs not only while here in the states but



Betsy at the women's retreat

also for the coming season back in Holland. We just ask for you to prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry as our work expands. We can only do this together.

SwissAir is bankrupt! After our arrival we heard that SwissAir filed bankruptcy. We are now in the process of being re-routed and re-assigned and are trusting the Lord for tickets to get us home to Holland by November 13th.

2002 Brochure - In the January newsletter we

Our travels in the states have taken us to Georgia, Florida, Connecticut and Virginia. We

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have had the opportunity to share about the work we are involved with in Europe in about 10 churches from several denominations. Betsy had the privilege of teaching at a Women's Meeting in Connecticut on worship and intercession and led worship at a Women's Retreat in Augusta. These were precious times of ministry with some old friends and now new friends. We taped radio and television programs in Augusta and Connecticut. We thank every pastor for allowing us to share. It made us aware of how much we need each other to get the job done we've been called to do. We do live in exciting times, scary to so many people but fulfilling and rewarding as we follow His lead to "go". While in Connecticut, one of the churches sent us away for two days of R&R in the woods where we enjoyed the beautiful fall colors and just being away. It was a gift of rest that we really needed and enjoyed. (Thank you Keith and LFCC!)

Our family is growing - As we type this we are waiting to hear that our grandson, Cameron Paul, has arrived. By the time that you read this he should be born. We'll send out an email and a picture as soon as he shows up.

Christian Life School of Theology Conference in Columbus, Georgia - Herman gave a brief report at the conference about how the Bible classes are going in Delft. We made several contacts that will help us expand the options we currently have for classes that will reduce the amount we are subsidizing the present classes. The classes bring

quality teaching. They are one of the ways we use to equip and train. This will be our third year of offering college level theology classes by video. The



Frank, Herman and Karry - good friends

number of students has grown from just a few of us gathered around our television in our living room to about 20 students meeting each month in a 'real' classroom. This year our 'eyes of faith' see a class size of about 40 students. Herman will be traveling to Scotland in the early spring to visit the CLST campus there and to network and share resources.

A Special Gift – During our travels over the past weeks Betsy used a variety of guitars everywhere we went. We had been talking about getting a 'Betsy-size' guitar that travels well by both bike and car and could be used in home

group meetings, rehearsals and on the street. Last week we received a call from some good friends saying they had something for us – it was a guitar just the right size for Betsy! Overwhelmed and grateful, we accepted this beautiful gift. It is an instrument of worship that will be going with us all over Europe. We are still amazed at His provision.



Outreach in the Muslem community of Poptahof

Poptahof Outreach – Poptahof is a predominately Muslim neighborhood in Delft. For the past three years we have had an outreach to this community. September 15th was the scheduled day for us to do it again - children's games, free dinner and a concert. After the attack in the states many questioned if we should cancel the outreach. However, we all felt it was important to follow-through with our plans. The outreach results were positive but emphasized the importance of using caution and wisdom in all we do. We continue to pray for the families in this community.

With love and blessings, *Herman & Betsy*

Prayer Points

- **For our schedule and planning.** As we see our work expand we need His wisdom on when to say 'yes' and when to say 'no' for the upcoming year.
- **For God to protect the hearts** of the new Christians we are working with.
- **For God's hand on our family.** Pray for protection and safe delivery for "Cameron Paul" and for God's direction in the lives of our children. It is hard to be so far away.
- **For wisdom and safety** in working and traveling in the foreign countries in the post-attack time.
- **Pray for God's wisdom** in handling the finances of the ministry.

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