



Repairing Old Ruins

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

Wow - what a full summer! This newsletter will highlight the outreaches and ministry we were involved in this summer.

The SOZO Christian Music and Arts Festival

- Baja, Hungary: About 800 young people from 20 nations gathered in the little city of Baja, Hungary, (near the Serbian border) to worship together, receive training, ministry and to pray for reconciliation for their countries.

Herman said it was the best festival yet. Many were touched by the Lord and equipped to return to their countries as prayer warriors, worshippers and 'agents of change for the nations'. He did some administration and lots of other work as the "Festival Pastor". Herman invested much into the lives of these young people by praying with them, talking with them and solving the day-to-day problems



A great team from Delft to work at SOZO

from Augusta played on the worship band and taught guitar. Christy Slavovsky, Sue Ingram and her friends Angela and Meghan Martin joined the Delft Team too. This is a project that we really believe is making a change in those nations. We've been so blessed to be a part of what the Lord is doing through this ministry to

young artists in Eastern Europe. We hope the pictures convey a little of the excitement and quality of the event that is going on each summer in Hungary. It will happen again next year - July 21-27, 2003. *You may want to pray about coming or bringing a team to 'outreach' to the young Christian artists in Eastern Europe next year.*

Summer Outreaches - Antwerp, Belgium: This was our second summer in Antwerp. It seems hard to believe that only a year ago we finished a large-scale outreach with over 100 people coming to pray and share the gospel in the city. This year we had a smaller team of three, fondly referred to as the "Seal Team" from Waterbury, Connecticut working alongside the Delft team. We had a specific mission to find people from Belgium who were searching for God. In the end we said 'mission accomplished'. We are now following up with building relationships with them. If you haven't seen the video about Antwerp made on CD for the computer, you need to see it. It gives such a clear picture of the spiritual

climate in Belgium and in Europe. One of the questions asked to people on the street in this video was "Do you know any Christian in Antwerp?" No one said they even knew a Christian.



Worship and friends at SOZO a great time of ministry



Fruit in Antwerp: It was only last year when we met Sylvia and her son Eli. Sylvia had asked, "Where are the real Christians in this city?!" She had a hunger for the Lord and didn't know where to turn. Then she met someone from our team and now - a year later she is walking with the Lord, is married and has opened her home for meetings. And last year we told you about a young man someone met on the street in Antwerp. His name

they encountered. We both agreed that this investment of time and energy was worth the sacrifices it took to be apart for that time. Our original plan was for both of us to go to Hungary for an extended time to help prepare for the Festival but due to Betsy taking lead of the worship team in Delft, Herman went a month before the Festival by himself to help prepare for the arrival of the 195 staff. Karry Godwin

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is Bram - he became a Christian and now lives and works in Delft and is very involved in evangelism and the church. We have to say we see the fruit and it is worth it all. This is a work that takes time to build relationships, trust and a strong foundation. We've found it's not about numbers, but about investing into each person the Lord brings to us. *Thank you for your part in building the church in Antwerp!*

Delft, Holland – This was also a smaller outreach with a team of 10 (5 from North Carolina and 5 from Northern Ireland) with our Delft Team. Instead of a picnic for the predominately Muslim neighborhood as we had done in years past, a football (soccer) tournament for children was set up and teams played for several days leading up to the play-off games. It was a great blessing for the children because most of the other families had gone on vacation and they were 'left behind'. In between games the drama teams gave the message of the gospel. We all felt it was a huge success because of the love that was shown to the families there and the relationships that are beginning to be established.



Betsy and a new friend

Betsy remained in Delft to carry on the responsibilities of leading the worship team in the local church, Levend Water, and help with the two outreaches planned in Antwerp, Belgium and in the Poptahof neighborhood in Delft. The Lord has been gracious to us during this transition season. We are so grateful for the equipping and mentoring we received before coming to the mission field in Europe. Our goal and vision is to train and equip leaders who will take the baton of leadership. *Please pray for the Lord to raise up the ones He is preparing to take these leadership positions in the Dutch church.*

A short visit to Scotland - Herman recently took three video Bible classes to a church in Sterling, Scotland and met Pastor Sheena and Jim Mitchell. This opportunity came through Pastors Frank and Shirley Harvey from Clyde, North Carolina, the sponsoring church for the Scotland Bible class. We are so grateful to be able to share the resources with this church that enables us to 'multiply the training resources'!

Upcoming trip to the states - Herman will be in the states to attend the Annual CLST Conference in Columbus, Georgia and to speak and share the vision of our work here in Europe. He will be in the Atlanta and Augusta areas from September 16-30.

Prayer Outreach in Dublin, Ireland: The 'Power to Change' campaign is a national effort in Ireland to pray for change in their country. Betsy just returned from spending four days in Dublin for a Prayer Outreach before the teams arrive in October. We will work with our 'sister-church' in Dublin as they join over 600 churches to pray for their nation and reach out to others with this message "you can decide to change your life by making a decision for Jesus". *If you would like to be a part of this outreach, contact us right away (by email or phone). There are still some spaces available. You can also check out the web site for more information: www.powertochange.ie*

Thank you for your financial gifts to us as we serve in Europe. Because of your faithfulness, we have been able to: serve Him in Hungary on the SOZO staff, serve on staff at the local church in Delft, mentor and train the 'next generation' of worship leaders, counsel and pray with many young people, and sponsor several young adults from Bulgaria, Holland and the US attend the SOZO Festival. May the Lord richly bless you for sowing into the lives of many on this side of the world.

Herman & Betsy

Upcoming events:

- September 16th-30th Support -raising trip to the states
- October 5th-19th – "Power to Change" outreach in Dublin, Ireland
- November 1-2 – Betsy speaker for Women's Retreat in Connecticut, Herman sharing in 2 churches

Prayer requests - Please pray for:

- The Levend Water Church in Delft – for continued strength and restoration for all involved in the work here.
- Betsy to have wisdom and insight as she leads worship and mentors others to lead.
- Safe travel to the states for Herman in the upcoming trip to the conferences.
- Monira, a Muslim refugee from Iraq who made a decision for Christ. Pray that she will stand strong in the faith.
- The new contacts in Antwerp - that healthy relationships will be built and they will be added to the cell group there.
- The young people who attended SOZO, that the Lord would protect the seeds of the gospel and the heart of worship they experienced there and that they would each walk

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