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Repairing Old Ruins

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

SUMMER SUMMARY - "TOUCHING THE NATIONS" The summer months are coming to an end. It's been a very busy time. We've led and been a part of outreach teams in 5 different nations in the past 3 months: Hungary, Belgium, Spain, England and Holland. This year we saw an increase in opportunities to go and support works with several types of outreaches: evangelistic, intercession and worship. New doors continue to open and we see future possibilities in Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary. Please join us as we pray about these opportunities.

We have to say we were physically tired after all of the traveling and living in community for weeks at a time but the reward of seeing young people from many nations grow stronger in Christ has been worth it all.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM - Intercession & Evangelistic Outreaches

We shared about the team of 17 intercessors that came from Germany, Idaho, France, Russia and Holland to pray and prepare the way for a group of young people called "EXODUS" from Northern Ireland to do street evangelism. **The Lord did amazing things** while they ministered on the streets with drama, music (traditional and contemporary Irish music), clowns and the message of the gospel on the sketch board. They had planned a concert for the final night but the location was cancelled the day before the concert! The whole team



"Exodus" outreach team

our Sunday service and goodbye BBQ for Kyle and Wendy Holland. They joined our worship team that Sunday and we had a great time worshipping together. When "Exodus" left us they traveled on to Brussels where they performed in the EU Headquarters. It was a blessing to work with them and support them in prayer and logistics as they ministered on the streets of Antwerp.

Another surprise!!! Our friends from Augusta, **Judd and Marsha McKendry** came for a short visit and joined the outreach in Antwerp. It was a highlight for us to have them here. They encouraged us so much.

SOZO - Baja, Hungary, the Christian Music and Arts Festival is the event for young adults in East Europe that focuses on training in the arts (music, dance, visual arts). Sozo is the Greek word used throughout the New Testament meaning *healing, salvation, and deliverance*, and that is what we saw happen before our very eyes during the 5 day event. Over 600 young people from 26 nations came together to worship and learn more about how to use their talents for God. They came from Romania, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia, Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria, Germany, Hollandfrom all over the world!



The 40/70 window - they need Christ

We are often asked to communicate our personal and ministry needs, so here are some current needs: As our work grows so does our financial needs. It takes resources of finances to "go". If you've never given to our ministry we'd like to ask you to pray about starting to invest into Europe now. Thank you for your part in helping us 'touch the nations'.

prayed together and asked the Lord for favor as the leaders felt led to go to the city officials and ask permission to use the public square gazebo. Usually this would take months of waiting for approval and tons of paper work and even then many requests would be denied. We were so excited when the police granted the request for them to perform their concert using all their instruments and sound equipment in one of the most strategic locations in the city. Many contacts were made that night and we know the city was impacted with the gospel.

Then "EXODUS" came to Delft for

PERSONAL NEWS:

- Mom Wiggins turned 91 in August.
- Paul and Heather are expecting a daughter, our third grandchild, in mid-October.
- Cam and Miesje moved to Atlanta for Cam to attend Georgia Tech.



The SOZO staff

Randy Morgan, our good friend and SOZO founder, asked us to come a few weeks early and work with the pre-staff team to get everything ready for the arrival of the 150 staff and we had a great time. We even took "Taylor", our little dog with us. He became known to everybody as "SOZO DOG". It was a lot of fun. My job this year was called 'Event Pastor' which meant I resolved issues – that keep me busy. Betsy's job was 'Intercessor Coordinator' which meant she was responsible for prayer strategy and oversight of all the aspects of prayer for the festival.



Great times in Hungary at SOZO

Steve Fry was the main speaker this year. He really challenged those at the festival to come into unity. Because of his diverse background in leading worship, song writing and pastoring a large church in Nashville, Tennessee, he really spoke to these young people.

When the staff of 150 arrived just before the festival started, they worked really hard building stages, getting the campground ready, setting up everything for the seminars and purchasing food to feed 'the multitudes'. Then the 700+ participants began to arrive on foot, by the bus loads, crammed into cars and vans getting to Baja anyway they could. Some traveled for more than 2 days from Bulgaria and Romania and others from the states traveled internationally to contribute and participate in this life-changing event. This year over 1,000 people came in the evenings for the concerts by the bands from the different countries.

One of the more meaningful things was when a couple arrived with their new baby from Romania. The year before the doctors had advised them to abort the baby because the pregnancy posed a health risk to the mother. After talking and praying together with them we believed the Lord to give them wisdom and we prayed for 'life' for the baby. Seeing them together as a family was a moment beyond words. We just thanked the Lord the life He spared.

We made many new friends and re-connected others we had met before. We know those young people who are so passionate for Jesus will take the flame of the Lord to their countries and be forever changed. We thank the Lord for all he did in and through us – what a privilege to serve there.

The "**Still family**" – Rob, Ivalene, and their two teenagers John and Faith traveled from SOZO and met us in Delft for a weekend visit and we had a great time together sharing Delft with them and introducing them to our home church, Levend Water. Rob, the main worship leader at SOZO, and John played with us on the worship team on Sunday and we had a wonderful time together. Rob, a song-writer from Nashville who also runs a studio there, has most recently written the music for the *Transformation II* video along with producing CD's of his own music. They only stayed a weekend but we all agreed they would return in the future again for ministry and a good dose of rest and refreshing before traveling on to minister in East Europe next year. YES!

DELFT OUTREACH – Poptahof, a predominately Muslim neighborhood - Every year we've had a summer event to bless this neighborhood of mostly Muslim families. Once again a dynamic team from Waterbury, Connecticut came to work with us. It was a pleasure having Liz, Diana, Rachel and 3 teens: Charity, Amaris and Nikia here to help with "The Circus". The Dutch team did a wonderful job organizing and carrying out their plans to put on a circus with the children. Each morning after the team meeting (praise, worship, prayer and instructions) the team set up 'seminars' for the children: juggling, tumbling, clown face painting and magic tricks and balloons. Then two days later the children 'performed' in the Circus for the neighborhood. It was a big success. The clown presented the gospel with his balloon act and assistance from the children. And for the first time, visitors came to the Sunday meeting as a result of the contacts. We have much work to do but we see that 'little by little' we are making progress in blessing the families in this neighborhood and taking more ground. Several families from our church also live in this area now. We see the Lord's hand in bringing more 'lighthouses' into that neighborhood.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September – Herman to attend the CLST Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
 November - Horizon Family of Churches Fall Meeting - Delft, Holland
 November – Herman and Betsy together – Fall trip (EFI Conference and visit churches in Connecticut, North Carolina and Florida)

PRAYER NEEDS:

- Pray for our on-going monthly supply.
- For wisdom, travel safety and protection as Herman travels to the CLST Conference and while he is in USA.
- For strength and wisdom to do all that needs to be done as we serve the Delft Church, Levend Water, in our areas of responsibility (worship, intercession, pastoral counseling and cell groups).
- For the Lord of the harvest to "send more workers" to help us with the work in Antwerp, Belgium and the other Horizon Churches throughout Europe.

A Dutch and South African Wedding – Last week I had

the privilege of performing the marriage of a precious couple, Mirjam and Brendan. It was quite a



mixture of cultures and celebration as we gathered in the old Lutheran Church in the city for the marriage. Mirjam has been on the worship team for years and Brendan's picture was in one of our first newsletters several years ago. They have been friends and a great encouragement to us throughout our time here. Their wedding was beautiful – we wish the newsletter had color so you could really enjoy Mirjam's red hair!

In His service in Europe

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