



In Him, For Him & Through Him

Reaching Europe for Christ Together

Ministry in France: Marriage Seminar

Our friends Robert and Kathryn Baxter, Pastors of the Good Shepherd Church in Paris, invited us to do a marriage seminar for the French Horizon Family of Churches in and around the Paris area. They plan a seminar each year to strengthen and encourage married couples near Valentine's Day. We were delighted to go and invest into the marriages of 16 French couples. We taught,



shared our experiences, answered questions, encouraged, had fun with and prayed for those precious couples. The length of time they were married ranged from only two months up to thirty-four years.

At the end of the seminar we realized more follow-up was needed especially for some of the younger couples with questions and needs. We felt that the couples married for a long time could really help with this like 'spiritual parents' to offer advice and prayer support with the younger couples who want to build a solid marriage based on biblical principles. What a special group they are!

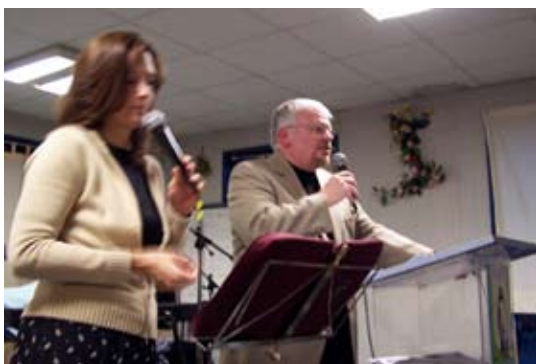
New look for the newsletter: We've been sending out our newsletter for over nine years! It seems hard to believe but it is true. We felt it was time for a change...so this is the first edition of our 'new look'. Thank you Brenda for your input!



Teaching in Paris

Herman was asked to teach in two churches, one in Paris at the Good Shepherd Church of about 200 people and another church just south of the city for a small French congregation of about 15 people. It was so awesome to see the French so fervent about prayer and the worship was so powerful. Herman taught on standing in unity and the power of agreement in the church to see God change their city and nation. Robert and Kathryn both felt it was a timely word for both churches.

We drove back to



The Netherlands thanking the Lord for all He did in the lives of those precious French saints and for all He did in and through us. We have plans to return to France in May for a meeting of the Horizon Churches throughout Europe and look forward to seeing the new friends we met.

Ministry in Delft, Holland

We always want to give you a bit of news as to what is happening at Levend Water, our home church in Delft, because we are very involved in and support the work of the local church. We are excited about the 'open doors' for the new pastor of the church, David Koerts. He was asked to be the national coordinator of EQUIP training for leaders in The Netherlands and is doing a great job of networking and bringing Christian leaders together for this training. He has also been asked to write a weekly column in the newspaper addressing 'spiritual life' in the Dutch society. We see this as a great opportunity to impact the city in a practical way. And the pastors in the city are meeting together to pray for the city and support one another. Unity is happening in Delft and throughout Holland more and more.

The church is growing and a lot is happening to help people grow in Christ as well. There are seminars for students, discipleship classes, training of the leaders using the

EQUIP materials, the Sunday service and small groups.

Betsy is working with a group of about 14 singers, leading worship a few times a month. She is helping spearhead a conference with worship teams in Delft and surrounding cities with Rory Noland,. He is the former worship leader of Willow Creek Church with Pastor Bill Hybels. And she enjoys hosting visitors as they come through.

Herman continues to teach and is very involved in the work of the local church in the areas of counseling, 'eldering', leadership, and pre-marriage preparation. There are currently six couples in process of preparing for marriage. Don't worry we have help with this big job.

The new building: As a church we are believing for 250,000 euros needed to begin the renovation of the old garage building we are currently 'camping out' in. Everybody is involved and we've seen some real creative ways to raise money for this: patio sales, cooking international foods to sell after the service...we see with 'eyes of faith' a great building for a testimony of God's goodness in this city.

Upcoming calendar:

- Intercession for Europe conference: March 16th-19th (Bern, Switzerland)
- Karry Godwin visit: March 31st
- Augusta trip: April 14th -May 1st
- Horizon Conference in France: meeting with pastors and leaders in churches throughout Europe: May 5th-7th
- "Heart of the Artist Seminar" with Rory Noland, for worship teams in and around the Delft city area (another step toward more unity in the body of Christ.) May 22nd-May 28th
- City-wide outreach to teenagers in Delft: July 9th-14th
- SOZO Christian Music and Arts Festival, Baja, Hungary: July 16th-23rd

A House of Ministry

Our house has been a place of refuge, rest and ministry. A young Bible student, Chris Thornton stayed with us for a few weeks after being part of an outreach in Africa with a group from his Bible School. He had the opportunity to spend time with the campus evangelist from our church, Gerrit Benschop, sharing the gospel with students at the Technical University. And he tasted a little bit of what we're involved with in the local church: EQUIP (John Maxwell) leadership training, "Liberating the Nations" seminar with Mark Belilles from Virginia as well as cell group and Sunday meetings. It was fun having him with us. He is now in England finishing his last Bible school course.

Then last week we had an emergency call that one of our friends, Boukje, had been hit by a car while riding her bike in the city and was in the hospital. To make a long story short, we brought her home after she was released and she stayed with us for a few days. It is evident that God spared her life. Some of you may remember meeting her if you've visited here, others may know her because we've mentioned her in our newsletters in years past. She has a few cosmetic surgeries ahead but we thank the Lord she is alive!

The Upper Room report: Every Tuesday the international girls cell group meets. The group is small with about six ladies from China, Africa, Germany and the States. A lot of good stuff is happening

as they disciple and love those young ladies. Cynthia, a Chinese student will be baptized in the lake this week. Burrrrrr.

Uta, the writer who lives in the Upper Room just returned from the International House of Prayer where she met Gary Wiens, the author of "Bridal Intercession", one of the books she translated into German. Then she went on to the Christian Writer's Guild conference in Colorado Springs. In mid-March we will go with her to a conference on intercession where she will translate for Gary Wiens in Switzerland. We see how the Lord is opening doors for her ministry to bring a new depth of prayer to her

home country of Germany and German speaking countries and that is very exciting for us too. You have also invested into her life and ministry. Thank you.

Morning Worship: Once a week, everybody in our house gathers to pray and worship together. We've included others who just want to come and join us too.



Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)
But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Prayer needs:

- For the gospel to spread quickly and take root and for more unity in the body of Christ in and throughout Europe.
- For the finances to come in for the renovations of the church building in Delft.
- For us to have wisdom in what to say "yes" to in ministry.
- For the upcoming season of travel and ministry in the States and Europe.
- For our finances - that we will have 'more than enough' to do all that is needed for our ministry.

Support Strengthening Trip
We will come to Augusta for a quick trip April 14th-May 1st to see as many of you as we can. It will be so good to be in our 'home-base' even if it is for just a few days. We look forward to visiting and seeing your faces!

The Mercy Seat
Hebrews 4:14-16 (NKJV) Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come **boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy** and

find grace to help in time of need.
Run, don't walk to the Mercy Seat, Especially in times of need!

Betsy & I thank you for your partnership in prayer and giving. You have made a difference in our lives and work, and we make a difference together in Europe

Under Construction
www.europeanmissions.org; our web site is under construction/renewal. You are invited to check out the new look. I am hoping to have it completed soon so keep looking.
Our marriage course, 'Becoming One' is also in revision and will continue to be used for upcoming marriage seminars in Delft and throughout Europe.



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