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

Our States visit –

We want to say THANK YOU to all who attended and supported the Ministry Update Meeting in Augusta. We reconnected with some long-time friends and met some new friends who are interested in our work in Holland and Europe. If you missed it this year, not to worry, we'll give you more warning so you can plan to attend next year. We felt it went well and was the beginning of a new 'Bouwhuizen tradition' when we come back to our home base from the missionary field.

As a result of the offering we received at the meeting, we will be able to bless a ministry in England with a lap-top computer and help a few young people go to Hungary for the Sozo Christian Music and Arts Festival in a few weeks. We thank the Lord for every provision and how He multiplies the resources He provides. We are grateful.

We visited Cam and Miesje who just moved to Atlanta and then spent the rest of the time in Florida with Paul, Heather and 'the boys' and with our parents. It was a good family visit.

Outreach in Delft The day we landed in Delft there was an outreach already in full swing. The city of Delft was buzzing with excitement as the news of "Packie" Hamilton, the ex-terrorist from Northern Ireland traveled fast on radio and television. His book "No Hopeless Cause" tells the story of his life.

He spoke in several high schools and university campuses in Delft and in Rotterdam. "Packie" told these young adults stories of how he was chased down by God and how Jesus changed his life. The two meetings we had at the church were packed out and people responded to the gospel. It was awesome to see how



Dad & Mom's home group - great people



New Friends - the Mettler's

they listened to his stories. The church was also challenged and encouraged by his teaching – a man that once only thought of killing now proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. He reminded us of a modern day Paul. Please pray for protection for "Packie" since he still has 'death' threats on his life from many of his own countrymen.

Antwerp, Belgium Intercession Outreach – it was great!! The 18 team members came from people from the Horizon Family of Churches in Germany, France, Holland, Russia and Washington State. We stayed at a youth hostel in the Orthodox Jewish section of the city - that was special. The purpose



Antwerp Outreach Team

of this outreach was to pray for the city and prepare the way for a group of young Irish Christian musicians,

called "Exodus" to come July 3-9th. We also prayed for a 'foothold' in the city - it is slow

work but we are all encouraged to keep pressing in. Everywhere we went we prayed and had powerful times of praise and worship - building an altar of praise and worship that honored God in the city. A young missionary couple working in Russia, Matt and Donna Duddlestone were with us and it was wonderful to have 'reinforcements' to help lead worship throughout the city.

The work in Antwerp is going forward! The Delft church, Levend Water, has been going into this city for two years. There is a small home group that is meeting as a result of the work there. We also have a possibility to rent a building 3 days per week - this is progress! We also had the privilege of praying in the building and for the new owner

while we were there with the Horizon team. Much work was done and we had a lot of fun working together. We hope the pictures will share the idea of the time and work that was done with this very special team.



Spain Outreach Team



John & Patti Chesney

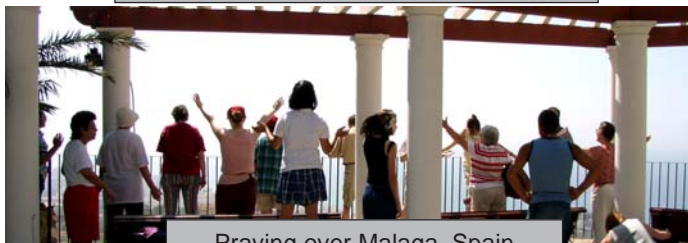


Malaga, Spain -
"...since I have been longing for many years to see you, I plan to do so when I

go to Spain.” Romans 15:23b-24 It’s biblical to long to go and take the gospel to Spain! The team of 19 again came from the Horizon Churches in Munich, Delft, Russia and Connecticut. We met in a little city near Malaga, Spain to pray for the city and encourage, support and strengthen the missionary couple planting a church there, John and Patti Chesney. Some Spanish would have come in handy on this one, but all went well. Betsy even had a day



Cynde, Betsy & Liz - Prayer 'dream team'



Praying over Malaga, Spain

when they traveled by boat into Tanger, Morocco. We worked hard and were all tired when it was all done but we know the Lord did a lot to prepare the ground for the 'workers in the harvest'. The church plant there already has a small group gathering each week. We've also included a picture of John and Patti so you can pray for this precious couple and their team as they labor in Spain. We really saw what team-work is all about and how much can be accomplished when pray and work in unity. The Horizon Family of Churches is a real blessing to the missionaries in Europe and we are privileged to be able to go and work with them. Thank you for your support that enables us to 'go'.

Levend Water Church Update: Herman continue to oversee the 17 cell groups in the church and pastoral counseling areas. We are currently meeting with three couples preparing for marriage and oodles of others who need help through difficult times. So this keeps us dependent on Him for sure. Summer is a busy time of ministry in the local church but we are also entering these next few months with a word from the Pastor to take some time to 'rest'. We somehow don't see how that's possible for us right now – but we promise we'll slow down in August!

The worship leaders in training (Andries and Renate) are really stepping in and leading. They are doing such a good job. I watch with a smile as they lead the team and the church in praise and worship.

Matt and Joanna Duddleston, the missionary couple working in Russia were a blessing to us personally, to the Delft church and the Horizon outreaches in Belgium and Spain.



Matt and Joanna

We had to say goodbye to Matt and Donna after they 'worked' (and I mean they worked) with us for the three weeks in Antwerp, Delft and Malaga. They returned

to St. Petersburg, Russia just in time to welcome a team from South Carolina to do some work in an orphanage. *Thank you, Matt and Joanna for serving and working with us - you were such a gift to us!*

What's next? We will have a smaller team going to Antwerp next week to be with the Irish Teams coming to do concerts, drama and Christian rock music on the streets of Antwerp. This is a group of teens who love the Lord and use their talents of playing tradition Irish and contemporary Christian rock music to share their faith. They come from different churches in Northern Ireland devote their summers on missionary outreaches all over Europe. We are delighted they are coming to help us impact the city of Antwerp with the gospel.

SOZO in Baja, Hungary: Most of you have heard about SOZO since we've been going to help with this Christian Arts and Music Festival for several years. We will leave on July 9th to help prepare for the staff of over 200 to arrive on July 20th. I will fill the role of event pastor again this year (which means I will take care of the difficult issues).

Betsy will help, teach, cook, sing or do whatever is needed. And Taylor, our little dog is coming with us. He will be the festival mascot with his own little staff badge. You go, Taylor!



Thank you for your prayers and support for us while we serve Him in Holland and beyond. We are so grateful. *"..pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:1*

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Upcoming Summer plans - back to Antwerp

Betsy will be leaving again for Antwerp on July 4th for the outreach with "Exodus". This is the group of 39 young Christian musicians and dancers from Ireland that are coming to play concerts on the streets in Antwerp. They will give out invitations to a special meeting and do surveys with those who stop to listen. Please continue to pray for open hearts of the people in Antwerp, Belgium. This city is very close to Brussels – where NATO Headquarters is located. This is a strategic nation in Europe.

Schedule:

July 4-9 Antwerp, Belgium - Outreach with "Exodus", the youth from Ireland

July 21-27 Bajay, Hungary – SOZO Christian Music Arts Festival

August 6-9 Delft, Holland – Poptahof Outreach to a predominately Muslim neighborhood.

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