Spring 2012

NO GOD

NO STATE

NO LIES



As I was walking on campus today, I came across a sticker on the window of a student's room. It screamed, "NO GOD, NO STATE, NO LIES". Today's students often deplore the failure of institutionalized religion and national governments to match rhetoric with deed. As a result, anarchist sentiments spring forth like the ones proclaimed by this sticker. At a time when young people are in the prime of their lives, they are not finding the role models they need. That's why we do what we do!

The *Students for Christ -Europe* team engages students in dialogue and creative ministry brainstorming from a biblical worldview while helping them strategize how to go back to their own mission fields of campuses & cities to reach students for Christ.

This task can be quite daunting in their own eyes, for as Jeff Fountain of the *Schuman Centre for European Studies* states,

"In many European schools and universities these days, believers in God are dismissed as mental dwarfs and intellectual wimps. Yet from ancient times right up to the present, many of history's greatest and most influential minds have wrestled with the question of God. Reason and faith, they concluded, were complementary, not contradictory."

Not only are we committed to **training students**, but through *SFC-Europe*, we also help to **train nationals** who are leading

student ministry in their respective nations, like those from the staff in Belgium (photo). Additionally, **training ourselves and other missionaries** to impact our host cultures through an annual equipping conference is a parallel priority.

Family Matters

In other training news, Blair and Christopher are once again preparing to run the 20km of Brussels this coming May. EJ is training to dance for Jesus with a local dance company, *Salt and Light*. Dina is training her spirit in a new international ladies Bible study which she attends. Claire has been training her voice with our local church's choir in anticipation of their annual evangelistic Easter community concert. David's training his mind in French for a June national exam for matriculating from primary to secondary school. And Josiah, now 5, is reading, writing and arithmetic-ing.

Prayer Matters

Since many of you ask, here are two pressing NEEDS we have right now. Please pray with us for: 1. Wisdom beyond our years and humility beyond our capacity to lead well in all areas of life and

- ministry.
- Provision of \$2,000 for the SFC-Europe summer training conference for our family's registration, food, lodging and travel. (Can you help us get there by sending in a special offering? Click here if you're reading this on a computer to access a secure online donation page or go to www.boninsinbelgium.com and click on "how you can be involved" for a link to that secure donation page. If you prefer, send a check payable to "Assemblies of God World Missions" to this address: AGWM, 1445 Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO 65802; please write (acct # 254586 Blair Bonin) in the memo line.)

Mega thanks for assisting us in training others to influence individuals, families, institutions of higher education, nations and cultures. With God's help, together we are making a difference in Europe!

Blair and Dina Callie, Claire, Evangeline, Christopher, David and Josiah



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