

Bonins in Belgium

the latest from Blair & Dina



FIRST QUARTER DOWN...SAILING THROUGH THE SECOND!

As Paul enjoined the Colossians, we want to encourage our partners helping us reach students for Christ across Europe, "...continue to live your lives in him, **rooted** and built up in him, strengthened in the faith you were taught, and **overflowing with thankfulness.**" (Col. 2:6-7)

In late **January**, gathered with some 35 colleagues in **Grenoble, France**, Blair led the *Students for Christ-Europe* prayer weekend **rooted** in intercession for each other and the student ministries they oversee across Europe. It was also a return to the **roots** of the Bonin ancestral tree since the very first Bonin to arrive in Louisiana came from Grenoble.

From the foot of the French Alps in January to trekking across the Moravian region of the **Czech Republic** in **February**, Blair spoke at a student winter retreat, where divine appointments occurred with students, colleagues and national pastors in the land of Jan Hus, the Reformer.

Presenting the ministry of *Students for Christ-Europe* to the presidium of the **Pentecostal European Fellowship** (composed of the pastoral leaders of many different full-gospel movements across Europe) was one of **March's** highlights and served to lay groundwork for *SFC-Europe* becoming recognized as an official networking partner of the PEF. Its annual conference hosted this year by the historic Filadelfia Church in **Stockholm**, a congregation deeply **rooted** in the Pentecostal heritage of Sweden, saw Europeans of multiple cultural backgrounds joining together for the re-evangelization of their continent under the banner "Jesus4Europe and Beyond!" While in Stockholm, Blair had several God-orchestrated conversations regarding student ministry possibilities in the Balkans, where *SFC-Europe* colleagues are planning new pioneering plants for reaching university students.

Missions-minded friends, from secular **France** in Western Europe to post-communist **Eastern lands** to liberal **Scandinavia**, the good news of Jesus is taking **root** in spiritually impoverished areas! **Give thanks** to God with us for this joint venture we're on with YOU and with HIM!



We are grateful that our children are doing well! The latest news to report: **Claire** has been accepted to a 1-year intensive Master's program at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and plans to marry **Caleb** (currently studying for his MBA while working as an admissions counselor in Texas) in the fall of 2018. **Callie & Stuart** are working & studying, respectively, in Kentucky, **Evangeline** continues to excel in her studies at ORU in Oklahoma, and **Christopher** will be in the US for several weeks this summer gaining work experience. **David** signed up to hone his baseball skills at a summer camp here in Belgium, and **Josiah** spends his free time on the piano or his trick scooter.