

BONINS IN BELGIUM

Latest news from Blair & Dina
Spring 2018



Dear friends,

Bonjour! Serving overseas for two decades now, it's always refreshing to be reminded of why we got into missions in the first place. We recently had a visit from a friend who encountered Jesus in the early years of SFC-Belgium. It was wonderful to see her, happily married and the mother of two beautiful children. It was also encouraging to hear her explain how SFC was foundational in her faith walk, and that she in turn is now endeavoring to be an instrument of Change in her part of the world! It's not about making bad people good people, but moving from death to LIFE in Jesus!

The Bonins who are still in Belgium have been on the move this first quarter of 2018! But most importantly, as we have been on mission, you've been on mission with us! Merci beaucoup!

Latha math! Christopher (19) and David (17) opened up our new year with a TCK (Third Culture Kid) retreat in Edinburgh, Scotland where they were boosted in their faith and had the opportunity to encourage others their age, making great memories. Dina followed suit to the land of Scots in early March for a wee visit to our daughter, Claire, studying at St. Andrews University, although she was snowbound in the capital for two days!

Goede Dag! Antwerp, Belgium and Jump Univers trampoline park was the scene of Josiah's 11th birthday with his neighborhood friends...and no broken bones! :-)

Lá maith! It was off to Dublin, Ireland for Blair & Dina as they led the *Students for Christ* annual prayer weekend with colleagues from around Europe. Informed intercession, inviting fellowship and intriguing walks on the Emerald Isle...a grand time indeed!

Buenos dias! Christopher's first solo missions internship saw him serving at *International Media Ministries (imm.edu)* in Madrid, Spain for two months where he built new friendships, served in promoting the gospel through media and picked up some *español!*

Dobry dzień! Blair trekked off to Warsaw, Poland to represent *SFC-Europe* at the annual Pentecostal European Fellowship conference making new connections for university ministry across this continent.

Gudden Dag! In the little town of Echternach, Luxembourg, where lies the "Apostle to the Frisians", Willibrord, the Bonin family spent a resourcing weekend among the leadership team of *Students for Christ-Belgium*...a relationally warm experience in spite of a flat tire in near freezing temps!

Dite e mire! A brand new opportunity to help develop student ministry opened its doors in March when Blair visited and ministered in the university cities of Durrës and Tirana, Albania. A Spring training event is already in the works for 2019!

Kalí méra! In the historical shadows of the magnificent city of Athens, Greece, multiplied thousands of university students are searching for the meaning of life. Blair's two-day stopover here with colleagues showed that spiritual relationships are being steadily forged.

Buongiorno! Pavia, Italy...city of towers...custodian of the remains of St. Augustine...home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and also to *Students for Christ-Pavia* where young collegiates are on mission with Jesus determined to be a light to their peers. Invited to speak to the students, youth and in several churches, Blair senses this trip was surely God-directed.

We are grateful for your prayer, for your giving, and for low-budget airlines in Europe! Always on mission, together with YOU! Merci Beaucoup!

Blair & Dina and family

