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LIVING STONES

The site of the Abbey of Villers-la-Ville, which dates back to 1146, is about a ten-minute drive from where we live and has become a special place for our family to visit. Imagining life during the 12th century is a bit of a stretch for us when we realize that Columbus sailed to the New World 350 years later! At one point, this vast compound housed over 400 monks and laymen, but unfortunately, centuries of neglect have left the buildings in ruins and totally unlivable.

By contrast, we are LIVING STONES, part of a “sanctuary vibrant with life (2 Peter 4 -The Message).” God is calling us to be models of His love and life to others so that they too can become building blocks of the Kingdom of God. This often *involves a major time investment on our part, but we know that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives and hearts of many people around us, with lasting results!*

Marie came to faith while on an exchange program in the US. We’ve had the privilege of getting to know her in the past few months and have had opportunities to further equip her in her walk with the Lord, namely **training her to help lead the *Students for Christ* group in the city of Namur.** She has been a light in this nation, and God is using her to draw other Belgians into a relationship with Him.

Blair recently spent the afternoon walking and praying with a Harvard grad who is in the process of learning about faith in Christ. **N. grew up as the son of a diplomat and had everything money and education could buy,** but in his words, he was emotionally bankrupt. He became friends with a former SFC leader when they both worked for the same company, and as a result he is finding his place in the family of God.

God is at work, molding and shaping building blocks that will fit well together and serve the purpose for which they were created. And with Him as the builder, this living sanctuary will not only exist for generations to come, but for all eternity!

Thank you for your part in helping us to establish God’s Kingdom, “a sanctuary vibrant with life,” in human hearts. **Together we are making a difference in Europe — one living stone at a time.**

Prayer Matters



SFC-LLN members *Yves, Davida, Steve, Bienvenu, Jennifer, Erica and Marc* begin their weekly prayer time on campus.

Many thanks to those of you who contacted us with concern for our family, friends and supporting churches in LA after the **hurricanes.** All of our loved ones are safe but adjusting to life after the storms. In spite of the great loss, we have heard many testimonies of God’s saving power in the midst of this catastrophe. Please pray that God will continue to establish his Kingdom along the Gulf coast -and here in Belgium- in spite of these difficult circumstances.

Please pray for **SFC groups throughout Belgium,** especially the newest groups in Mons and Namur, as well as target campuses in Flanders..

We have made many **new contacts** with students. Please pray for Julie, Marie, Russy, Thomas, Aline, Douglas, Mathieu, Mikaele, Claude, Karine, & Joëlle.

Please pray for the **Euro Student Conference** to be held in Germany in December.

Family Matters

It’s great to be back home! Rain or shine, we’ve had a great time reacquainting ourselves with friends and places that have become dear to us. The Abbaye of Villers-la-Ville is one such place. We love to picnic there, go for walks, and — at least the children would say — bring a flashlight to explore the underground passageways where the bats are known to live.



prayer for the nations

The College of Student Ministry

Every summer is marked by an annual 2-week training event hosted by SFC-Europe. This year’s CSM in Brussels included 75+ students and staff from at least 10 different countries. Classes were held each day in campus ministry, Islam, Acts of the Apostles and postmodern thought. Prayer and praise services were held each night, including one evening missions service when a few students and children responded to a call to foreign missions.



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