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Persevere!

Have you ever felt “sort of stretched, like... butter scraped over too much bread”? These words of Bilbo the Hobbit sometimes ring true with us. The work among university students in Belgium is never in short supply. The challenge is trusting God to show us the areas that merit the effort. As we rely on His strength and wisdom, we won’t feel too “stretched” and weary, but buoyed by the knowledge that the harvest to come validates the labor of the moment. “Choose wisely the task and give yourself fervently to the effort” is our current *modus operandi*.

Dido’s recent surprise visit truly encouraged us along these same lines. Dido was our very first student contact on the campus of Louvain-la-Neuve (LLN) back in 2000. When he first met Blair, God spoke to his heart that he was to work with “this man” to facilitate his own desire to reach fellow students. He became an integral leader of *Students For Christ-LLN* as a student. He graduated, gave a year back to SFC after finishing his studies, and moved to his native Congo where he is now working. During our visit, we were able to share with each other the many ways God was blessing and using us. Our vision for campus ministry is still very close to Dido’s heart and he wanted to further encourage us with the song “Persévère,” which reminds us to not get weary for God’s plan will be accomplished. ([Listen to it on our website](#).) We’re thankful for Dido’s timely visit, thankful for God’s goodness, and thankful for your partnership as we protect the vision with passion on the Belgian front.



Family Matters

Announcing our latest work-in-progress...

After a 6-year pause, the newest Bonin baby is due to arrive 22 January 2007. While we are a bit surprised to be back in “baby mode” after this amount of time, we are thrilled with the upcoming addition to our family.



Prayer Matters

- **Safe and healthy arrival of our 6th child in January**
- For our children to continue seizing opportunities that God is giving them to minister to others
- **Protection & inspiration for Blair in upcoming ministry trips to Germany, Hungary & Reunion Island**
- Salvation of Belgian students
- **Rent/renters for our student center on a local campus**
- Current and former students to be called into full-time ministry
- **A European internship project that may be put into place in the near future**



This year’s theme for the **24hr bike race** was “Jesus Inside,” a play on the “intel inside” logo found on computers. We were once again amazed how God honored our efforts and blessed the team with unity, protection, new contacts, and changed hearts. On a tragic note, the campus community was shaken by the alcohol-related death of a young student who fell from a height of 6 meters in the early morning hours. This young man’s entrance into eternity only underscored the importance of our being a light in the darkness. ([More stories and photos on the web](#))

In October, Blair participated in the SFC-Liege retreat. It was **Michael’s** (at right in photo) last weekend with the group before returning home to Ghent. Some of you may recall the miraculous way the Lord led him to find SFC while studying in Liège. It was evident to see the power of discipleship and community at work in his life—especially when it came time for him to say a very emotional goodbye to his friends.



Charles Gravely, our newest Missionary Associate, has arrived! Thanks to all of you who prayed with us for his visa. He landed in Brussels just in time to hit the ground “pedaling,” taking his turns along with everyone else for the bike race. He has already proven to be a great asset to SFC-Belgium and will soon be moving from Louvain-la-Neuve to become SFC-Liège’s first full-time staff person.

Pre-marital counseling, an obvious by-product of reaching out to young people, has become a strong ministry focus for us. We spent a number of Sunday afternoons in 2006 getting to know **Russy & Marie**. He is from Bulgaria, she is from southern Belgium, and they met on a student exchange in Sweden. (Don’t ask us how many languages they speak between them!) We’ve been blessed in the ways we’ve seen them grow in their relationship with each other and with the Lord, and how our lives have been enriched by our time spent with them.



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