



## GOD IN PURSUIT



### ...of the Showstoppers

Canvassing the campus with posters that *Students for Christ* was organizing a talent show in the rustic former stables of a centuries-old farm on the university site in Louvain-la-Neuve proved to draw a crowd of about 150 students from very different backgrounds. The fact of allowing various registrants to participate in what we were calling *Showtime At The Farm* without a whole lot of restrictions placed on their act left the mind of this relatively modern 40-something-year-old spinning like the Rock-O-Plane at the old country fair in my hometown. What would the fallout look like? (cont'd next column)

### ...of the Autostopper

I picked up Marc as I was leaving campus and didn't anticipate this encounter as such a divine appointment. Marc was "autostopping", the term here for hitchhiking, a prevalent, safer and accepted activity in Europe. As Providence would have it, I was on my way to Brussels to speak at the *Students for Christ (SFC)* meeting. Marc got in the van, noticed the *SFC* logo on my shirt and pulled out a card he'd received from one of our *SFC* students in another city. Apparently, the guy had shared his faith with Marc and invited him to check us out. Since Marc was heading into Brussels too, I informed him that it was no coincidence that I had picked him up while going to an *SFC* meeting. As we spoke about faith and Marc's search for truth, I was able to share the idea that God is a personal Creator in pursuit of relationship with each human being. Marc enjoyed his visit to *SFC*, amazed at the depth of belief we have in Jesus Christ. As we parted that evening, I had a distinct sense that Marc and I were destined to meet again but I could have kicked myself for forgetting to get his email address or cell phone number. Would this be a missed opportunity for friendship evangelism?

## WATCHING GOD AT WORK

Back to *Showtime At The Farm*. Patrick and Ozlem performed a showstopper of a dance routine which led to their visit to an *SFC* meeting a week later. Patrick made a decision to trust Jesus with his life. This was considerably easier for him given his African background than it was for Ozlem who comes from a Muslim family. However, after a near death experience from a heart malady, she visited our local church, received prayer for healing and shared how God had appeared to her in a dream calling her to Himself.

Back to the autostopper. As it turns out, God takes care of the details and works much better than we could predict. I began praying for Marc asking the Lord to cause him to contact me as I'd left my

business card with him. Marc did email me, attended another *SFC* meeting with me and was blown away when he learned that God had answered a direct prayer of mine through one of his own actions. Marc left me with this phrase as we agreed to meet again in the near future—"Blair, I'm not there yet, but I can sense God drawing me to Himself." We continue to marvel at how God really is in pursuit of each individual on planet earth. Pray with us for Marc, Patrick & Ozlem. The work has only just begun. We thank you for your active part in this very fulfilling work.



## Family Matters

clockwise from top left: Blair & Dina enjoying spring flowers; science is fun for EJ; and Callie & Claire, too; Robin Hood and Little John.

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## Prayer Matters

**Big Praise report!** Our former landlord who is **battling cancer** received a very good report recently. After months of various kinds of chemotherapy treatments to no avail, **Joseph** is seeing that God is at work and knows his current remission is also due to many prayers on his behalf. (Read more of his story at [www.boninsinbelgium.com](http://www.boninsinbelgium.com).)

Pray with us for **God's direction** as to an invitation to help establish a *Students for Christ* structure for a 300 plus Christian university group in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**.

Pray for Charles Gravely, Darrell & Nicole Roberts and Tom & Patricia Vollmer, **new and vital team members** coming to serve with us in Belgium in university ministry. Please pray for the completion of their **budgets** and a quick delivery of their **residence visas**.

Please keep praying for a **renter for the SFC apartment** on the Louvain-la-Neuve campus. This will be the last month that we can afford to keep paying for this important meeting place.

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