



le Bulletin Bonin



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WORLD MISSIONS

Winter 2006

24-hr vélo

The annual 24-hr bike race in October again gave our students a chance to be a light in darkness. SFC joined with the GBU, another Christian student group. Our bike theme this year: **“What are you thirsty for?”** with the name Jesus prominently displayed in the same style as a popular Belgian beer. It turned heads and we heard lots of positive comments. We pray that the message spoke to many hearts during those 24 hrs as it allowed us the occasion of proclaiming eternal truth while being culturally relevant. **BIG praise:** Nothing was stolen this year!

Jean-Baptiste, the creative man behind the message



fall retreat

“A Compelling Love, Power and Message” was the theme of this year’s SFC retreat held in Spa, Belgium. We are thankful for the ministry of Al Roever and his two friends, Dallas and Bob, who chose to spend their Thanksgiving break here in Belgium. We were also thankful for God’s protection on the road as winter snows came early this year. Some of the feedback on Sunday included physical and emotional healings, as well as Nikki’s testimony of being able to love those around her more because she had a better understanding of how much God loved her.

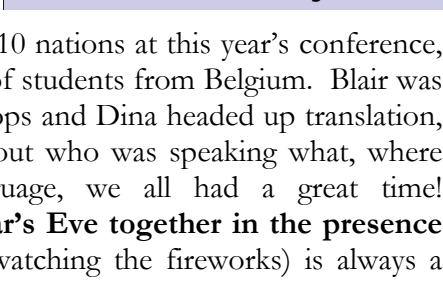
Building community at the ESC conference



ESC ‘05

The European Student Conference occurs every 3 years in Nuremburg, Germany from Dec 28– Jan 1. There were about 250 attendees representing at least 10 nations at this year’s conference, including a busload of students from Belgium. Blair was in charge of workshops and Dina headed up translation, so after we figured out who was speaking what, where and in which language, we all had a great time! **Spending New Year’s Eve together in the presence of the Lord** (and watching the fireworks) is always a special memory.

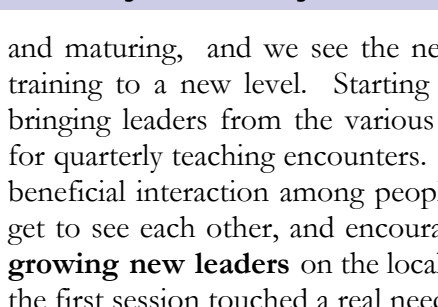
Translation coordination among the nations



other news

Blair continues to preach in local churches about once a month, giving us the joy of seeing old friends and meeting new ones. SFC-Belgium is growing and maturing, and we see the need to raise leadership training to a new level. Starting this semester, we are bringing leaders from the various SFC groups together for quarterly teaching encounters. This scenario permits beneficial interaction among people who do not usually get to see each other, and encourages current leaders in **growing new leaders** on the local level. By all accounts the first session touched a real need.

Training & commissioning leaders



Prayer Matters

- During the ESC, **Fabrice** was struggling with suicidal thoughts, but God touched him in a powerful way. **Julie and Greg recently put their trust in Jesus.** Pray that these students will dig deep and become solid disciples before the end of the school year.
- This summer our MAs, **Erica P. and Steve & Jennifer C.** will be leaving us to pursue their next step in ministry. We have been sooo blessed to have them with us and will miss them sorely. Pray for them as they continue to serve the Lord and others where He is leading them.
- With the departure of our associates comes the need for **workers** and SFC-Center-apartment-renters. God knows better than anyone the best way to meet these needs, so we ask you to pray.

Family Matters

Aside from the boys’ recent bout with chicken pox, the Bonin gang is well, adjusting to life with new puppy, Sadie. Recently, Callie & Claire organized their Sunday school class to learn a sign language/drama musical presentation. After weeks of practices, an anointed effort at the Christmas program drew a standing ovation and request from the pastor’s wife to present it during the Sunday morning service. **God’s gifts in action!** Thank you for partnering with and believing in our family. We appreciate you!



Enjoying a first frozen lake experience

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