

# BONINS IN BELGIUM

latest news from Blair & Dina  
Autumn 2021



**“He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.” Ps. 111:4**  
**Greetings from Namur!** Our new school year has gotten off to an intense start, and with that comes our tradition of Blair reading a family favorite aloud to our children, in this case, Josiah. :) One scene in our current story that you won’t see in the movie has two characters on the eve of a great battle in despair as they realize that the world as they know it will never be the same. But, instead of giving into that despair, they begin to encourage and remind each other of the miracles they had recently experienced. Beregond adamantly concludes: **“Hope and memory shall live still in some hidden valley where the grass is green.”** The world has changed, and even this newest chapter of our life and ministry in Belgium is taking place in a very different context. How encouraging it’s been to have many opportunities to **remember** God’s “wondrous works” in the past, and, in turn, look forward with **hope**-filled assurance that comes from our faith in God to an exciting future here in Europe until the return of the King of kings!

**“Many Meetings”** It’s been so nice to meet with many friends in the past few months. We’ve been able to visit with the Evans family that welcomed us to Belgium in 1995, Blair’s first French teacher and her husband, current and former SFC ministry colleagues and students here and across Europe (ok, maybe some of that happens online), neighbors (past & present), and local pastors whom we are blessed to call friends. Blair also had the honor to perform another SFC wedding this summer which is always a great time for reconnections. (We don’t have room for all the photos here, but, as always, check out our social media or our [Bonins in Belgium](#) website for more.)



**“Houses of Healing”** The photo on the left, taken a few weeks ago where we first served from 1995-97, has become a very common Sunday morning occurrence, with Blair speaking in various churches, and Josiah helping with worship. Because of our new location, the Lord has made a way for us to be involved in a few different places in the Namur region. The need is great! Dina continues home-schooling, some one-on-one mentoring, has been invited to put some of her techie skills to use in different capacities for the AGWM Europe region, and is serving the French-speaking section of the [Network 211](#) prayer initiative (The need is great!) as time allows. Our guest “Spare Oom” has also had a few visitors in the last few weeks for which we are grateful.

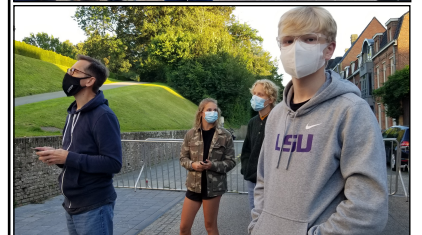


**“Farewell to Sadie”**  
2006-2021  
She will be missed!

**Thankful for your partnership,  
Blair, Dina and Josiah Bonin**



**“A Long-expected Party”** We’re so grateful we were all able to be together for Christopher & Cindy’s wedding in July! It was a wonderful celebration, but over much too quickly. Some of you may have heard of their car accident three weeks later. We are happy to report they are both doing much better! Thank you for praying for them.



**“The Menin Gate Opens”**  
In August we had an opportunity to experience the [Last Post ceremony](#) at the [Menin Gate](#) in Ypres, Belgium, commemorating the many lives lost during WWI. Thankfully, by the time of our trip, visitors were again allowed to participate, albeit distanced and masked.