

# BONINS IN BELGIUM

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Dear friends,

According to my current prayer guide, Psalm 139 is the psalm for this week. From the first well-known verse, “O, Lord, you have searched me and known me”, to “I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (v. 14), and ending with “lead me in the way everlasting” (v. 24), it’s safe to say that this psalm is one of the more popular psalms of David. As parents of third-culture kids (TCKs), it’s the verses 9 and 10 in particular that are echoing in my heart and mind, and yes, even in this empty-ish house: **“If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”** (NIV) Our children each in their turn memorized these verses, along with the accompanying hand motions, during the summer missions programs we attended in preparation for moving overseas and during our iteration years. This song composed by David is a lyrical declaration of God’s omniscience (He knows it all!) and omnipresence (He’s everywhere!), and a reminder that **He has been and will be with us no matter what the current season holds.** We pray this “wonderful knowledge” (v. 6) encourages you today as much as it encourages us.

**Itineration, Part II** We are returning to the USA soon to complete the second part of our “split itineration” that we began last year. We are thankful for the flexibility that our organization allows us as we balance ministry commitments on both sides of the Atlantic. We will be arriving in September and returning to Belgium in January. We do have significant funds to raise to obtain our final clearance for this next term, but more importantly, we love sharing about God’s plan for ALL to hear of the saving grace of Jesus, and our part in that plan, whether it’s praying, giving, or going. **If you would like to have us for a service, Sunday school class, prayer meeting, small group, or lunch/coffee/tea with you and your team (our treat!), please let us know!** We would love to meet with you and share what the Lord is doing here in Belgium and across Europe, as well as new opportunities opening up before us. We are thankful for our partnership together so that those with little to no gospel access can hear. Hope to see you soon!

*Blair & Dina*



**Connect Update** The stories from Connect are still trickling in, but the consensus is evident: God met us there, and the encounter with Him and one another, along with the training received, changed lives and propelled university ministry forward in Europe! That’s the objective and why we do this every year! We’re excited about new developments in the SFC network as leaders mature, step out in faith, plant new groups and plan missions trips after Connect 2025. Thank you for praying with us toward that end!



*Dina was part of the team teaching the 12-hour course, “Are You Spiritually Healthy?” at Connect.*

Special shoutout to Josiah who left Connect early to return to Tulsa for a pre-semester retreat as a new team member of ORU Worship. He then quickly moved himself into his dorm to help with the New Student Move-In Day this past weekend. Like his brothers and sisters before him, he is navigating the TCK life with courage and grace.



*Always a joy to preach for our friends and former SFC leaders who now co-pastor in Arlon, Belgium.*