

Miller Monthly Memo

Pink lily at Keukenhof in Holland.

Our team trip to BLF France in May is now history. Since our return, we've made a one-week trip and a three-week trip in the U.S., thus the lateness of our report.



Our team consisted of three people from Bellevue, IL, four of us from our church here in FL, and one "last minute" member from California. We thank you for your prayers on our behalf, as we traveled in safety, remained in good health and strength, and the Lord used us to accomplish much on four different projects.

The team women cleaned the loft and pasture of a nearby farm for a youth camp that would be held June 11-13 (ages 18-25). The fellows slept on hay in the loft and the girls in tents in the pasture. Forty-five youth came, including a few unbelievers who have now heard the Gospel and we continue to pray for

their decisions.

The team men put up dry wall and insulation in the addition of the church in Valenciennes. Until now, this church met in a home, but they have bought a store downtown, remodeled it, and had their first service there on July 3.



area for a children's evangelistic campaign this summer. We pray that the Lord will reach into the hearts of many families through the literature in the packets and the children's campaign.

The men cleaned out a 20' x 60' area in the BLF warehouse (after not being used for 23 years!) to make room for more literature. They also put together the new shelving which fits into this area. The women put the books from partial pallets into boxes



and labeled them, then put them on the new shelves. We ended the day with the warehouse reorganized and with space available for more pallets of books currently being printed. The BLF staff have needed this to be done for a long time, so were thrilled!

We also enjoyed working with and getting to know some of the French Christians and missionaries with France for Christ. It was challenging for our team to see the zeal and enthusiasm they have for reaching their own people for Christ, even though results are few.

The first weekend we marveled at the gorgeous spring flowers displayed at the Tulip Festival in Keukenhof, the Netherlands.

There were still beautiful tulips, but they featured lilies of many different colors. Sunday afternoon we toured downtown Brussels. The second weekend we visited the battlefield at Waterloo, the Château de Bouillon (home of Sigmund Godfrey who led the First Crusade in 1096), and the memorial at the site of the Battle of the Bulge at Bastogne during WWII. We were awed and enriched by the beauty we enjoyed and the history of the places we visited.



Ron & Shannon

In early June Ron and Shannon moved to Harare, Zimbabwe where they will spend the next three years. Ron is the Senior Defense Official in both Zimbabwe and Malawi. Shannon is the Community Liaison Officer responsible for the morale and welfare of the official Americans posted in Zimbabwe.

Currently, they are taking a break from the chilly Zimbabwean winter by vacationing in the US for three weeks.



Scott & Susan

While lifting pipes out of the well just drilled, Scott's back went "out" again. He was able to get an MRI in Cameroon and have it read by a British doctor in Chad. Two mission leaders from TEAM headquarters. were also in Chad and suggested that Downings go to Kenya, consult with some experts and also get some needed rest in cooler temperatures. Scott's consultations took place this morning and the experts say that since he has made good improvement, they suggest therapy and no surgery. We praise the Lord that surgery isn't needed. He is already beginning therapy. The whole family is doing much better and feeling more rested in the coolness.



The German family has arrived, but needs more time to transition to life in Chad. They have stayed in the capital for the transition and also to work on Chadian Arabic. The American family has not yet arrived in Chad.

Jon & Heather

Many thanks to all who prayed for a healthy pregnancy. The Lord answered abundantly. At 7:00 a.m. on June 18, Heather gave birth to Jebel Zion (mountain fortress), weighing 8.2 lb. and measuring 21". He has been on a good schedule right from the start, eating and sleeping well.



We were there to celebrate his 1-week birthday!

The Samaritan's Purse project of rebuilding flooded homes in Nashville came to a close on July 1. Jon had been talking

with SP's International Human Resource Director to see if jobs were available back in Africa. They have recently been offered a job in Nyankunde, Dem. Rep. of Congo, so they have signed up for it. They hope to fly to Africa the third week of August to help rebuild the OR and ICU of the hospital, coincidentally where Jon was born. It will be a healthier place to live than Sudan.

It has been great to have Jon and Heather in the states this year, and now job as well. Please pray for us as we send them off again. It doesn't get easier!

As time permits, we'll be planning our Fall travels in the Midwest. This will include participating in the Missions Conference of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleview, IL, the church that sent three of our team members.

Thank you so much to each one who prays regularly for us and our family, and special thanks to each one who also gives to our support. May the Lord meet all of your needs.

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