

# Millers' Memo

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SO much has happened since we last wrote, we hope we can catch you up on our news.

Our time in Europe in May was especially good. First, we spent a week in Belgium visiting friends from our church in Brussels and also those with whom we had worked at

BLF when it was in Belgium. Such rich fellowship and good times with "old" friends! Then our team arrived and we enjoyed leading them on sightseeing tours that weekend. We worked for two days at BLF, putting together a mailing and assembling Manga books in sets, as well as some office remodeling.



Then we drove SE to Verdun where we worked with a France for Christ missionary couple and two interns from Germany, Janina and Josephine. We spent two days giving people Gospels of John and inviting them to a free supper at the church Saturday night, by going door-to-door in the neighborhood, playing with children at a playground, conducting a survey at the market downtown, and also on the streets. A number of those we had contacted came for supper Saturday night and learned from our presentation after the meal about the meaning of Pentecost. We had learned from talking with people around town that basically no one in France knows what happened at Pentecost or why they celebrate it each year. Sunday also some people we had contacted came to church. We pray that as the church folks follow up with these "visitors," they'll keep coming and will receive Christ.

Last year when we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, none of our children were able to come. So they decided to send us on a cruise. Ten days after returning from Europe we flew to Seattle to board

The Jewel of the Seas (Royal Caribbean) to cruise to Alaska. What a special trip! What beauty we saw! From glaciers to mountains descending into the ocean to the train ride over the White Pass (Klondike Gold Rush) to Butchart Gardens near Victoria. It was restful and refreshing as well. Then we spent a special three days with nephew Jed Miller and Lindsay and their children Asher and Nora who live near Seattle.



Two weeks from the day we got home Russ entered the hospital for hip replacement surgery. The surgeon used the Anterior Direct Approach which is known to heal twice as fast as the traditional method. Also due to much prayer, Russ has recovered quickly. After 2 1/2 weeks he set aside the walker, in another 10 days he no longer needed a cane and began driving. Last week he was mowing the lawn. Praise the Lord! We've also had three sets of company to enjoy.

We plan to leave on August 14 for a 4-week trip to represent BLF. We'll start in St. Louis with Mary Ann's sibling reunion and end in the Nashville area with BLF Board meetings. We'd be grateful for your prayers during this time, that Russ will drive well, that people will be encouraged to keep praying for the spread of the Gospel among French-speakers.

New statistics from France tell us that a new evangelical church opens its doors in France every ten days! There are 10 times as many evangelicals in France now as there were during the 1950's. The Holy Spirit is at work and BLF books are equipping people for outreach and discipleship, as well as for dealing with problems in the society. While we rejoice, we realize that the vast majority still do not follow Christ. Let's keep praying and working!

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## RON & SHANNON



Ron's time in Chad has drawn to a close and he's now moved to Uganda in advance of Shannon and the girls.

## JON & HEATHER

Jon's family is going through a time of transition. They have completely moved from Bunia (their home for the last 3 1/2 years) to Nyankunde, DR Congo. Jon has been asked to rehabilitate the Nyankunde Hospital Maternity Ward, the very building that he was born in 40 years ago. They expect this project to take about 3 months. Upon completion of the project, they will move again, but the details of that move are still uncertain.



For now they are enjoying the quiet, slower pace, and freedoms of village life. Jebel and Jazira are quickly picking up Swahili and have many new friends. Heather continues to manage the home and kids, but has been asked to consider teaching at the outpatient health clinic a few days each week. Jon is thoroughly enjoying using his construction management skills and appreciates the time away from an office desk. Please join us in praying for their anticipated "unknowns" in coming months.

## SCOTT & SUSAN

Scott and Suze's weeks have been full with orientating a new family to ministry and life in their town, only to have to say good-bye to them earlier than expected. This was due to a complicated pregnancy and medical needs. The rest of the time has found Scott either completing construction on the new homes, or drilling for water in nearby villages. Suze and children began the new school year in June, so between that and visits, the days pass quickly. The hardest times for the Downing family have been the last few weeks as they've buried their friend and colleague, Andre. He and his wife Monique have been the Chadian missionaries on their team. He has been a stabilizing factor and comrade for their whole 10 years in Chad. He is greatly missed, but his testimony lives on.



*We are more than thankful for all who support us and all who pray for us and for BLF. The Lord is working and we want to enter every door He opens. We appreciate your partnership! May the Lord reward you for your faithfulness.*



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