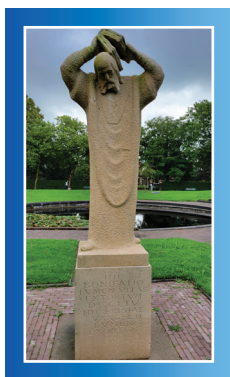




My wife Laura and I celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary this fall by visiting your missionaries serving in Europe. We began our journey where St. Boniface's earthly journey ended. In 716 A.D. Boniface, an English monk, sought to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to Friesland (in modern Netherlands) when he was in his early 40's. However, his efforts as a missionary were to no avail, and he returned home discouraged. He served the church in England and Germany for many years, eventually becoming the archbishop of Mainz, Germany, but still felt called to Friesland, a land "he had once deserted in body but never, indeed, in his heart."



Stewart and Laura with missionaries Louise and Johann



Boniface returned to share the love of Jesus with the Frisians in his late 70's! After baptizing many in the region, on his way to confirm them, he was killed by bandits in Dokkum. At least one account describes how Boniface urged his companions to lay down their arms "to overcome evil by good" and held up a manuscript, later found by his body, containing Ambrose's *The Advantage of Death*.

This historic account parallels with the mission in Europe that your missionaries encounter. Many times there is lack of apparent fruit. Yet, in spite of this, they are still called to go. Your missionaries' passion for the Lord and care for people in need motivates them to persevere in their calling.

Another kernel is contained in this account – holy expectancy of coming revival. Friesland and all of Europe eventually received the Gospel, and carried it to the ends of the earth. Europe has experienced many reawakenings throughout its history. Let us pray that God may light yet another fire, strengthen your missionaries, and renew the heart of Christ's bride in Europe to go to the nations as well as to witness to the nations coming to her doorstep.

Your Society joins in this vision for Europe by sending and supporting missionaries who are making disciples of Jesus Christ. Would you prayerfully consider making a monthly recurring gift or an extraordinary gift toward your Society's Great Commission Fund to grow this work?

With thanksgiving for your serving as Senders,

Stewart

Stewart Wicker, President and Mission Director

"Less than 3% of Europeans are followers of Jesus. So, contrary to popular thought, Europe is in desperate need of missionaries."

—JOHANN & LOUISE



"That your way may be made known on earth, your saving power among all nations."

—PSALM 67:2

(Please make address corrections below.)

Your Society desires to pray for you through your challenges and in your joys. Please let us know how we can lift you up in prayer.

Thank you for sharing your prayer need.



"Our hearts long to see revival break out here. We long to see the hurt, the angry, the fearful, the suspicious, the indifferent, and the vulnerable, come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We are learning to persevere in patient, persistent prayer."

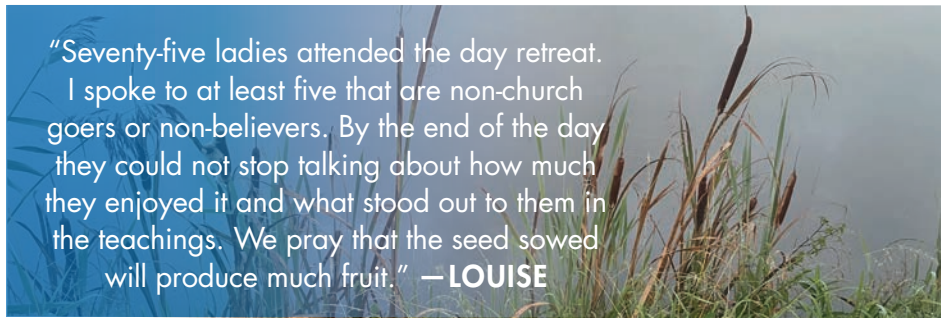
— JOHANN & LOUISE



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"With the ongoing war, financial uncertainty, corruption scandals, and general political instability, many are asking tough questions as they search for meaning and purpose beyond that offered by the largely materialistic culture. We have seen that a number of curious folks are more than willing to attend our outreach events if invited." — JOHANN & LOUISE



"Seventy-five ladies attended the day retreat. I spoke to at least five that are non-church goers or non-believers. By the end of the day they could not stop talking about how much they enjoyed it and what stood out to them in the teachings. We pray that the seed sowed will produce much fruit." — LOUISE



"Serving in a multi-cultural community, it is exciting to see God strengthen His Kingdom in Amsterdam with many growing in understanding of Truth and learning how to live out the Gospel in their daily lives. When we worship in this tremendously diverse community, we sense the privilege of experiencing a little bit of Heaven."

— KERRY & CYNTHIA



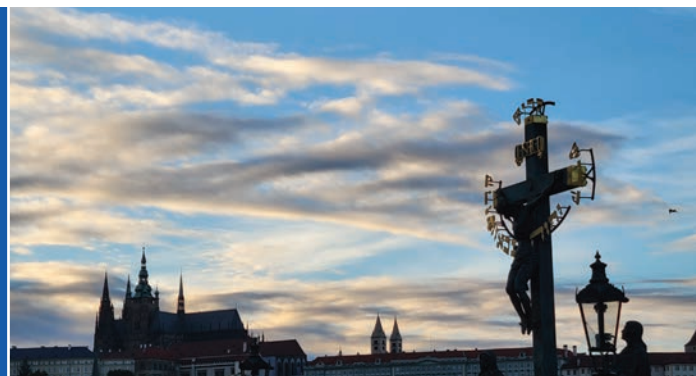
"The Christmas Eve Celebration at a local village went well with twenty people there who have no relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. There was a lot of interest in biblical books for children, and the next time, I will definitely bring more of them." — STEVE

"One of our recently baptized teenagers will help lead a Christianity Explored course, which will include several refugee boys with Muslim backgrounds!" — DAVID



"Forty people joined our "American-plus" Thanksgiving feast ranging in age from 3 to 82, and representing Afghanistan, China, Germany, Ghana, Lithuania, Nigeria, Romania, South Africa, and the United States!"

— DAVID & PATRICIA



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