

Ministering to people across the Kingdom of Belgium, as church planters working out of the city of Ghent.

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Praise the Lord for an eventful, and very busy summer here in God's service. In July alone we have seen at least seven souls saved, many of them people we have been praying a long time for. Three of them were some of Lory's family that moved here from Romania. In addition to seeing souls saved, we were also able to fit in one last baptism at the pond near our old building. It was for a young man who has been attending our church for many years, with his family, who had gotten saved more than a year ago, only he had not told me he had gotten this settled in his heart until we returned from the States.

In July we also held two special events for Belgian National Day. For one of those I preached my first sermon entirely in Dutch. I often preach for a short time in Dutch when I am street preaching, but because the church is in English, I had never preached a sermon in Dutch there until now. It was after this sermon that one of the men mentioned above got saved. The other event was a short conference with Dr. Scott Caudill, the director of our mission board. Our conference was themed around reaching Belgium and marked our first services in our new building. I preached the first sermon, then Dr. Caudill came in and preached to our people, encouraging them greatly for the next few days.

Then in August we held our second ever vacation Bible school near the end of August, this time increasing from one day to three. We had well over thirty children attending, most of them there every night and several of them coming to church for their first time. It was a great blessing to see the children get excited about the things of God, mine are still singing the songs and talking about what they learned. Equally exciting was seeing the church full of volunteers every day, looking for whatever they could do to help. By the last day, I think we had more volunteers than children as more and more people wanted to get involved. Also, in August we saw the highest summer attendance for our church we have ever seen and had a new record high attendance for the East Belgium Bible Study as well.

Concerning the building, we received the keys to the building and began work in the beginning of July. Men, women, and children all joined and helped to prepare the building, so that we could open in time for that conference. We worked every day at least twelve-hour days, but with the help of our people and Pastor Brent Hoffman and his church, we got the work done quickly. There is still work, and we will continue to improve the building, but we can work at a more reasonable pace going forward. This has allowed us to focus more on evangelizing our new community. So far, we have seen a warm reception in the community, the restaurant that was there was well known, and so our remodeling has drawn a great deal of attention. We are also finding some things the hard way. In early August we had ninety people in church and our toilets quit working. So, between services, some of the men and 1 had to repair them.

At the end of July, we took pledges from the people in our church to raise money for the purchase of our building, using a model similar to that of faith promise giving. Through this our church has pledged to give another \$40,000.00 toward the purchase of the building by the end of the year. With this and donations that have come in, we are down to needing about \$70,000.00 to be able to buy the building outright. As I have said I would never have asked for help in this project, had I not believed it was God's will. It was certainly always my will to see it paid off, but it is clearer than ever now that it is God's will as well. He is providing and will certainly continue to provide. We just ask that each of you pray that the rest of the money will come in, and that God will get the glory for it. Please pray for this money to come sooner rather than later. If we can do this sooner than the end of the year, it will save us some major difficulties later on and possibly help with the cost some as well.

Thank you for all of your faithful prayers for us, you are a much needed part of the ministry and will never know how much of a blessing you are to us, at least not on this side of eternity.

With Sincere G.

With Sincere Gratitude, Bro. Junior Haley

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

Psalm 116:12

