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Dear Friends,

We recently returned from Europe where we had the privilege of visiting several of the missionaries with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. What a joy it was to see the work God is doing across the continent and to encourage these faithful servants in person!

United Kingdom

We began our trip in Wales with Jason and Dana Rongione. Though our time was short, it was wonderful to finally meet them in person. From there, we traveled to London to be with Jonathan and Natalie Vandenhurk and their daughter, Laura. They welcomed us into their home, and we were able to attend services with them. That Sunday was especially memorable as we witnessed several baptisms, followed by a church-wide picnic and a full day of fellowship.

Belgium & the Netherlands

Our next stop was Belgium, where we enjoyed the hospitality of the Haley family and their church. The following evening, they hosted us for dinner along with the Williams family, blessing us with sweet fellowship (and some delicious Belgian chocolates!).

We also visited John David and Sabrina Williams, our newest missionaries in the Netherlands. Though they had just moved into their home that very week, they opened their doors to us and served a wonderful meal. It was such an encouragement to see how quickly their family is settling in.

We concluded our journey with a delightful family serving in Europe. They showed us their community, welcomed us into their home, and allowed us to witness firsthand the ministry God has entrusted to them. Their love for the people and their assimilation into the culture was inspiring.

Reflections

Travel always brings long days, jet lag, and many different beds along the way—but the blessings far outweigh the weariness. During a stop in Austria, we walked to a hill overlooking the Alps. Sitting there in awe of God's magnificent creation, I was reminded that the same God who formed the mountains knows us, loves us, and hears our prayers. What a mighty God we serve!

Through these travels we have now met nearly every missionary family on our European team. Our prayer is to encourage them, support them, and be a blessing in whatever way we can.

Back in the States

Shortly after returning, Matt worked with Chris Hewett to host a School of Evangelism in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Twenty students spent a week in God's Word and on the streets sharing the gospel. It was inspiring to see their confidence grow, and we believe this type of training will raise up more laborers for the harvest.

We've also had the opportunity to present our ministry in several churches over the past few months and are thankful for the new supporting churches the Lord has provided. Most recently, we participated in the Reach the World Conference in Baltimore, where about 100 people gathered to study missions and seek God's direction for their part in world evangelism.

Thank You

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, support, and friendship. Your partnership enables us to continue encouraging missionaries and helping advance the gospel both here and abroad.

For the cause of Christ,
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