

# BONINS IN BELGIUM

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Dear friends,

On September 22, Brother Andrew, Dutch missionary and founder of Open Doors, made his final **voyage** to his heavenly reward at the age of 94. Known for his intrepid commitment to getting God's Word behind the Iron Curtain into communist nations during the Cold War, "**God's Smuggler**" repeatedly **trekked** to spiritually dark places with convictions like, "*Don't curse the darkness, but light a candle,*" and, "*You can get in anywhere if you go to serve.*"

Also from the Netherlands, Corrie ten Boom, authored the celebrated biography, ***The Hiding Place***, which recounts how her family was arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps for hiding and sheltering Jews during WWII. Later, she went on to become a world renown Christian writer, public speaker, and self-proclaimed "**tramp for the Lord,**" as she **traipsed** the world pointing people to forgiveness found in Christ with the message that, "*There is no pit so deep, that God's love is not deeper still.*"

As we strive to emulate the lives of these two aforementioned saints, we are so grateful to have been sent to represent the "Light of Life" in an increasingly secular Europe where millions have yet to have an adequate witness of Jesus. Since our last print newsletter we have **traveled** to many countries in Europe representing student ministry, challenging Christians to be living witnesses, and pointing others to faith in Jesus. Additionally, the Lord blessed us with the opportunity to visit some of our kids in N. Africa to absorb and glean from their context, while soaking up some grandparent time. Likewise, we've hosted dear pastor friends from Colorado, colleagues from Italy, and our SFC Connect 2023 planning team.

As this year draws to a close, we thank you for your partnership in the gospel. This November marked our 27th year of service to the people of Europe. And so with grateful hearts, we pray for you, fellow **pilgrims**, that your **wayfaring** not necessarily take the **path** of least resistance, but the **route** that is tried and true, following steadfastly Him who is **the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE!**

**Joyeux Noël!**

~Blair, Dina & Josiah

"Not all who wander are lost."

~J.R.R. Tolkien



**Photos** (clockwise from top right): Late night planning meeting for Connect '23; Student retreat in the Netherlands; Visiting former SFC leader, Lara, and her family; Uncle Si & Chloe; Praying for newly recognized pastors in the Assemblies of God of French-speaking Belgium.

