



Baines Broadcast

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Aiming to work with SIL in Chad

News from David and Evelyn Baines

Training with Wycliffe

A Year in Belgium

We can hardly believe we have been here a year already! Time has flown by! We are now looking at another 6 to 8 months in Belgium before we head back to Scotland. We have really enjoyed living here. David has studied French fulltime for the last 11 months and has progressed well. Several people have encouraged us with comments on his fluency. Evelyn enjoys her work as a nurse and values the friends she has made in the team.

Evelyn's bit...

We spent a lovely week away in Kiris, in Turkey at Easter. It was a welcome break for both of us and allowed us time to relax. We particularly enjoyed a visit to various archaeological sites among which were the ruins of Perge where Paul and Barnabas ministered. Aspendos' amphitheatre, the port village of Side and Antalya's 16th C Hammam were also well worth the visit.

This summer Brussels has been particularly warm with temperatures often reaching the mid 30s C. We've felt like Chad had come to Belgium !!

In a years' time, we hope to attend the 3 month-long Africa Orientation Course (AOC) which takes place in Cameroon. Our application for the course needs to be in a year ahead of time. The countdown to our departure will involve several steps: for David to reach the required level of French, for us to complete partnership development in Belgium and Britain, move our belongings back to Edinburgh, purchase and pack what we will need for Africa, have required vaccinations, get flight tickets and visa applications to name a few.



Bruges in May



Cliffhanger!

Highlights

April We celebrate David's Birthday on the 7th and Lesley Dewerses' 60th. We spend Easter week in Kiris, Turkey.

May We celebrate our second Anniversary on the 19th with a trip to Bruges, and have Ken Carter (WBT-UK) visit us.

June We celebrate Evelyn's Birthday on the 2nd and have a family reunion on Jenny Baines 50th - with a fireworks display David set up.

July David spends 2 weeks helping lead a Christian camp in the Alps, in a French only environment. We visit the Stauffacher in Marseilles.

August David returns to French classes full time after a months' break.



Thy Word is a Lamp to my feet
and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

David's bit...

During the first two weeks of July I worked at a Christian multi-sport summer camp. There were 20 campers from 12 to 16 years old. The leaders spent as much time as possible with the campers giving me plenty of practice in conversational French. It has been my first immersion in French and I feel the benefit from the language practice and the physical exercise! We must have walked a hundred kilometres over the fortnight, and also went bivouacking, rafting, climbing and horse riding.

Evelyn and I spent six days in Marseille where we visited Jean-Raymond and Christiane, a childhood friend of Evelyn. It was great to go snorkelling in the clear waters of the Blue Coast and to relax on the beach with friends. The weather was scorching with the temperature reaching 35°C, preparation for life in Africa!



Campers and staff in the French Alps

Praise the Lord with us

- That David was able to go to the camp and benefit from the immersion in French.
- For a relaxing holiday in Marseille, great weather and meeting childhood friends.
- That in June, a new tenant for our flat in Edinburgh was found for the next 6 months.

Please pray with us

- As we visit churches and individuals here in Belgium: That people will be excited about God's work in Chad and keen to take part.
- That our new tenant would be reliable.
- As we start the countdown to leave for Chad, the preparation and good byes that entails !!

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