

David and Evelyn Baines

Prayer and praise update - March 2007

Greetings from Brussels! We are grateful that we now feel settled in our flat in Brussels and in our new working routine. It's good to be close to Evelyn's family. We visit with them often and enjoy taking part in various activities with Evelyn's nieces Alexia and Jessica.

We now regularly attend the Eglise Evangélique Baptiste de Schaerbeek, our home church in Brussels. The church has grown a lot since we left for Chad so we are making new friends. We've joined a home group which meets weekly for prayer and Bible study. Evelyn also attends a Bible study on Tuesday afternoons, every other week.

At the beginning of January, David started working full time as a software tester for SIL International. Before joining Wycliffe, he was advised to get 2 years work experience and most of this 'happened to be' in Software Testing. David didn't think that would be useful in Chad; but it is now! The job description matches his work experience to a tee. It is great to see God at work!

Evelyn is going to be working with the Fieldworks team by helping to translate the user interface into French. This process is called "localization" and it involves translating all of the visible text from English to French. This is the first time that FieldWorks has been put into another language and it will be a good test of how well it can be localized.

The situation in Chad has been a bit more stable over the last few weeks. Though there's no immediate solution in sight to the political unrest, the work continues there even so. The SIL Chad branch retreat took place February 19th- 24th. This is a time when all the teams travel in from their villages to the capital N'djamena and have a time of Bible teaching, worship and fellowship - a time of renewal and some rest. By all accounts the teaching was excellent!

PRAY AND PRAISE:

- For a good start to David's new assignment testing Fieldworks software that is designed specifically to help linguists get to grips with any language, and to assist with Bible Translation.
- For feeling settled here in Brussels and that we would maintain good routines as we adapt to working from home.
- That there would be a lasting peace in Chad and in neighbouring countries.
- For a retreat with the congregation of Holy Trinity Brussels taking place this coming weekend (March 9th to 11th) during which we will be getting to know people better and leading a workshop about Wycliffe's work. Please pray we will be able to communicate well!
- For Evelyn's health: a scan done recently shows an ovarian cyst. Evelyn is taking treatment and will hopefully see this cyst disappear. Please pray that this will be the case when she has her next scan around March 19th.
- For our financial support to reach 100%. Though we have received several one time gifts for which we are very grateful, we hope to see our monthly support reach 100% so that we can be officially released to work full time with SIL International.

We are keen to hear your news and your own prayer requests! Thank you once again for praying with us and for us,

David and Evelyn.