

Missionary Notes

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Black day in Belgium

February was a month of sudden and unexpected change for many of our families here. On Thursday, Feb. 7th we had a seemingly routine visit from the social inspectors who came to confirm that the activities of our Christian School were being conducted in agreement with the Belgian law. We had regularly received these inspectors and had no idea that on this fateful day everything would be different. It seems that new legislation had left a lot of confusion in the minds of some government officials. The end result was that they felt that the activities of our school, and all of the ministries located in the European Ministries Center building across the street from the church, including International Media Ministries could not continue until every worker had an official work permit. Before they came to this conclusion however they detained 5 ladies 3 from the Christian school and 2 from IMM. They were thrown in Jail overnight and deported the next day. This work permit had never been required of us in the past and there seemed to be no choice except to close the school and International Media Ministries, and wait for some resolution. The fact is, we are still waiting for an answer and we do not know how this issue will finish. We need you to pray diligently about this matter! Ask the Lord to give us favor and to help everyone involved in this process to have clarity of thought. We are confident in the Lord! None of the ladies had any permanent mark on their record and most are back in the country. Praise the Lord. Please pray for and end to this matter.



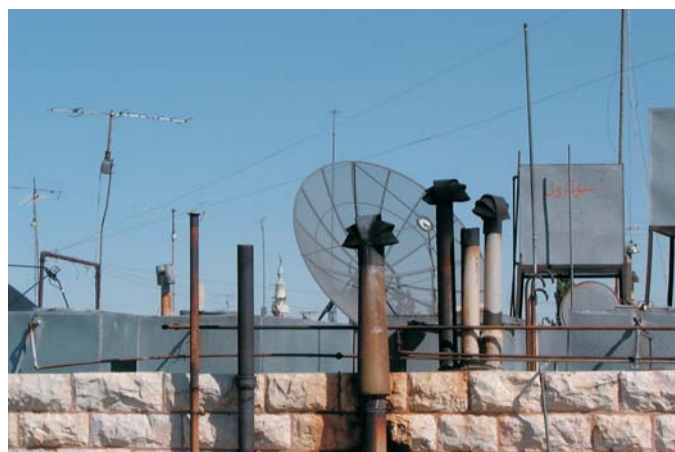
Middle East Television

The work of the ministry still goes on even if we can not enter the building. In March I had the opportunity to leave the country to go to the Middle East and install a television studio. This is an area of the world that is laterally littered with satelight dishes pulling in programs from around the world. God was able to use my talents for electronics to put the gospel message on the airwaves of a very needy area of the world. There is a great satisfaction in being able to leave not only equipment but we were able to leave with the missionary and members of the local congregation having a good grasp of how to use the equipment to produce weekly television shows of the local church service along with other shows made in their own studios. My prayer is that God will use this facility as a way to reach the middle east with the Gospel.

Other projects

I helped with running sound for a youth outreach in Brussels of over 1500 youth attending the Friday and Saturday events. Many Youth for the first time heard the Gospel and were saved.

Children's Programs are now being aired on Bengali national television for free. God has opened the door for His word to go to millions of Bengali speaking children.



Typical Middle Eastern Roof
The Harvest is Ripe for Media