

The Brushstroke

Your missionary prayer letter from Portrait, serving in Brussels, Belgium

Things we love about Belgium:

Fresh, hot waffles eaten as
we walk down the street

No pressure to conform to
certain hair or clothing styles

The flower lady and cheese
man at our weekly street
market

Medieval architecture

Springtime tulips and
daffodils



Alaska & Simon update

Alaska is almost five and still
loves to dress up like a
princess, and play with
ponies and dolls. We made
a castle out of a cardboard
box. Simon (age 2) has
been known to put on a
sparkly dress and crown and
join her. Simon's newest
phrase: "Mommy! Daddy!
Look at this!"

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Thank you for your warm welcome and your prayers for me. I believe God brought you into my life to show me His love."

"S" is a Belgian lady who recently returned to Brussels after living overseas. In her search for a church, she remembered one called Cornerstone from when she lived here several years ago. While searching the internet, and wading through a number of "Cornerstone" churches, she located the website for our church. On the website were photos and a brief bio for each of the church staff, but for some reason S wrote only to me, requesting further information and directions. I replied immediately and we began an e-mail correspondence. She shared her struggles with finding a job and Tina and I began to pray for her. Our worship team also started praying for her. We were thrilled when she showed up for church within a couple of weeks, and she has been coming ever since. She says, "I have felt so welcomed by you and I can see God is working in my life."



Sometimes we know why we are in certain situation and circumstances, and other times we rely on faith. In the last few months I've spent many hours replacing worn-out parts and installing equipment to help improve the church's sound system. I've also done some computer repair. Decidedly unglamorous and totally mundane...and it doesn't always feel like ministry. God has been reminding me, though, that He has a plan to use me for His purposes. Like Esther in the Old Testament story, perhaps He had me here "for such a time as this." to be significant in the life of S. I'm so glad I met her and I'm looking forward to what God will do in the future. I know the angels in heaven are rejoicing.

Blessings

Pete

For both of us,
Pete & Tina Matteson