



Pieter & Nora Kalkman International Ministries

*Life-changing missions in Europe through partnerships
with European Baptist Federation*



June 2008 Newsnotes -- Mission Discovery Team, Conferences, and a Volunteer For Us

Dear Friends,

It was great and encouraging to be at this years EBF Home Mission conference, where the European home mission secretaries are invited. This year it was combined with the BWA emerging leaders living water initiative, which resulted in a great and challenging conference.

One of the things coming out the conference was the insight that generally not the different programs or worship styles are helping the churches with lasting growth, but way the church penetrates the society, as the salt and the light. How much does society notice Church members making a difference? We were thankful for these encouragements, to seek being the salt, and it helped us encouraging volunteers to make the difference at their place of ministry.

I (Pieter) was able to visit the 2008 mission Discovery Team to Poland, and enjoy the fellowship of the diligent and devoted participants, working at a church in the Wisla resort area in Poland, a church that reaches out every year to numerous Baptists and orphans in their summer and winter camps, as well as in various ways into their community (including having youth do shopping for elderly). The Mission Discovery team helped finish conference facilities, and the entrance hall to the main sanctuary.

It was good after about 7 years to be in touch again with a street-children outreach center at the edge of down-town Prague. It is a privilege to prepare for several overlapping volunteers to help with the program for these street kids, this summer. Lost lives, with an addicted dad or mum in prison, get new hope through the love of this centers staff and volunteers. The Kids are called to come to Christ, and change their lives and the world for Christ. It is a special blessing to see it happen, and to be part of it through the volunteer coordination.

The last week of June, Nora and I were blessed by having a volunteer over from Colorado. He heads the mission Good Samaritan Technologies, and helps particularly ABC missionaries with computer knowledge needs and websites. We feel extraordinary fortunate that Kerry helps us with this need, and are looking forward to see this resulting in helping many more to understand the needs of Europe as a mission field and decide to volunteer in Europe. This helps the churches here in their ministry and the call to come to Christ, and to change the world for Christ.

Greetings and Blessings,
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