



We returned to Belgium in November. This furlough included 7 weeks in the mid-west. When we went to Belgium in 1978, the political, economical and philosophical landscape of the U.S. was very different than today. There is always a little apprehension about the future of the supporting churches and their viability to stay the course. We found the churches we visited active and faithfully serving . It was a good furlough.

Thanksgiving, although an American holiday, has become a big part of our church life. People will come for the food and fellowship. We had over a hundred in attendance this year. We had a lot of first time visitors as well as several repeat attendees. Our building was packed from front to back and side to side. The food was excellent, all though not your traditional thanksgiving food. We had African, Belgian, and even some was South American dishes accompanying our turkey.



Olivia and her son Alex have been in our church for about a year. After many question on heaven and salvation, Becky recently led him the Lord. Becky taught him in Junior church but also in secular school. His father has recently attended several church functions.. Alberta, a lady in her late 60s, has been attending on and off for the past 6 months. She also recently asked Jesus to be her Savior. What a privilege to be used by the Lord to lead people to the Lord.

December 15th was a milestone and blessed day at the church. Four people presented themselves for baptism. Baptism is a huge step here. Leaving the established religion for God often will divide families. The church building was full as two teens and two adults followed the Lord. One young lady had been waiting for her 18th birthday. Part of preaching that day was about the order of baptism. One is saved first, and then one is baptized. One of the adults said that she has been saved since attending the church and needed to be baptized.

