FOUR CORNERS

Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra with Film

On January 23, we were part of a team which is hosting the Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra and screening the film, The Counsel of Bordeaux. Our venue holds about 500 people and among the invitees were diplomats, mayors, parliamentarians, government officials, NATO representatives and people of influence in local government and European government. The Counsel of Bordeaux is a film which depicts the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes. During World War 2, he stood against the tide of the day and opposed the Nazi policies in Europe. The message is clear: people of influence should use their position wisely.



We had a successful event and a full house. Twenty diplomats came including eight ambassadors. Four city officials, members of Jewish Embassy and various leaders also participated. Our Jewish liaison was surprised at the response from the audience when they clapped for Israel. The Ambassador for Israel made a strong statement saying that racism cannot be permitted as a serious opinion in this day and age. Pray that Europe will walk out what they espouse as their own values.



GYPSY CHURCH

In February, Rocky preached in Antwerp at the Romanian gypsy church. Two people received the Lord and 12 rededicated their lives. Here is a picture of Rocky with his translator.

FINNISH TEAM

We had a Finnish team from Ywam come to the Brussels House of Prayer and joined with the several of the young men who meet on Mondays. Maldo, Peter and Paul are part of the next generation of leaders. They were joined by Allen, a new convert.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

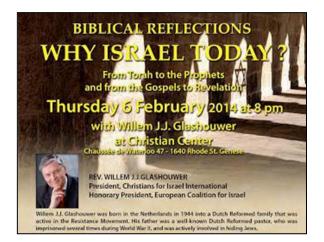
In January, Rocky joined the thousands worldwide to remember those killed during the Holocaust. There was a memorial at the Parliament building with about 400 people in attendance. It was encouraging to see friends there from several of the churches and ministries we work. The message of honoring Jewish roots is taking hold in a wider sphere. In addition, Rocky was able to talk with our Jewish friends and two representatives from Israel Embassy.

The speaker was Martin Schulz, the President of the European Parliament who said he spoke as a German and a European politician. On this night, he highlighted the evil in Hungary and Greece. With regret, he relayed how nationalist, populist and extremist parties are gaining ground, even winning elections, in the European Union. Mr. Schulz admonished the EU to adopt robust responses to combat anti-Semitism in all its guises, be it on the way to school, on the internet, in the media or in political life.

Following the political recognition at the Parliament, Rocky attended the Ecumenical service for Holocaust Memorial. Again, friends from different churches and ministries made us feel like we were in good company. Co-laborers from the Brussels House of Prayer led worship.







Rocky is on the team which planned and promoted this event. In addition to the evening meeting, Rocky's team arranged for Mr Glashouwer to speak at a local seminary. Others donated his book to the students. This topic was an inspiration to help these theology students understand God's covenant with Israel.

IBC YOUTH UPDATE - Rocky's take on it -

I am so blessed to see the growth with IBC youth group. When I started traveling last year, I turned the leadership of the group over to a young Belgian man, with the support of an American couple who had been helping me. After a year I am happy to see that so many others are helping now. Young adults (Kelsie, Elise) are helping and my former youth (Levi, Joakim and Thandile) are training to be leaders. Another couple, with a daughter in the group, are developing the worship team. There are now 16 on the worship team.



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