

BLF BELGIUM



In 1959, a small, but vital Christian publishing house in Brussels, Belgium began producing French-language literature, specifically targeting Christians in need of discipleship.

In January 2004, these two evangelical publishing houses joined hands to form a stronger, more complete and balanced publishing operation that would produce more literature, provide more variety, and cover a larger spectrum of need. They have not become one organization, nor has either changed its' name or given up its' identity, but they have joined forces under one Director who provides leadership to both.

Countless hours of **prayerful deliberation** started the process of uniting BLF Brussels and AES France in an effort to more efficiently provide the French world with more quality Christian literature.

With only a 45-minute drive connecting the two plants, Philip Kapitaniuk shares his time between them, bringing each more into line with the other for a smoother teamwork effect. Roles, functions and personnel are slowly shifting from one location to the other, and will continue to do so until the best balance is found.

A steering committee, made of members of both BLF and AES Boards (pictured below), is directing the joint operations in Europe.



PARTNERSHIP

Across the border in Marpent, France, a similar publishing plant started producing French-language literature in 1978, focusing more on nonbelievers in need of salvation.

AES FRANCE



Working together we can accomplish amazing things!

Harry Enns, BLF Executive Director welcomes Europe Director, Philip Kapitaniuk.

→ Recently, BLF printer, Mike Jensen had the privilege of helping AES staff produce 300,000 tracts for distribution in France and Belgium, to coincide with the April 2nd

European release of Mel Gibson's movie, *Passion of the Christ*. What a rare opportunity to supply Biblical answers to society's questions!

→ BLF's Sunday School Curriculum is being printed at AES with newer equipment, but is completed at BLF in Brussels.

→ Impressions Teams are being exposed to the 'big picture'. While still working in Belgium for 3 days, they also spend 2 days in France, interacting with the local church, and seeing firsthand the spiritual needs of Europe.

We praise the Lord for the privilege of this partnership in **reaching the French world for Christ!**

The more complicated the actual conditions are, the more delightfully joyful it is to see God open up his way through.

Oswald Chambers

UPCOMING TEAMS

2004

Feb Marysville, WA
 Mar Manhattan Beach, CA
 Apr Shawnee, KS
 May Sheboygan, WI
 June Minooka, IL
 July (a) Kalispell, MT
 July (b) Brentwood, MO
 Sept (a) Battle Ground, WA
 Sept (b) Canyon Lake, CA
 Oct Fresno, CA
 Nov 11-22 *Open*

2005

Feb 10-21 *Open*
 Mar (a) Shawnee, KS
 Apr Overland Park, KS
 May Vista, CA
 June Tulsa, OK
 July (a) El Cajon, CA
 July (b) Ventura, CA
 Sept (a) Sarasota, FL
 Sept (b) Manhattan Beach, CA
 Oct Souderton, PA
 Nov Burbank, CA

To make reservations or add your name to the waiting list, please contact our office.

EUROPE

EUROPE DIRECTOR

BLF is pleased to introduce the new BLF Belgium Director!

Philip & Heidi Kapitaniuk have graciously accepted the challenge of directing BLF Belgium, while still maintaining their long-standing position as Director of AES in Northern France.

Philip was born in Canada (to a Canadian father and a French mother) but grew up in France where his father served as a missionary with Slavic Gospel Association. In addition to five years of practical training in the printing business at AES, Philip received formal post graduate education at the "Faculté de Théologie Réformée" in France, Columbia Bible College (South Carolina), and finished with a BA from Wheaton College (Illinois) in 1988.

Heidi was born and raised in Illinois, where her father pastored several churches. She graduated from Wheaton College, with a French and Math major, spending one summer in Senegal as a short-term missionary, and one overseas semester in France. It was here she first met Philip, who was studying at the "Faculté de Théologie Réformée". They were married in 1985, and subsequently had the seven beautiful children pictured below. Heidi home schools all but Stéphane, who is in his first year at a private school. (Laura and Wesley are still preschoolers.)

Philip's tenure as AES Director began in 1989. Since that time, they have been actively involved in their local church: Philip as an elder with preaching responsibilities, and Heidi as Sunday School Superintendent. They have also been Youth Leaders for the past 12 years. Since January 2004, Philip has taken on the added challenge of being Director of BLF Belgium. Past involvement as a BLF missionary in Belgium equipped him with a basic knowledge of its history, business practices and goals, making it easier to 'step up to the plate' with less orientation than would normally be required.

When asked how they felt about the partnership between AES and BLF, now that it was several months old, they responded: *"We truly believe this is the way to go! The joining of these ministries makes a more complete picture - the potential is great. The French-speaking world*

needs top quality material for evangelism and for building up the church. We have a role to play: let's do it right!"



Please pray for the Kapitaniuk family! Balancing mission leadership,

church involvement, and raising a large family, while keeping their personal and spiritual lives in order, is a tremendous challenge.

Have you remembered BLF in your will?

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matthew 6:20

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