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Dear friends,

I recently got back from a conference in Budapest, and I wanted to share with you a little bit about one aspect of our work at the Centre for Lifelong Learning. The conference was a workshop for Language Coaches (those who help a new intercultural worker in their learning of language and culture),



2 Language Coaches' Workshop



1 Overlooking the Danube, Budapest

given by the Institute for Cross-Cultural Training, a part of Wheaton College.

There were about 20 of us from at least 14 countries around Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The participants came from several organizations, and their roles



4 exploring culture website

included supervision of language learners in many more locations. One of the participants, now a language coach in Russia, had been a student of mine our first year at Christiansen Academy! Our goal as a group was to learn about ways to help our language learners become more self-directed learners, encourage their learning of both language and culture, and help them monitor and assess their progress. While there, I gave a brief presentation on the [exploring culture](#) tool that the Centre for Lifelong Learning have developed.

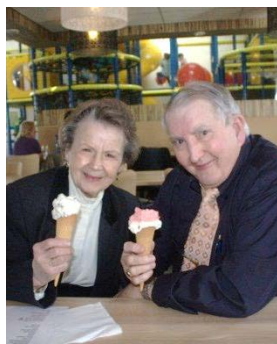


3 Roger with former CA student Liz Leininger

Two of the participants serve with TEAM, and between them they anticipate eight new workers and their families arriving in the next few months. These new arrivals have already been to our *phasetwo* and *phasefour* orientation in Wheaton, and I was able to help these coaches as they prepare a language learning approach that best fits each learner. We talked about learning styles, resources, tools, and coaching, as well as the characteristics of the new generation of workers who are coming.



6 Chris Rogers and Pat Foster



5 Mom and Herb Boyd

On the way home from the workshop, I stopped in Holland to visit my Mom and Herb Boyd. We spent three days together, including a delicious dinner with David and Crissie Boyd, Daniel and Heather Boyd, and their 3 Boyd boys, Cole, Luke and Joel. Daniel and Heather have only been in Holland a few months, and Heather is

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beginning to learn the Dutch language and culture. Can you guess one of the topics of conversation?

Back in the US, I am getting ready for the next TEAMServe orientation sessions (April 19 and 20) for a group of people who are involved in member care for our workers, making yearly visits to encourage them in the midst of their work. This orientation is focused on preparing them to use their gifts in serving inter-cultural workers.

Lois has said good-bye to her company car, and is now working only part time for AMT (she doesn't have



to use the term "semi-retired"). Her responsibilities as a Clinical Specialist in wound care continue as before, but her visits to facilities are primarily concentrated into two weeks out of every four.

Because she is working fewer hours, we will be able to travel more, both for ministry (deputation) and family connections. So, right after the TEAMServe orientation session, Lois and I plan to visit Chris and Naomi in Nanuet, NY. They are expecting their baby to arrive any day now. We continue to experience the joy of seeing our children walk in the truth (3 John 4). Kevin and Bridget are eagerly preparing to return to Africa, where they will serve cross-cultural teams in an equipping capacity. We plan to have a brief vacation as a family together before they leave this summer. For the fall, we are planning a trip to visit supporters and churches in the Northeast in between orientation sessions and other responsibilities with the [Centre for Lifelong Learning](#) at TEAM.

Thank you for your encouragement and support that make our ongoing ministry possible.

*Roger and Lois*

Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

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