

It is the day before we leave for Belgium and Joyce is talking with excited daughter Angie. We will be picked up by Angie tomorrow around 10:30 am and will head to the Indianapolis airport



Below Joyce finishes packing a carry on. ... More later!



6-13-2012 Dave and his harem arrived at the Indianapolis airport with time to spare. Hey guys ... Tough job but somebody has to do it!



6-14-2012 Arrived in Belgium on schedule but, of course, a tad bit tired. It was hard to sleep on the airplane and we wanted to get ourselves adjusted to Belgium time, so we tried to stay awake for most of the day. Ja-Deen (our daughter-in-law) helped by taking us for a sight-seeing tour of interesting places close to their home.



Joyce, Ja-Deen and grandson Conner standing in front of an abbey ruins. The name of the abbey is in French and this author hasn't been here long enough to pronounce, let alone spell it ... Maybe later in the blog we will see some of that.



Conner in a photo shoot shaking hands with Napoleon close to the Waterloo battlefield. 6-15-2012 Today Dave and the girls went grocery shopping. What an experience! Thank God Ja-Deen has gained a lot of experience and knows her French because it is hard to determine what you are buying.



Above Jade scans something that Grandma Joyce is buying. The process is kind of clever. As you shop you scan products and they are put on your (Ja-Deen's) electronic card. When you check out the clerk takes information from the card And then takes your Euros.



Hey girls, speak some French to me! Dave wants to come back tomorrow for lunch. The free samples are unbelievable. Cocktails (like in hard liquor), wine, sushi and chocolate ... Just to mention a few.



On our second stop, Shawna, Angie and Jade went to a department store while Dave, Joyce and Ja-Deen went to a local fish store in order to buy salmon for tomorrow's cookout. The frenchman in the background did a great job cutting the salmon into 10 filets.

6-16-2012 Below, Connor and his women waiting for Tyler's First Communion services to begin.





Above Tyler standing next to the banner he made marking the pew where family members are to sit. It was a very nice service and was the main reason Grandpa and Grandma came to Belgium.



Back at home after the service Tyler opening gifts and cards. Grandpa Dave was so impressed with Tyler reading all the cards aloud (no prompting from Mom or Dad) ... He even read Grandma Joyce's hand written note without a stutter ... Something Grandpa Dave can't do!

1-17-2012 David took the gang to Brusels today.



What a great time! We did all of the touristie things. Below Joyce and Jade enjoying a Belgium waffle covered with chocolate.



Of course you just have to have a Belgium beer at an outside cafe.



Hey mom ... Jade ordered a beer but Angie and Dave drank all of it (except for the two sips Jade took). Tomorrow Dave, Joyce, Angie, Shawna and Jade head to Paris for a couple of days. We will be taking a train But will be on our own ... Hey we have all the technology and information needed No problem???