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DAVID & CATHIE SANDIFER

with Annabelle (15) and Josiah (13)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



'Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.' (Is. 30:18)

Dear friends

We are reminded so many times in the Scriptures to wait on the Lord; but what an encouraging thing to be reminded that He also waits on us! He waits to be gracious to us. In a season when we've felt more pressed than usual, at times a little overwhelmed, and when we know that the answer is always to turn yet again to the Lord with all our cares, how good to know that not only is God never burdened by our pleas--He waits on us to wait on Him! Please continue to pray that we would never weary in bringing all of our needs to the Lord as we serve Him where He has sent us here in the Netherlands.

Ministry Update



Graduation ceremony for the Tyndale class of '26 in July.

We are thankful for another class graduating at Tyndale, and to see them begin to move toward the next steps the Lord has for them. Just after graduation, David headed to England to co-lead a gathering of post-grad Christian students from across Europe. The purpose of this week-long retreat is to equip rising



David at the Cambridge Scholars Network gathering in England.

Later in the summer, we headed to the South of France again to serve at a family camp there. Cathie led an arts workshop once again, and David led the youth Bible study and also the worship times for the combined group--with the help of Annie and her violin! This was now the fifth year we have done this, and it's wonderful to see our ministry there strengthening as we build stronger connections.



Cathie leading the painting craft group at Camp of the Peaks in France.



Synod of the Anglican Convocation in Europe in Manchester (if you squint you can see David in the very back!).

Things at Via have been in somewhat slower gear during the summer, but during the first week of September, David was in Manchester to represent the church there for the annual synod of the Anglican Convocation in Europe, which Via is a part of. David was on the planning committee for this, and it was so encouraging to meet delegates from churches all over the UK and Europe, and to see what God is doing to raise up new faithful Anglican congregations in this part of the world. There was a real sense there of God answering prayers and doing new things. As we write this, Via is preparing to launch its second Alpha course. We really saw the Lord answer prayers the last time we ran this earlier this year, and are praying for good fruit again this time around. So far, three non-Christian friends have said that they would come, which is hugely encouraging.



David teaching a seminar in Lille for the Brussels Bible Institute (IBB).

Christian academics to integrate their faith into their studies, and also to be faithful disciples in an often challenging environment. It was an encouraging time together, and there was good feedback from the participants indicating that they found the time together very helpful.

David was thrilled to have the chance to again give a day-long seminar for the Brussels Bible Institute, this time in Lille (France). The seminar was about understanding the key tenets of secularism, and how we are called to live faithfully in a secular culture--it seemed to have been well received.

Family News

We've had a refreshing but also fairly busy summer. We're so thankful that Annie was able to attend a youth camp, as well as a youth conference, both of which she found encouraging, while Josiah enjoyed some less structured R & R--a well-deserved respite from their hard work for both of them! Cathie has been continuing to pursue the possibility of starting a Christian secondary school in the Amsterdam area, and has been devoting quite a bit of time to this over the last couple of months. There are many challenges for making this happen, so we



really appreciate your continued prayers--at this point it feels as though it will take a string of miracles for everything to come together between now and September of '27! We are so thankful that Cathie was approved for a teacher certification course, but please pray that she will be able to complete all of the teaching placements that are required, especially with our complicated schedule. Please pray also for 2-3 key families to commit to the school, and for all the practicalities, including registration and finding a suitable location.

Australia Home Assignment

We are really looking forward to being back in Australia beginning the 1st of December! Because of commitments at Via, and also Cathie's teacher training, our time has had to be shortened somewhat, to about three and half months (our US home assignment is scheduled for June-July '28). But we are so looking forward to seeing many of you and having the opportunity to share in person all that God has been doing--and to renew our friendship. One practical request: we are still looking for a car at this point, so we would be thankful for any leads on that front! Thanks again to each of you for your faithful prayers and support--we continue to thank God for the amazing privilege of serving Him and His church here in the Netherlands and in Europe.

Give thanks

- For good health for each of us--praise God!
- For another graduating class at Tyndale
- For a good start to the autumn classes
- For expanding opportunities for ministry
- For recent growth at Via, and for the start of a new Alpha class
- For the first steps toward a school, and for those showing interest
- For God's spiritual protection

Please pray

- For God's favour in all the steps towards the launch of a new Christian school
- For Cathie's teacher placements
- For effectiveness for David in his teaching (with a heavy load this term)
- For God to use the Alpha course at Via to transform lives
- For preparations for our home assignment, and provision of a car
- For God to fill us with His grace every hour!

From David, Cathie, Annabelle and Josiah



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