

April 2026, Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison



**Michael and Rani Grivas-Allison**

*with Alexi (3)*

*Serving the Lord in Belgium*



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Dear Friends,

*Apologies if you received an update email that contained image errors. This was due to a software issue with the CMS email distribution platform.*

**Many thanks for your warm wishes and prayers after our last update!**

Praise God that since last writing, He has graciously brought Rani out of a tough season of morning sickness and our family back into a semblance of 'normal life'. As you can see below, **this has enabled some great opportunities to proclaim the gospel in public and private, and to encourage students to do the same!**

**We treasure your prayers in this season, both as we continue to discern how to best steward this 'extra time' in Belgium as we delay Home Assignment in order to welcome our little girl, and particularly, as we navigate conversations with the GBU about the shape of our future service here.**

With deep thankfulness for your partnership,

Some recent snapshots of GBU...



**In this last month, students across the GBU were invited to two different events around the theme of 'Injustice'** - a great opportunity to proclaim the generous and surprising 'justice' of Jesus' death on the Cross in our place!

**You can thank God** for some good **prayer** momentum during these weeks, some brave first-time **walk-up evangelism** attempts, some students who came simply through receiving **flyers**, and some **great Q&A questions** (everything from *"Why did God need to send Jesus, couldn't He just forgive us?"*, to *"Isn't it unjust to force your beliefs on someone else?"*, to, *"How should Christians pursue justice in the world?"*)

**This month, we've also been thankful for some good discipleship and evangelistic moments one-to-one.** From helping a new Christian write a politics paper on Paul's concept of 'solidarity' in 1 Corinthians, to starting Mark with an investigating Belgian guy, to continuing to disciple a student Bible study leader...**all great opportunities to see students engage with God in his Word!**



**Pictured above:** missional momentum (prayer meetings, walk-up evangelism, mission events) with the GBU group in Liège (top), Brussels East (middle) and Brussels South (bottom).

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**Some snapshots of family life...**



**Above:** Alexi celebrating his fourth birthday, a happy backseat driver in our new car, and being introduced to smells on our street that make us think of Sydney (jasmine!)

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 **Upcoming dates...**


- **May 2** - Rani preaching at church women's brunch.
- **May 14** - Michael preaching at Le Bon Livre (Brussels parachurch organisation) retreat.
- **1 October** - baby Grivas-Allison # 2 due.
- **December 26 - April 27** - Home Assignment.

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 **Please thank God...**

- **For precious moments opening His Word** with both Christian and non-Christian students one-to-one.
- **For the recent 'Injustice' mission events** and the way they both sharpened Christian students and clearly presented the gospel to non believers.
- **For deepening relationships and opportunities to serve at our church** (particularly the recent development of a mutual Christian friendship for Rani in French).

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 **Please ask God...**

- To continue working through the GBU to **establish Christian students** in the gospel and **draw the lost to himself**.
  - **For gracious, clear communication** as we continue to navigate conversations with the GBU about our future location and timeline in Belgium.
  - **To bear much fruit** in our lives, character and ministry as we extend our first term in Belgium to the beginning of December.
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*"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.  
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.  
Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,  
he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in his faithfulness."*

Psalm 96:11-13

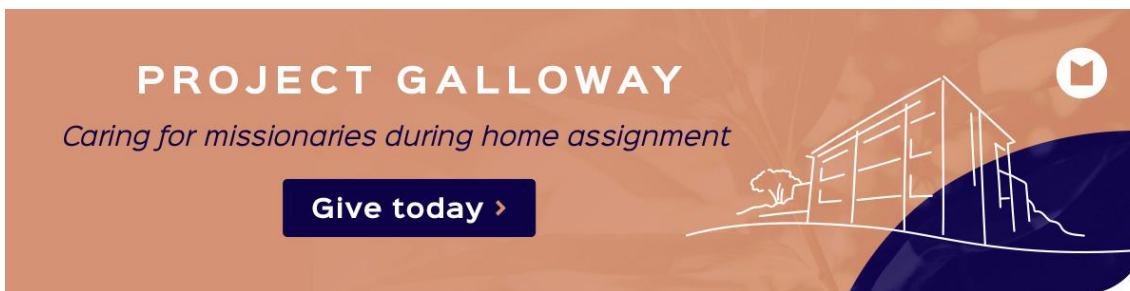
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*From Michael and Rani*

[Say 'hello' or let us know you've prayed for us!](#)

### **Project Galloway**

At the beginning of 2025, CMS purchased a block of 11 units on Galloway St in North Parramatta, to be used for missionary housing. The first missionaries on Home Assignment have now moved in. We are excited that they will be able to live in community while on Home Assignment and share the joys and challenges of being away from location. Will you prayerfully consider giving to this \$8 million project? To find out more or to make a donation, please go [here](#).



### **Financial Partnership**

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**We're so thankful for your partnership with us to see a world that knows Jesus!**

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