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DAVID & CATHIE SANDIFER

with Annabelle (14) and Josiah (12)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



'Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking...'
1 Peter 4:1 (ESV)

Dear friends

It is striking that when Peter tells his readers to follow the pattern of Christ and His sufferings, he enjoins them to 'arm themselves' with this way of thinking. This implies that how we think can potentially be a *weapon* in our spiritual battle against the enemy. A lot of our ministry at Tyndale involves shaping the students in their thinking. Our prayer is that as we help them to grow in their knowledge of the truth, and in their ability to distinguish from the many *untruths* all around, that they would be *armed* for the battles ahead as they follow their Captain in the fight.

Ministry Update

Summer has been a welcome change of pace after the busyness of the semester. June and July were mostly a time of catching-up and preparation with respect to David's teaching. In August, we returned to the South of France to serve at a family camp there. It was encouraging to be able to build on the connections that we made there. Cathie led art workshops once again, and helped with the younger children. David led the worship team and the daily Bible study with the teenagers. We were overjoyed to learn that last year two of the teenagers in the Bible study gave their lives to Christ during the camp!



David and Annie with the worship team at Camp of the Peaks in France.

David also had the opportunity to participate in a program in England for Evangelical PhD students from across Europe, which aims to ground their faith during their studies in order to help them be effective witnesses for Christ in their academic contexts. David gave presentations on the 'perils of academia' and on the role of spiritual disciplines during the PhD years.

The start of the new term has been busy at Tyndale. We've welcomed the largest intake in recent memory, and are also switching over from a semester to trimester calendar system--and inaugurating a new curriculum! The incoming class has been a breath of fresh air, and we are particularly thankful for a larger-than usual group of Dutch students. David is carrying a particularly heavy load, as he's had to double-up this term since he'll be on academic sabbatical after the new year. As for our church plant, Via, we are continuing to meet weekly, and having a sweet time together, but are praying to God about the next steps, as the way forward is not entirely clear--please pray for unity of vision on the leadership team.

Family News

Cathie and the children have enjoyed a well-earned respite from school work over the summer. Annie attended a summer camp, and both Annie and Josiah were able to join a youth group for a Christian festival for a few days in England. We are so thankful for these opportunities which seem to have been significant for them, especially as they have quite a small circle of Christian friends. The school year is now off to a busy and productive start, which seems to involve increasingly more juggling as the kids get older. They are enjoying playing hockey once again, and Cathie is again helping to coach Annie's team--please pray for God to use this to open doors for relationships. We also appreciate your prayers for a good friend who pastors a large international church in Amsterdam (the church we used to attend), and who is battling advanced cancer--their family is very close to ours, and this has been a big burden these last months.



Annie and Josiah with the group from the Netherlands who attended the New Day festival in England.

We are so thankful for your continued prayers and support, which enable us to serve the Lord here!

Give thanks

- For a refreshing and encouraging summer
- For the growth we are seeing in our children's relationship with the Lord
- For a good start to the new term at Tyndale, and for a great group of new students
- For physical strength and good health
- For God's mercies, new every morning!

Please pray

- For David to have wisdom and strength in his teaching this semester
- For financial provision for Tyndale
- For the next steps for Via Church
- For wisdom for Cathie as she oversees the children's schooling
- For good health, especially after some viruses
- For our continued progress in learning Dutch
- For renewed joy in the Lord as we walk with Him each day

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