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DAVID & CATHIE SANDIFER

with Annabelle (14) and Josiah (11)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



'But we have the mind of Christ.' (1 Cor. 2:16b)

'May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day...' (Kate Wilkinson)

Dear friends

Here at Tyndale where David teaches, he's been spending a lot of time lately with a curriculum revision. This means a lot of time thinking about what we want to impart to our students, and how we want to shape their thinking. There are many varied aspects to this, but at the end of the day, what we want most for our students in terms of their intellect is that they *think like Jesus*. That seems like impossibly lofty goal, until we remember that, according to Paul, 'we have the mind of Christ!' Please pray that we would in fact be 'taught by the Spirit' so that we could faithfully impart 'spiritual truth' (1 Cor. 2:13) rather than human thinking to those God has called us to here in Amsterdam.

Tyndale and Via Update

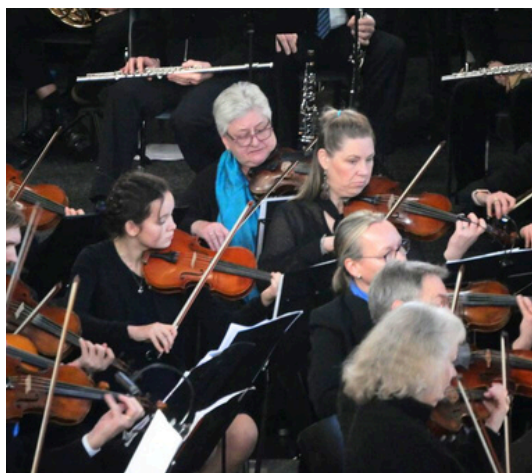
After the last term ended in December, David has had a bit of time to catch his breath in January, and work on preparation for the next term. The curriculum revisions will mean some significant changes to next year, and one exciting aspect to this is that the required preaching class has been expanded, and David will now be co-teaching this with another member of the faculty--this is one of the areas that has been on his heart, and it's a wonderful opportunity and privilege to help prepare our students in this way.



Josiah and friends at the neighbourhood Kid's Bijbel Club for Christmas, hosted by Tyndale

We appreciate your continued prayers for our church, as we seek for the best way to reach out into our community--we are praying both about starting regular outreach events and conscious that we need more evangelism. Please pray for energy for us, and most importantly, a prayerful, dependent church that moves in faith to reach the lost. Please pray also for Cathie as she works with others to continue efforts to reach the children in our community through intermittent Bible Clubs. Please pray that the 'Lent' club at Tyndale, which the local school has agreed to advertise, will be well attended and open hearts to the truth.

Family News



Annie playing in the KLM 'Airchestra' concert.

As we look back on the past year since we returned from Australia, we are so thankful for God's provision in many, many ways--our children's good health in particular, and the ways that they've both been able to get re-inserted into life here. They've both been enjoying continuing to play hockey, and Annie has loved being part of the official KLM 'Airchestra', made up of amateur musicians from the airline, along with others from the local community. One of our neighbours, also a violinist, takes Annie to practice each week. As the cold winter is nearing its end, the outdoor hockey season is about to begin again and Cathie is coaching Annie's team. This has been a lovely opportunity to build friendships with other families in our community, and we would appreciate prayer that we

would reflect Jesus in this opportunity. It's also been a bit of a difficult team to coach as it is full of beginners in a tough division!

On a practical front--our car has died! It was quite old, and we knew that it didn't have much longer but it has suddenly met its demise. Please pray for God's provision for the right car to meet our needs. Thank you so much for your continued partnership for a Europe that knows Jesus!

Give thanks

- For a continued run of good health for all of us
- For a fruitful term of teaching at Tyndale
- For good progress on the new curriculum
- For an encouraging season at Via church
- For the children having settled back in well to their life in the Netherlands
- For spiritual and physical refreshment during January

Please pray

- For God's provision of the right car for our needs
- For a good start to the new classes David is teaching ('Public Theology' and 'Preaching')
- For a good conclusion to curriculum and calendar changes at Tyndale
- For guidance for community outreaches by both Via and Cathie's kid's club
- For the the next step for Annabelle's schooling
- For us to accomplish each day in God's strength all that He has prepared for us

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