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DAVID & CATHIE SANDIFER

with Annabelle (13) and Josiah (11)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



'For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.' (1 Thess. 2:19-20, NIV)

Dear friends

Few things give greater joy this side of heaven than seeing someone one has invested in grow in the Lord. For us, this is our greatest motivation and the reason that we are here in the Netherlands serving Christ and His church. We are reminded of this at this time of year as we have the special joy of seeing another crop of graduates finish at Tyndale. It's a bitter-sweet time, as we say goodbyes after several years together. But it is mostly a time of thanksgiving, as we see the growth which God has brought about, and rejoice in having had some small part in it. Thank you so much for your prayers and support which have enabled us to serve here for almost four years now!

Tyndale Update

As the academic year draws to a close, we are so thankful for God's help this term: it was a particularly busy one, especially after being away for over six months, but we were very conscious, once again, of God carrying and equipping us. David was again encouraged by his teaching and the response of the students, and Cathie was thankful for the opportunities to share our lives with the community once again. David will be teaching one more class, an intensive 'reading seminar' on engaging secularism at the end of June.



2024 Tyndale graduates with the faculty

Other News

The new Anglican service in our town is off to a good start, by God's grace! It is still very small, but, in addition to several students, two couples seem to be committed to coming, and we have a very encouraging time together each week. Cathie and Annie provide the snacks (Annie usually makes a cake!), Josiah runs the slides, Annie and David lead the singing, and David takes turns preaching.



David teaching at the Brussels Bible Institute, and at the European Leadership Forum in Poland.



Annie cleaning with some Tyndale student at a work day.

We appreciate your prayers for God to continue to work through this, and for us to be able to draw in more from our local community. David's time leading an all-day seminar in Brussels was very well received, and other invitations seem to be in the works for more opportunities to minister in a French-speaking context, which is an answer to prayer! David also had the opportunity to represent Tyndale at the European Leadership Forum in Poland, where he also led a session, and was the co-convenor for the Academic Network at the conference. There is a possibility that this will lead to further involvement with ELF, something we are committing to prayer. At the end of June, David will be involved in helping to moderate a conference for pastors and leaders in the Netherlands, which focuses on secularism, and will feature the author Carl Trueman. Please pray for this, as this topic is a huge area of need for churches here in the Netherlands.

Our children are well, and have really enjoyed being back in the Netherlands. We have received permission again to home-school, praise God, and Cathie is enjoying this season with the children. We are leaving for the US in three weeks, to visit supporting churches and family, and are so looking forward to seeing some of you there!

Give thanks

- For good health for all four of us, and a positive report for David's heart in particular
- For approval for home schooling
- For grace for a heavy teaching semester for David, and a positive response
- For a good start to Via Anglican Church
- For encouraging outside teaching opportunities for David
- For sweet times in the Lord personally and as a family

Please pray

- For guidance and provision for the new Tyndale graduates
- For the secularism conference and class at the end of June
- For neighborhood children to come to the Kids' Bible Club
- For preparations for visiting our US churches and supporters in July
- For the provision of a car for four weeks in Florida
- For our faith to grow as we depend on the Lord each day

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