

September 2025, Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison



Michael and Rani Grivas-Allison

with Alexi (3)

Serving the Lord in Belgium



Dear Friends,

We are full of **thanks for your prayers over this past whirlwind month of 'la rentrée'** ('the re-entry'), as all the 'moving parts' of our life have kicked back into gear after the summer. 🙏🥂

As you will see below, this is something of a **'patchwork' season**, where God has us engaging in a **mix of of dedicated 'learning' and 'ministry' spaces**, as we continue to consolidate our language skills and adapt to serving with the GBU.

We treasure your prayers for God's work in all of this, that He would work both **for the good of His Kingdom** and for **our faithfulness and trust** in Him as we learn how to best serve in this new phase 🙏

With deep thanks for your partnership,

Michael & Rani

'La rentrée' for...everything!

Our church re-united after the long summer for its annual camp, providing precious opportunities to slow down and get to know people better. Please pray that God would deepen some of the connections formed on camp, and give us wisdom to know how to best love our church family in this coming year.



Above: long meals (complete with candles, tablecloths and wine!), walks in the countryside, and in Alexi's case, plentiful opportunities to run with the big kids!

We're now back in the classroom for a few mornings each week, split between the *Université Libre de Bruxelles* for language class and the *Institut Biblique de Bruxelles* for a preaching lab. Both have been helpful so far, though in very different ways!





Above: our building at ULB and a pic from the recent graduation service at IBB, as outgoing students are prayed for.

We have now transitioned from 'staff-waiting-in-the wings' to 'staff on the ground' with GBU. Please pray for our good integration into the GBU staff team...and for their patience as we continue to muddle our way towards ministry competence in a new language and context!



Above: our team of co-servants (minus Sarah who volunteers one day a week), for whom we are very thankful to God.

Students are back on campus, including at 'Alma' , a university campus in the east of Brussels where GBU prayerfully plans to plant a new group this year. Please pray that God would work powerfully in and through this new GBU venture!



Above: two bold GBUssiens doing some visibility/outreach. The sign says 'one question, one

lolly', with a wheel of questions/objections to Christianity to stimulate discussion.

The GBU groups in Brussels and Liège both kicked off with warm welcome events.

Praise God that newcomers and explorers were present in both groups and please pray for a growing culture of invitation among the Christian students.



Above: student ministry essentials - food and games!

We are praying that God would lead each of us to one or two students to read the Bible with this year. Rani has recently started reading Galatians with A, a student from a Christian background who is wrestling with the gospel. Please pray that God would break through her spiritual confusion and lead her to a firm trust in Jesus' death in her place for her salvation.





Above: more student ministry essentials...

Upcoming dates...

- 9 Oct - **first public GBU event at Alma**, 'Why God if I am satisfied without Him?'
- 17-18 Oct - **GBU prayer evening & training day**
- 30 Oct - 2 Nov - **Rani away at IFES evangelism conference.**
- End of April - end of August 2026 - **Home Assignment**

Please thank God...

- **For a good balance** of learning and ministry in this season, and his **gracious enabling** of us as we keep 'stretching'.
- **For the small group of GBU students committed to leaving their comfort zone** in order to make Jesus known.
- **For new and exploring students** at the launch of both GBU Brussels and Liège.

Please ask God...

- **To work powerfully on Alma campus this semester**, drawing Christians and seekers alike 'out of the wood-work' to form a GBU group that can regularly meet around the Bible.
- **To strengthen and grow GBU Liège** (currently around 6 students and without a staff worker).

- For the timely provision of the **remaining paperwork for our visa applications** (deadline end of Oct), and for their swift approval.

From Michael and Rani

Say 'hello' or let us know you've prayed for us!

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

Ephesians 6:18-20



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