

November 2025, Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison



Michael and Rani Grivas-Allison
with Alexi (3)
Serving the Lord in Belgium



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers for us over this last month, which has brought many wonderful and stretching opportunities to do and grow in Gospel ministry! 🍎 🌱

Below you'll read a story of **what it's been like to support GBU students in Liège**, how God has been continuing to **equip us for ministry** here, and some recent snaps of **family life**.

As always, we've tried to give you **an honest snapshot** of both the **incredible value** of the work you have sent us to do...and the **smallness, slowness and weakness** of what it looks like to do it together with our brothers and sisters here.

We pray it would spur you on to keep seeking his Kingdom in your own circumstances, and to keep praying with us as we seek to see **Jesus exalted among university students in Belgium**. 🙏

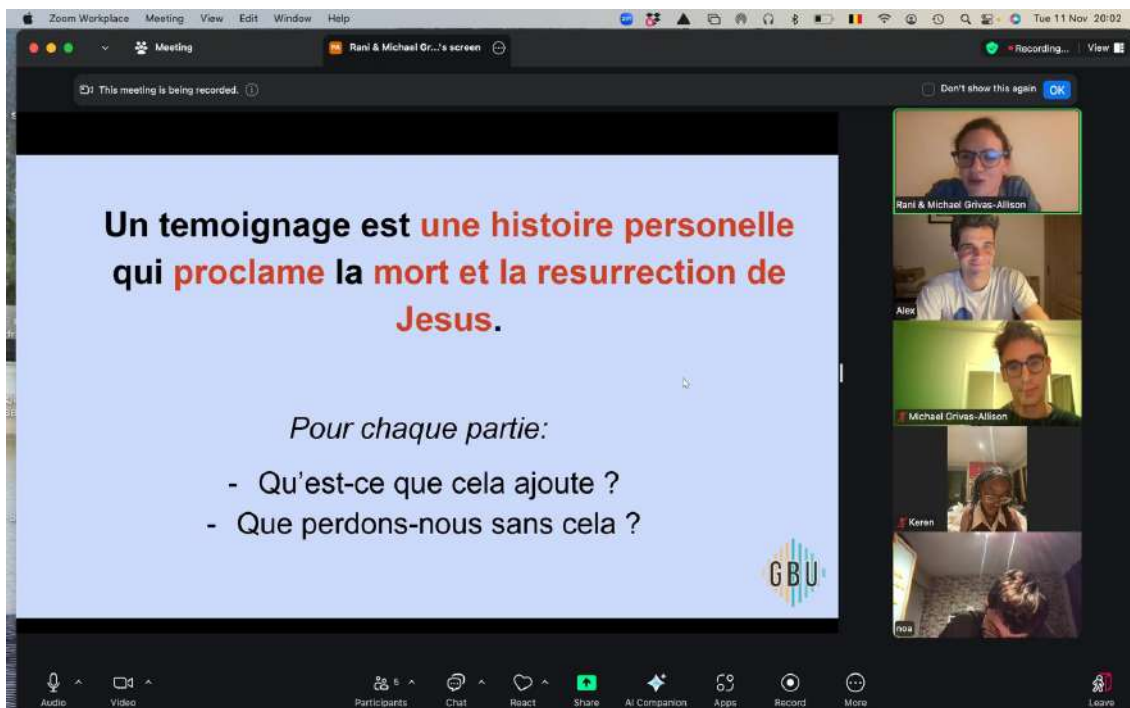
Thank you so much for your prayers!

With love in Christ,

Supporting students in Liège to make Jesus known...



Liège (pictured above) is a university city about 90 minutes from the centre of Brussels. The core GBU group is around 5-6 students, supported remotely by the Brussels staff team. **This month, we had the joy of accompanying these students to plan, promote and execute a games and testimonies evening.** As you can see below, it was a great learning experience (for them and for us) and were encouraged to see God at work!



There are some fairly strong prosperity Gospel currents in the Belgian Christian scene, which mean that testimonies sometimes have a tendency to focus on "how Jesus helps us in times of difficulty", rather than the life-changing power of his death and resurrection. **In response to this, we wrote and led some training to help students share their story through a Gospel lens.** Above you can see us midway through our

definition ("a testimony is a personal story which proclaims the death and resurrection of Jesus"), asking what each part adds, and what we'd lose without it.



We each caught the train to Liège on different days to help the students distribute flyers for the event. Praise God for their **real courage and ownership** (above you can see pretty much the whole GBU group!). Despite this win, we ended up *flyering* at unideal locations and times, so weren't very effective... This is **one of the challenges of supporting students remotely**, with limited capacity to meet and strategize about how to best do mission on the ground. **Please pray for wisdom for GBU staff as we support these students by distance, and that God would raise up future staff for Liège.**



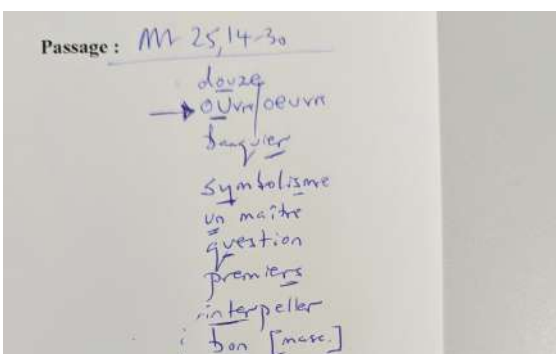
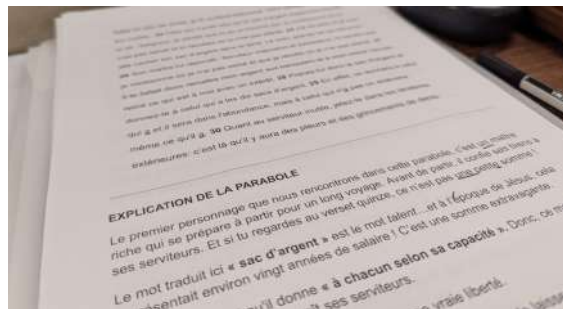
Praise God that on the night, the core Liège group were outnumbered more than 5-1! Of the 30 students who came, almost all were invited personally by members of the group. The evening had a really warm and fun atmosphere, with lots of games, laughter and a meal together. K (pictured) gave a clear, faithful and personal testimony of Jesus' work in her life...and in front of a much bigger crowd than expected! **Praise God for his work in-and-through this group of faithful students!**





We also thank God for some great insights from the evening for us as new staff. This included realising we need to support students more closely (the other student who shared his testimony sadly didn't speak very much of Jesus), and encourage them more explicitly to talk to guests! This kind of learning is invaluable for us as we learn how to better support students in the future. **Please pray for God's continued gift of insight in the coming months, as we seek to grow in our effectiveness on the ground.**

Still learning how to make Jesus known in French...



As part of our subject at the *Institut Biblique de Bruxelles*, this month we also preached our first sermons in French. Above you can see some of the 'visible' and 'less visible' aspects of this process (including French texts that take twice as long to write as English ones, and a list of mispronounced words helpfully noted by our lecturer!). We thank God for a safe space in which to have a first go at this and for the treasure of his word in any language. **Please pray that he would continue to shape and grow us as proclaimers of his Word in French.**

Making Jesus known in the universities of Europe...



Thanks for praying as Rani travelled with two other GBU staff to an IFES conference on public university evangelism. Thank God for the genuine refreshment and stimulation it was for her, the opportunity to receive feedback on an apologetic talk she will give later for GBU, and for many good conversations (including with GBU colleagues Sara and Sarah, pictured above with Rebecca Manly Pippert, author of evangelism classic, *Out of the Saltshaker*). Thank God that Michael and Alexi also enjoyed quality time together in Brussels, including a visit to the 'Atomium' (above), Brussels' equivalent of the Eiffel tower...



Some final assorted snaps - first snow of the season, Michael's birthday at the end of October, and staff meeting essentials - notebook and cheese!

Upcoming dates...

- 22 Dec - 2 Jan - **Christmas break & short family holiday**
- 14 Feb - **Hérauts** (GBU annual conference)
- End of April - end of August 2026 - **Home Assignment**

🙏 Please thank God...

- For working in and through the students at GBU Liège to make Jesus known.
- For the unity and encouragement of the GBU staff team, despite our different backgrounds, cultures, experiences and personalities.
- That God works through weak human words to proclaim his powerful Word.

🙏 Please ask God...

- For a strong finish with students before they disappear into Christmas and exam prep.
- For plentiful moments together and with friends to speak of and celebrate Jesus as we enter the Christmas season.
- For continued opportunities to grow in skill and confidence as proclaimers of his word in French.



From Michael and Rani

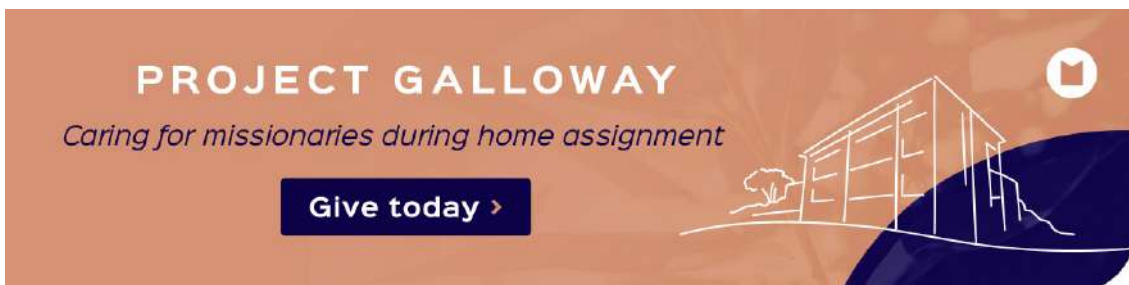
Say 'hello' or let us know you've prayed for us!

"When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power."



Project Galloway

At the beginning of 2025, CMS purchased a block of 11 units on Galloway St in North Parramatta, to be used for worker housing. The units are currently undergoing extensive renovations, with the first workers on Home Assignment expected to move in before Christmas! We are excited that CMS workers 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](#).



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