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## DAVID & CATHIE SANDIFER

with Annabelle (15) and Josiah (13)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



*'And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.'* (Eph. 1:22,23 NIV)

### Dear friends

It is extraordinary to the point of being almost incomprehensible that, according to Ephesians 1, when God placed all things under Christ's authority He did it FOR the church--the church which is 'the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way'. God has given the Body of Christ in the world a place and a role which is indescribably grand--it is the fulcrum of God's activity in the universe. Of course it doesn't always seem that way to us! Please pray that this true picture of the church would fill our vision and be our motivation as we serve God where He has placed us here in the Netherlands!

### Ministry Update



Having lunch after church at our supporting church in France.

David has been continuing to oversee his department at Tyndale and to mentor students during his teaching sabbatical, along with some extra time for research, writing, and course preparation. We are encouraged by the feedback we are receiving from the students regarding both the new curriculum and the new trimester schedule, as it seems to have, on balance, lessened the load for them--this had been an on-going concern. Our third-year students are now in their final weeks of study--please pray for them to finish well at Tyndale, and for the Lord to lead them in their next steps.

At Via church, we continue to be encouraged by new people joining us--in particular, we thank God for an Alpha couple who are now regulars--so much so that on several occasions we've been at capacity in our small space. We are looking at another nearby option to meet in, which would have several significant benefits, but also some potential downsides--please pray for God's direction in this. Please pray also for God's guidance for several decisions about the next few months, and about the best date for the next Alpha class in particular (we are aiming for the autumn).

We had the opportunity a couple of weeks ago to again visit the church that David's parents planted North of Paris (which now supports us). David preached and it was lovely also catching up with old friends, and hearing of God's work in their lives. We also recently were delighted to welcome for a few days the Delantys, who serve at the church where we were in Australia (Leura) before coming here. It was a very special time in particular to have them join us for the church service at Via, and for James to lead Communion.

Looking ahead, David will be heading to the European Leadership Forum in Poland again later in the month. This is a gathering intended to equip Christian leaders from all over Europe, with over 700 in attendance. David will once again be co-leading the 'Academic Network', as well as giving two seminars. Please pray that the participants would leave better equipped to serve God in the spheres He has called them to, and that God would use them to bring spiritual renewal across Europe.



*James Delanty, from our supporting church in Leura (AUS), leading Communion at Via Church.*

## Family News

Cathie continues to oversee our children's homeschooling, and they are doing well, even as scheduling becomes more complicated as time goes on--particularly with multiple online classes around the world! We appreciate your prayers for us as we seek wisdom for the best options for Annabelle for the last years of high school. Cathie has also been praying about ways to help equip Dutch Christian parents with their schooling options--she will be helping to oversee a Dutch Tyndale student doing an independent study on the topic, and has also begun to network with others about this. We are so thankful for continued good health--and for uncharacteristically warm weather and blue skies! Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

## Give thanks

- For continued good health for all of us
- For a very encouraging response to the Alpha Course
- For a great class now nearing graduation at Tyndale
- For a strong sense of God's protection and strength during this period

## Please pray

- For the plans for the next few months at Via church
- For students to finish the term well, especially those graduating
- For the European Leadership Forum, and for David's role in it
- For financial provision for Tyndale
- For Cathie's continued oversight of Annie and Josiah's schooling
- For us to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in every area of our lives

*From David, Cathie, Annabelle and Josiah*



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