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October 2025, Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison



Michael and Rani Grivas-Allison

with Alexi (3)

Serving the Lord in Belgium



Dear Friends,

After our first full month of 'all cylinders firing' as hybrid GBU staff/Bible college students/language learners, we are very thankful to God for your prayers! 🚲

As you can imagine, it's been a month of equal parts excitement, stress, revelation, and confusion as we've felt our way through many new things. **Thank the Lord that He has been with us in all of this** - reminding us of the privilege of ministry, encouraging us with evidence of His work, and showing us our need for Him. 🙏

We've shared a little 'peek' into GBU particularly this time and look forward to sharing more about the unique opportunities, needs, rhythms and character of this ministry as we keep discovering it in the months ahead.

As always, a warm **thank you to those who say 'hello' to us each month**. We love hearing from you and about what God is doing where you are.

With love in Christ,

Michael & Rani

An early peek into ministry with the GBU...



Thanks for praying for the new GBU group in Brussels East (Alma)! We are thankful for permission to meet in a café on campus, and a very motivated student (M), who has already invited friends and done some solo-flyering (all while studying medicine and commuting each day from near the French border!) Please continue to pray that God would help us to 'find' the Christians on campus, rally them to the GBU vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known, and connect us with those seeking Him.

Above: the leafy Alma campus, our first prayer meeting, and our first event the week after (almost half were not Christians).





It's been great to be part of the main group in Brussels South, and to see their model for ministry. Students come from different campuses and the main time we have with them is on Monday evenings (we meet at a local expat church). The program alternates between (staff or student led) **Bible discussions, and apologetic/evangelistic talks.** Wonderfully, there always seem to be **new people and explorers.** Of course, there is always a meal together!

Above: some typical snap shots of the Brussels South Group, featuring dinner together, and a local pastor as a guest speaker.



This month we also saw the '24HRS of GBU' (the equivalent of our annual 'weekend-in'). This coincided with World Student Day and included opportunity to pray for different university groups (hello CBS in Sydney!) around the world. **Many churches here do not**

have a strong focus on global or local mission, so it was great to **hear students praying passionately for the spread of the gospel**. We pray that over time this part of the GBU culture might have an impact on local churches in the long term.

Above: meal times = conversation times (spy the kids table in the back), and praying together in our church's basement.

Upcoming dates...

- 25-29 Oct - **Leave and family time in Brussels**
- 30 Oct - 2 Nov - **Rani away at IFES evangelism conference.**
- Week of 10 Nov - **Running testimony training for GBU Liège**
- 13 & 20 Nov - **First sermons in French** (at IBB).
- End of April - end of August 2026 - **Home Assignment**

Please thank God...

- **Keen students, new contacts and good vibes** at GBU Brussels East (Alma).
- **For Rani and Alexi's visas** (still waiting for Michael's, though we're confident it will come 'in its own time').
- **Weekly playdates and our deepening friendship** with Alexi's best friend James and his parents Michaela and Matt.

Please ask God...

- **To bless our minds and mouths** as we write and preach our first sermons in French.
- **For sharpening, bonding and encouragement for the GBU female staff** (Rani, Sara and Sarah) at *FEUER conference* (Fellowship of Evangelists in the Universities of Europe) and for **safety, sanity and quality time** for Michael and Alexi in Brussels.
- **That our love would 'abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may discern what is best and be pure and blameless'** (Phil 1:9-11) in this new season of learning and doing.





From Michael and Rani

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

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:9-11

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