

July 2025, Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison



**Michael and Rani Grivas-Allison**

*with Alexi (3)*

*Serving the Lord in Belgium*



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Dear Friends,

**Thank you for praying with us through this last busy month and end to the academic year in Belgium 🙏**

As you will read below, **God has been clearly at work during this time** (and no doubt in many ways we are not aware of!) and has been generously bringing good things from your prayers 🌱

We hope you're encouraged by the snapshots below, and would love you to please **keep praying with us through this last stretch of the summer** - particularly as we serve on our first (ever!) kids camp and take some holidays as a family. 🎉🎈

With thankfulness for our fellowship in Christ,

Michael & Rani

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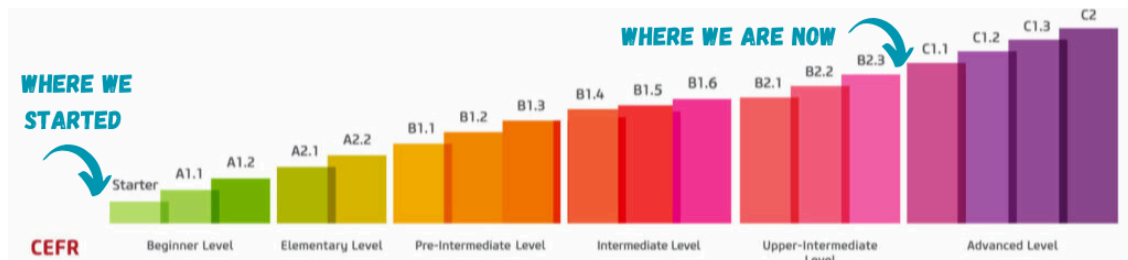
**In the last month...**



## We finished full-time language study!

Thank God with us for His gracious sustaining of us over these past two years of intensive study (particularly through many rounds of exams and sickness) and for getting us to the point where we have a solid foundation for this next season of transitioning to GBU ministry. Our French will always be a work-in-progress and we still have a long way to go, **but praise God for getting us to this milestone!**

*Above: Smiles on the last day of class. Thank God for great teachers and classmates to learn alongside.*



*A visual of how far we've come, and a reflection of the high-value you have placed on language learning with us!*

**GBU farewelled its graduating students with a special dinner** (pictured). It was great for us to go along to this and a strong reminder of **the role student ministry can play** in laying firm gospel foundations and sending people out to serve Jesus in all of life. **Please pray that God would work through these graduates** as they transition to life-beyond-uni, to bless their workplaces, churches and His kingdom in Belgium.







**We've had some good opportunities to invest in relationships with people from church.** On Belgium's national day, we watched the impressive military parade (pictured) with a friend we've been getting to know this past year. **Praise God that we are now at the point where more of our relationships here have a sense of 'history'** and we can see how God has been at work in them over time.

**We were also very encouraged by a 'serendipitous' catch-up with a staff worker from Sydney Uni Evangelical Union,** who dropped into our church while she was on holidays. Unbeknownst to us, she serves specifically with conservatorium students and in God's impeccable timing, she helped us to welcome a newly arrived conservatorium student over lunch (and in French!)



**Finally, God helped us through the end of year sprint!** Despite this being our third summer in Belgium, the intensity of this period still seems to take us by surprise. After a few weeks juggling exams, events for school, church and GBU, and the scramble to catch-up with people before everyone disappears for the long summer break, we're all still catching our breath and feeling the need for a break. **Thank God, we also now have a bit more wisdom for how to play this season in the future.**

*Above: Alexi working hard right up to the end of term, on his school excursion to a local farm.*

## 📅 Upcoming dates...

- **Interaction Kid's Camp** (Michael leading, Rani and Alexi on site, 3-10 August)
- **Leave and family holiday** (11-23 August)
- **La rentrée** (Alexi back to school, 24 August)
- **Church weekend away** (6-7 Sept)
- **GBU formally kicks off for the year** (22 Sept)

- **Home Assignment** (roughly end of April - end of August 2026)
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### **Please thank God...**

- **For our season of full-time language study** and the foundation this has laid for future ministry.
  - **For growing opportunities to get alongside people at church**, especially newcomers and those on the 'fringe'.
  - **For regular catch-ups with Alexi's friend James and his Mum Michaela** over the summer (in answer to our last prayer update).
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### **Please ask God...**

- **To draw many young people to himself through Interaction camp** (a bilingual French/English camp for 10-14 year olds).
  - **For energy and love as we serve on camp** - especially for Michael as he leads a boys group (in French) and Rani as she looks after Alexi and builds relationships with other families serving in Belgium.
  - **For rest in body, mind and spirit** as we take holidays later this month.
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*From Michael and Rani*

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

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*"May your deeds be shown to your servants,  
your splendor to their children.  
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us -  
yes, establish the work of our hands."  
Psalm 90:16-17*

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