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DAVID & CATHIE SANDIFER

with Annabelle (14) and Josiah (12)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



'God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.' (Psalm 7:11 ESV)

Dear friends

The foundation of the gospel is that God is a righteous judge--apart from this we have no need of a Saviour. While many cultures historically have had a strong sense of accountability to God (or 'the gods'), this is much less the case today in the West--in fact, for many, the very idea is offensive. This challenge is one of the things that we wrestle with at Tyndale as we seek to equip our students to contextualise the gospel without in any way watering it down--the latter being an ever-present temptation in the European context. Please pray that God would give us wisdom as we do this, and also open doors for us bear witness to the 'righteous judge' who also bore the penalty, as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Ministry Update



Cathie presenting at the William Tyndale Symposium in October.

David has continued to have a productive time of teaching at Tyndale this term--though the new trimester system has been challenging both in terms of extra teaching hours, and compressing two classes into one new one. This will require on-going adjustments going forward!

In October, Tyndale hosted a symposium to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the publication of the Tyndale New Testament. Both David and Cathie gave presentations for this--David an introduction, and Cathie a paper on Tyndale within the context of Christian humanism. This was well received, and it was a privilege to be able to honour Tyndale's namesake, who is a big inspiration to us!

At Via Church, we were privileged to have a visit by the bishop of the Anglican Convocation in Europe, to which we belong--we had a lovely time together, and it was an encouragement to us all.



Bp. Andy Lines with some of the members of Via during his recent visit.

Meet Aron and Ravenna



Aron graduated from Tyndale this past May. He lives in Arnhem (a bit more than an hour from Tyndale) with his wife Ravenna, and their three girls. David had him in several of his classes, and found him a joy to teach. He was one of our Dutch students, and came to us in order to prepare for pastoral ministry in the Baptist church in the Netherlands. He was able to come to Tyndale as a scholarship recipient, which allowed him to study here while working part-time and serving in his church.

Reflecting on his time at Tyndale, Aron says that it has 'equipped me to serve the church in preaching and teaching the Word of God faithfully. It has shown me convincingly the necessity of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and also has given me the means to point people to our Lord from every passage in Scripture. Tyndale... has helped me also with the means to contextualise the message of the gospel for a secularised culture (like ours in the city of Arnhem) by training me in understanding today's culture and its underlying belief systems.'

Since graduating, Aron has been brought in as an associate pastor at his home church, which he was praying and hoping he would be able to do. However, as is often the case in Europe, his church is not able to pay him a full-time salary. We thank God for Aron, and for the privilege of equipping him here at Tyndale. Thank you for your part in making it possible for students like him to study here: it is only because our faculty are supported as missionaries that Tyndale is able to provide such generous scholarships. Please pray for Aron and his family, that God would continue to open doors for ministry, and to provide for all of their needs.

Cathie has continued to be involved in leading the local Kids' Club, and several neighbourhood children (and some mothers and a grandmother) came to the Reformation Day event on Halloween. We are looking forward to the Christmas season, and to the opportunities it will provide for outreach. Please pray in particular for the Via Christmas Eve service, for the Kid's Club Christmas event on the 20th, which Cathie will be helping to lead, and for a Christmas party in our home that we are planning to invite our non-Christian neighbours to.

Family News

We thank God that we have been mostly well these last couple of months, and have been spared the seasonal viruses that are around. Both Annabelle and Josiah are continuing to enjoy their home-schooling and are progressing well. Josiah has been taking an online speech and drama class which is strengthening his speech, and which he has very much enjoyed. Annabelle is taking several extension courses, and is showing admirable diligence in juggling a very busy schedule, especially as she negotiates online classes across time zones. Both of them are continuing to play for local hockey teams and loving this, even as the play (and schedule!) becomes more intense each year. We would love your continued prayers for the family we mentioned in our last prayer letter--the father (the pastor of the church we used to attend) is battling cancer, and so far God has not chosen to heal him, even as we continue to ask. They are very close to us, and their struggle is weighing heavily on our hearts. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support--may the Lord encourage you and renew your love for Him as you head into this Advent and Christmas season!



Josiah and other actors participating in a skit for a Reformation Day children's event at Tyndale.

Give thanks

- For responsive students for David, and for strength during a very busy term
- For God's blessing and protection over Via Church during a challenging period
- For Annie and Josiah doing well in their studies and activities
- For the Lord continually answering our prayers as we bring our needs and challenges to Him

Please pray

- For a good conclusion of the term for David's teaching, and for strength for the students
- For financial provision for Tyndale
- For good health for all of us
- For healing for our friend Dan battling cancer
- For our Christmas outreach events at Via and Kid's Club
- For us to 'keep in step with the Spirit' every day as we seek to do the work that God has called us to in His power

From David, Cathie, Annabelle and Josiah



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