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April 2024, Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison



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Serving the Lord in Belgium



Dear Friends,

April has been a bit of a mundane month here. Preparing for French exams. Recovering from sickness. And not a whole lot else! Often the day-to-day reality of learning language and culture looks pretty ordinary for us. Yet we're so thankful for your prayers, which God uses to enable us in this task...because **the end-goal of proclaiming the gospel is so good!**

Below we've written a 'short and sweet' update, with some gracious **answers to your prayers** and some ways you can be **pressing on with us as we keep persevering towards that goal.**

With warm thanks for your partnership,

Michael & Rani

Some snapshots of the past month...



We passed our most recent French exams! Here we are celebrating afterwards with some classmates. Praise God that He enabled us to keep up with our language learning this term despite so much sickness. We've now finished 'pre-intermediate' French and will start the 'intermediate' level in a few weeks (which will take us through to the end of October).



Alexi turned two! He has now spent more of his life in Belgium than in Australia. Thank God that he is taking well to toddler life and for a recent explosion of English words (including essentials like 'bubbles', 'stickers', and 'toast').



We were very encouraged to attend our second GBU AGM. It was great to see supporters, staff and students come together, and to have enough French to understand lots of what was going on. Praise God for opportunities like this to experience and better understand the ministry, even as we chip away at full-time language learning.



Belgium treated us to a few days of precious sunshine in an otherwise very wet spring...and we were all sufficiently recovered to enjoy them together! A gift.

Please thank God...

- For **'pre-intermediate' French!**
- For both **healing and fresh delight in the gospel** after a season of sickness.
- For those who **faithfully and sacrificially support the GBU ministry** behind the scenes.

Please ask God...

- To resolve a **recent administrative hurdle** regarding our work situation here.
- For growth in **godliness** as parents & to **win Alexi's heart** to Himself.
- For **good health** as we begin a new level of French in the coming weeks.

From Michael and Rani

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us." 1 John 5:14

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

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We're so thankful for your partnership with us to see a world that knows Jesus!

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