



## April 2016

*'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.'*  
Matthew 13:44

This verse was the theme of a children's event that we held at our church in Brussels recently. It's a great reminder of the wonderful, all-surpassing worth of the kingdom of heaven. It's worth more than anything else, and it's worth giving up everything for. We thank God for your prayers for more and more Belgians to discover this treasure for themselves and to give up everything for Jesus.

### Update on this term

The terrorist attacks in March understandably really affected people here. Things in Brussels are now returning to a new 'normal'. Do pray for Belgian Christians to be bold in this time, and that the Lord would open doors for conversations about the gospel and that some unbelievers might turn to Christ.

### Student Work at Woluwe Church

Do praise God for the small but encouraging student work at Woluwe Church. We continue to meet on Thursday nights, studying Exodus this term. We have monthly student lunches with a short talk (see photo for the latest student lunch thinking about exams and the gospel). Please thank God for the students he has sent this year. Please pray that he would build them up in their faith, particularly as the exam season approaches. Please pray that they would continue to prioritise meeting together as church family and that they would make the most of their summer holidays to serve God's kingdom.



### Master's Studies

Robbie's Master's in Theology is going well. Between April and June, he will be writing an essay on Romans or Hebrews (to be decided!). Do continue to pray that these studies

would continue to be encouraging personally as well as useful for the local church here. Please pray for discipline as Robbie spends his Thursdays in the library writing the essay.

### **Mums and Toddlers Group at Woluwe Church**

Each week on a Thursday morning, Lizzie helps run the church's bilingual (French-English) Mums and Toddlers Group. It's called *Petits Lapins* (little bunnies). There are usually three or four non-believers who come each week with their child for fun, games, craft and a short, three-minute talk from the Bible. Do pray for this ongoing initiative, that the non-believing Mums would be regular in their attendance and that God would give the Christian Mums courage and the opportunities to speak to them about Jesus.



### **InterAction Belgium Summer Camp**

Summer camps are a great way for teenagers to hear the gospel and for students to be trained on the Trainee Leader programme. We serve on a bilingual (French/English) camp called InterAction Belgium. We're still in need of leaders and trainee leaders so if you know anyone who might be interested in serving in this way, please let us know. There are two camps and the dates are: 22-30 July for A camp (14-18yr olds) and 1-7 August for B camp (11-14yr olds) which we'll be doing. Please pray that God would use these camps to win and train French-speakers for Christian living and service. If you know of any teenagers who would like to sign up, here's the website: <http://interactioncamps.org/>

#### **Subjects for Praise:**

- Praise God for him keeping us Christian this last term
- Praise God for good Bible studies in Exodus on a Thursday night and on a Friday afternoon (women's bible study)
- Praise God for the growing friendships amongst the students at church
- Praise God for a new sermon series in Ecclesiastes
- Praise God that Lola is doing well!
- Lizzie's pregnant and is due in October! Praise God for this wonderful gift! Lola is enjoying saying 'big sister'!

#### **Points for Prayer:**

- For ongoing joy in the gospel for both of us
- For the students at church during this exam term, that they would keep coming to church
- For God to grow his people through bible studies in the book of Exodus and through sermons in Ecclesiastes
- For one-to-one bible studies with students
- For Robbie's ongoing teaching at the IBB, particularly the class on Reformation Theology (Wednesday mornings)
- For the Footy and Faith evenings
- For a Men's evening at church (29 April)
- For a parents' training morning at church (11 June)

Thank you very much for your partnership with us in the gospel! Do keep in touch!  
Robbie and Lizzie

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