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The Bellis' in Belgium

Training for student ministry in French-speaking Belgium at the IBB (Belgian Bible Institute) and serving at l'Eglise Protestante Evangélique de Bruxelles-Woluwe (Woluwe Evangelical Church).

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"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." Romans 8:16-17.

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful truth this is, that we are children of God and heirs with Christ! A reminder of the necessity and the reality of suffering now for the Christian but also of the future that awaits us, being glorified with Christ!

We are now half-way through Robbie's last year of full-time study at the IBB, being trained for Gospel ministry amongst students in French-speaking Belgium. Thank you so much for your prayers, we thank God for you and how He uses your prayers to advance His kingdom here.

Family

Praise God for our first child who we are expecting towards the end of January. Please thank God that Lizzie's pregnancy has gone well so far. Please pray for us as we prepare to be parents, that we would be godly parents to our child and that one day God would save the little one. Please pray for godliness when tiredness sets in, and wisdom to know how much to take on next term as we adjust to this new ministry God is giving us.

Evangelism

Please pray that God's desire for all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4) would be ours in increasing measure. Praise God for chances Lizzie has had through work to get to know French-speaking unbelievers. Please pray she'd be able to keep those friendships after she's stopped working in January and that there would be chances to speak the Gospel to them. Please pray for boldness for Robbie at his running club with middle-aged Belgian men (!), that God would be pleased to save some.

Robbie's Studies at the IBB

Please continue to thank God for the faithful teaching Robbie receives at the IBB. Particular highlights this term have been Old Testament Wisdom Literature, the Psalms and a module on Biblical Counselling. Give thanks also for the chances Robbie has had to meet with another IBB student Pierre to look at 1 Peter on a Thursday lunchtime. Please continue to pray for Robbie's studies, that they would equip him for a life-time of faithful ministry and that he'd have chances to encourage other students. Robbie will be helping teach some first-year Hebrew in the second semester so please pray that this would be useful both for Robbie and for those he's teaching.

Church

Praise God for the warm welcome we've received at our new church in Brussels and praise God for the chances we've had to serve there. Please give thanks in particular for the 20/30 Bible studies that have been taking place on Thursday evenings. We have been leading a group of university students looking at Mark's Gospel (Ch 1-8) together. Please pray for next term as we study Mark 8-16 that we would all love Jesus more and to learn what it means to take up our cross and follow Jesus in every area of life.



Thank you again for your prayers! Do keep in touch!

Robbie and Lizzie

UPCOMING DATES

6-10th Jan	Revision Week for IBB
13-17th Jan	Exam Week for IBB
End of Jan	Arrival of Baby Bellis
4th Feb	Start of IBB term (pray for Robbie to catch up quickly if he misses the start of term)
Thurs 13th Feb	20/30 Student Bible Study restarts studying Mark's Gospel

PRAYER POINTS

- For growth in numbers and maturity for the **20/30 Bible Study group**
- For the safe **arrival of baby Bellis** and for godliness for us as we seek to bring up the child in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Please pray that this new phase of life would bring many opportunities to evangelize the lost.
- For Robbie's **ongoing studies** at the Bible College
- For our **one-to-one Bible studies**; Lizzie with Yaëlle (a new Christian) and Robbie with Pierre (at the IBB) and David (in our 20/30 group)
- For God to keep us loving Him and serving Him with joy and godliness

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