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'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.' Revelation 2:7

God has been reminding us of his great promises for those who conquer and persevere in the Christian life through our sermons in Revelation at church. The Christian life isn't easy, it never was, but God promises glorious blessings for those who faithfully persevere. Please pray that throughout 2017, we would faithfully persevere in Jesus, day after day.

We're so grateful to God for your partnership in the gospel work here and are very thankful for all your prayers. Here's an update on Family and ministry life and some pointers for prayer.

Family life – meet Caleb Louis Bellis!

Very excitingly, Caleb Louis Bellis was born on 14 October 2016! We give God great thanks for this gift and we're praying that our Caleb would follow in the footsteps of the Caleb in Numbers 13-14 who trusted God's word when, from a human perspective, it looked very unlikely that God would and could keep his promise.

He's been a joy to have around and Lola's really enjoying having a little brother! It's fair to say that it's been a tiring time getting used to looking after two children. Do please pray for energy, godliness and servant-heartedness for both of us and that we'd devote ourselves to serving our family and our church family.



Student work at Woluwe Church – some encouragements but much prayer needed!

There have been some encouragements in the work amongst students at Woluwe Church this last term, but still lots to pray for!

1) Praise God for a great group of girls coming along regularly to the Thursday night bible study looking at Romans. As two keen English Year Abroad students leave in February, please pray that the group would still be keen to study God's word and seek to encourage each other.

2) However, the student boys have been rather less present this last term! Out of five boys who come on a Sunday, only one has been coming along on Thursday. Please pray that God would build up these five lads by his word and that they'd be gripped by the gospel and re-evaluate their priorities in the light of that.

3) Do pray for us as a student group at church, as we seek to reach out to non-Christian students with the gospel.

Robbie's Master's Studies on the Atonement, the Puritans and the Trinity

Praise God for the Atonement module in September and that Robbie was able to finish the essay on time (just!). His next modules are in early January on John Owen and English Puritanism and then in March on the Trinity. Please pray that Robbie would carve out the time to do the reading for these modules and that the classes and the essays would be really useful and would cause him to know God better, love him more and be more equipped for serving him in Belgium.

Teaching Reformation Theology in 2017 at the Belgian Bible Institute (February-June)

2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the great rediscovery of the biblical gospel of salvation in Christ alone through faith alone. Robbie will be teaching the 'Reformation Theology' module at the Belgian Bible Institute looking at the glorious doctrines of the gospel through the lens of the theology of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and others. Please pray that God would equip him to communicate correctly both the history and the doctrine, and that God would use this class to give the students solid doctrinal convictions and the courage of the Reformers to fight for the truth of the gospel and to preach it to all.

Thank you very much for your partnership with us in the gospel!

Do keep in touch!

Robbie and Lizzie

PRAYER POINTS

- Give great thanks for Caleb's safe arrival and for Lola enjoying having him around. Please pray for wisdom, godliness and servant-heartedness for us as parents and for them both to one day trust Christ and be saved.
- Give thanks for the Christian students at church, please pray that more of them would commit to the mid-week bible study and be strengthened by God's gospel in Romans. Pray particularly for more of the lads to be wholehearted in their commitment to Christ and to their church family.
- Please pray for good resources to be found/written for the Sunday School group Lizzie helps out with (9-12 year olds).
- Please pray that non-Christian mums who come to the *Petits Lapins* Mums and Toddlers group on Thursday mornings at church would engage with the short gospel talk.
- Please pray for God to spur us on in courageous Christian witness as a church as we continue our sermon series in the book of Revelation until Easter.
- Please pray for us as a family to be bold in personal evangelism and for God to grow our desire for non-Christians we know to be saved.
- Please pray for a similar evangelistic zeal amongst the students at church and for an evangelistic event we'll be planning in February/March time for students.
- Please pray for lots of people to sign up for the Reformation Theology Module at the IBB and that it would be greatly used by God to grow biblical convictions in the students.

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