



Training for student ministry in French-speaking Belgium at the IBB ([Belgian Bible Institute](#)) and serving at [Woluwe Evangelical Church](#)

"Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear..." Isaiah 59:1

God has been teaching us and reminding us of His power to save sinners here in French-speaking Europe. Though the ground feels hard here and there seems to be little evangelistic fruit, the arm of the Lord is not too short to save in French-speaking Europe! 'Our God is in heaven, He does whatever pleases Him (Psalm 115:3). Excitingly we've been able to see the arm of the Lord in action as our neighbour Frédéric (whom you might have prayed for – he was coming to the Investigate Christianity course at church) seems to have become a Christian! Praise God for His power to save and please pray Lizzie and I would never doubt that power and that we'd keep sowing the seed of the Gospel wherever we can.

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Summer update: Camp

Praise God for a great time on InterAction Belgium this summer. Despite a massive storm, tent damage and lots of practical disruption, praise God that the teaching programme for the 51 teenagers went ahead without hindrance. Lizzie and I were helping with the helper-leader team and we had a good time studying Exodus 1-18 looking at the God who saves and we also had seminars on God's sovereignty. Praise God for the 18 students on the team. Please pray for them as they go back to difficult places of study where they're often one of the few Christians there are. Please pray they'd remind themselves of the cross and look forward to the promised land of the new creation living wholeheartedly for their redeemer God!

*The Helper Leader Team on InterAction
Belgium this summer*



3rd and Final Year at the IBB

September sees the start of Robbie's final year of full-time studies at the IBB. I will still officially be a student there next year but I will be on a full-time ministry placement in a local church. Praise God for all that I've been learning these last two years about the Gospel, God's character, His word, His people, the world and Gospel ministry. Please pray that this coming year would be really useful in equipping me for ministry. Highlights this term will be Old Testament Wisdom Literature, The Psalms and Analysis of Modern Theology as well as the biblical languages. Please pray that God would raise up native French-speakers for His harvest to study at the IBB and please pray I'd be able to get alongside the other students and encourage them this term. Pray in particular that I would carve out the time to write 5 extended essays throughout the course of this year for IBB.

Exciting Family News

We're expecting a mini-Bellis at the end of January 2014!! Praise God for this good gift from Him and please pray for safety for the baby and for Lizzie and that God would equip us to be godly and faithful parents. Please pray that one day God would save the Bellis baby. Lizzie is also starting work as a Maths Teacher in a European School in Brussels in September. She will be working there part-time until the arrival of the Bellis baby. Praise God for this provision of work and please pray that Lizzie would be godly in the workplace and would be able to speak to others of Jesus.

Ministry at Church

We're going to be involved in the 20s and 30s work at our new church in Brussels. This will involve leading **Bible Studies in Mark's Gospel on Thursday nights** and meeting up with individuals to study the Bible one to one. Please pray we'd be faithful as we teach God's word, godly in our lives and that the group would grow in number and in love for Jesus, each other and the lost.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 2 nd September	Start of IBB term
8 th September	Farewell Sunday at Ottignies Church
Thursday 12 th September	20s and 30s group starts studying Mark's Gospel
11-13 th October	IBB weekend away
18-20 th October	Partner Church St Thomas' Oakwood's weekend away in UK
3 rd November	Robbie preaching at Woluwe Church
20 th December	IBB term finishes for Christmas
6 th -10 th January	Revision Week
13 th -17 th January	Exams at the IBB
End of January	Due date for the Bellis baby

Please pray :

- **For Robbie's 3rd year at the IBB, that God would shape my convictions and my character, equipping me for ministry.**
- **For Lizzie and the baby during pregnancy and for Lizzie as she starts teaching, for godliness, boldness and energy!**
- **For our ministry amongst the 20s and 30s at church, that we'd be godly examples and that we'd be faithful and loving as we teach God's word and serve others.**

Many thanks for your prayers and your partnership in the Gospel, Robbie and Lizzie.

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