

JUNE 2024

THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Spring is in full swing here in Brussels, and it has been a very full spring indeed!

In ministry, we are excited about what has been happening both in church and in Community Bible Study-related events. At Hope, we began an additional community group due to the others' growth in size. We are finishing our study of the book of Galatians and will be spending a few weeks in a Christians basics course before the summer begins. Though adding a new group has meant changes and fluctuations in group participation, it is a joy to see the need for more small groups in our community, where people have the chance to build deeper relationships and explore God's Word. We also have recently had some new attendees at Hope that are exploring Christianity or are very new to the faith, which we are excited about!

This spring, we have also begun holding regular women's fellowship events, as mentioned in our previous

newsletter. As we have now been hosting these for several months, we are encouraged and hope to continue these, adding a regular Bible study component as well.

In Community Bible Study news, we held our annual conference in April, the theme of which was Sharing the Joy: the joy we receive from God as we study His Word in depth and growing in intimacy with Him and other people. It was a delight to join in with people all over Europe and the US for an enriching time of mutual encouragement and edification.



In addition, I (Rachel) have just returned from the European Leadership Forum (ELF), an annual Christian leadership conference held in Poland. It was such a privilege and encouragement to meet with, dream with, and learn from other leaders who are laboring for the Kingdom of God throughout Europe!

Within our own family, we have marked a few exciting milestones this spring. Sophia began school at the end of March, which was closely followed by five weeks of family visits from both Rachel's and Julian's side. In mid-April, we celebrated Leo's first birthday! You can see in the photo below that the other kids at the party enjoyed helping him blow out the candle.

As we look forward to summer, things will be quieter in Brussels as they always are each July and August. Please pray for rest, and for our travels as we anticipate a trip to the US later in the summer to visit churches and supporters. We are thankful for you!



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LOOKING AHEAD: PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- For growth for the young believers and those seeking at Hope
- For summer rest and a safe and fruitful trip to the US
- For Hope's continued search for a new space to worship
- For student mission interns who are serving with us this summer

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