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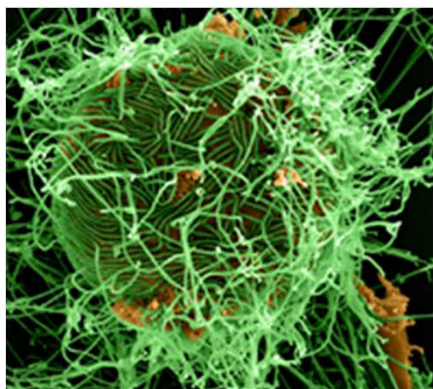
Pastor's message

AFFECTED BY A VIRUS

Recently my friend suffered from a strange "disease". His temperature was not stable; it went up and down in a very short time, although after a while all seemed fine again. Then he started to smell strange, but when he was running the smell was gone and all seemed fine.

His symptoms were very unusual, showing different things on different occasions. I made sure he had enough liquid and that he wasn't cold before we left. Then his brain started to send signals which confused the "body". I thought he had a "virus".

So I decided to take him for a complete check-up. I had just started on my way with him when after a few steps (maybe 100m), he started coughing and suddenly, in the middle of the street he was forced to stop, not moving forward or backwards. It was as if he was dead, blocking the way for everyone.



I immediately called the "doctor", who told me that he could not help me on the phone; I had to take my friend there. **Proverbs 16:9 tell us "A person plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps."** Just imagine if I had been on the motor way when he suddenly stopped reacting. I probably would have died with my friend.

Now you may wonder what happened, and who this friend of mine was. In fact, to tell you the truth, his name is "C-Max" - my car! It was confused by an electronic problem, and it stopped because it hasn't got a manual hand brake, but an automatic one, which malfunctioned. I give thanks to God, because he spared my life. Just a few minutes later I would have been driving on the motorway, and had the car suddenly braked at that moment, it would have cost me my life.

It was my car that needed to be fixed, but it was me who was reminded, that we may have our plans, but the Lord is the one who directs us. It was Him who allowed the car to stop, before I was in danger. Do you feel that some situations are there to make you suffer? Ponder and consider that maybe they are just there to save your life, just as in my case! Thank you Lord for directing my ways.

Be blessed!



Pastor Pietro

Pastoral Board Up-date:

- Up-date on our senior pastor Graham Kettle, who is now having more intensive therapy on his left arm three days a week. Please pray that full movement will be restored. He is currently signed off his work until 10 December.
- Fernand Gilles has informed us that the work is progressing on the building in Dudelange, which was purchased by the national Church of God Luxembourg. The heating has been done and at the moment the damp is being treated. It is hope that El Shaddai can move in by mid-December.
- After many years of faithful service within the leadership team, Fernand has now stepped down. There will be an article on him in the next edition. Thank you, Fernand, for all you've contributed to the life of Oasis.

Alpha and other future events



Maybe you think we've been talking about it too much or maybe the fact that we're soon starting an Alpha course here at Oasis has

passed you by. Well,... it's happening and we're excited about it! A big **thank you...**

.... to all the people who've volunteered to help in whatever way. We're sure God will bless your work and multiply your efforts.

so what is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each evening starts with a meal together, then there is a short talk on a particular theme, followed by discussion in a small group.

It's primarily aimed at people who are not already believers, but it's also helpful for anyone who's got questions about their faith (don't we all?!)

2 things to do:

- Please prayerfully think about who you could invite to try Alpha. You can bring them along for the first two or three sessions and after that hopefully they will come alone.
- Please commit to praying for the event. We start on Monday, 12 January at 7.30pm with a taster evening, following which there are 10 sessions and a weekend away.

Got questions? #TryAlpha

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Inter-church day
for children 6-12
"Knowing the Bible better"
In French and Luxembourgish
(translation possible)
See Alison Wilson for details

Thème
Mieux connaître la BIBLE



Le samedi 29 novembre 2014
de 11h00 à 17h30
à l'église CCR à Steinsel (50, rue des Prés).

Organisé par les associations chrétiennes
« Grow up/ Grandir » et
« Action Missionnaire Enfants »



The Alpha Course will be starting on:

Monday 12th January 2014 at 19:30

With a meal and an introductory talk.

Please pray and think about who you could invite!

Please register your interest with Pietro, pietro@coglux.com

Is there more to life
than **this**



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

If you are 12+ and looking for other Christian young people that you can worship with and spend time with...

... then come to our Youth Fellowship meetings every second Friday. Next meeting:

Friday 28th November at 6:30 - 8.30pm, 20a rue de Strasbourg

Speak to Pastor Pietro or email: pietro@coglux.com



Gospel Concert with Génération Gospel

Saturday 22 November 2014, at 6.30pm

Christian Hope Center

72, rue Dernier Sol,

L-2543 Luxembourg

Génération Gospel is the choir of our sister church El Shaddai and they are really worth experiencing! This is a great opportunity to invite friends & family.



Free entry!!



Events coming up... Oasis Kids Corner

Friday, 14 & 28 November 2014, 18:00 - 20:30 Church of God Building 20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg	Youth Fellowship Do you have teens from the age of 12+ (SMASH Group), then please encourage them to join in our Youth Fellowship evenings every other Friday. Contact: Pietro on: pietro@coglux.com for more information
Every Saturday at 6 pm Church of God Building 20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg	Iglesia de Dios Luxemburgo Praise, prayer & preaching (in Spanish), plus patisserie Please spread the word about this and invite your Spanish friends. Contact: Pastor Pietro at pietro@coglux.com for more information.
Saturday 22 November 2014, 10 am – 1pm Nospelt For details of the exact venue (private house) please email newsletter@oasis.lu	Inter-Church Prayer Meeting for Luxembourg Prayer meeting, followed by optional street evangelism. Organiser: Murielle Lemvoka-Raskin of La Rencontre church
Saturday 22 November 2014 at 7pm Christian Hope Center 72, rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg	Gospel Concert with "Génération Gospel" Generation Gospel is the choir of our sister church El Shaddai and they are brilliant! This is a great opportunity to invite friends & family.
Saturday 29 November, 11am – 5.30 pm CCR 50 rue des Près L-7333 Steinsel.	Inter-church day for children aged 6 - 12 Organised by Grow-up/Grandir & Action Missionnaire Enfants Theme: Knowing the Bible Better In French and Luxembourgish, with translation possible. See Alison Wilson for details, email: kids@oasis.lu
Sunday 14 December 2014 at 10.30am Christian Hope Center 72, rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg	Oasis Christmas Family Service (All-age Worship) At Christmas, some people like to come to a church service, even if they don't normally. This is another great opportunity to invite friends & family to Oasis.
Monday 12 January 2014 at 7.30pm Esperanza House 70, Rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg	Alpha Course Oasis Luxembourg Introductory session: Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant? Invite your friends to come for a meal, a short talk and a discussion. Got questions? Try Alpha
24-26 April 2015 Venue to be arranged	IMPACT Luxembourg Event PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!

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DATES!

Oasis Kids' Corner



Shoe box up-date:

We've broken two records!

252 boxes collected from Oasis

1171 collected in Luxembourg



THANK YOU to all who helped in any way.

On behalf of Oasis Kids, thank you also to Jessica who coordinated it on our behalf.

October was a busy month for Oasis Kids. We had a very successful weekend with David Abbott from the UK. He spent an evening with many of our young people, aged 9 plus. His heart is to help kids develop their spiritual gifts and the Holy Spirit ministered to all of the young people that evening.

They in turn shared that with us at the Family Service by praying for members of the congregation. That was very powerful!

We also had another very successful Bright & Light Party, in which 20 kids attended.

Last, but not least, we had our annual shoe box appeal and broke two new records – see above.

Regular Events, Prayer Items & Final Word

Worship Service

Sunday: 10.30 am Worship Service
72 rue Dernier Sol, Bonnevoie,
With a time for fellowship over tea & coffee, before and after the service

Prayer Meetings

Sundays from 9.45 am
Intercessory Prayer for church needs, prayer requests & listening to God (2nd floor of Hope Centre)

Worship Practice

Tuesday: 7.00 pm Worship practice
20a rue de Strasbourg
L-2560 Luxembourg

Home Groups

Every 2nd Monday at 7.30 pm
In Kayl – “Care”
Contact: Fernand Gilles

Every 2nd Wednesday at 7.30 pm
In Itzig – “Connect”.
Contact: John and Jessica Mills

Thursdays at 7.30 pm
In Limpertsberg – “Excel & PowerPoint”
Contacts: Lena Martensson and Emmanuel Kabamba

For information about all of the home groups, please contact
info@oasis.lu

Oasis Kids

Sundays during the service
•Morning Stars (under 3s)
•Kindergarten (3-5s)
•Sparklers (6-8s)
•N:Counter (9-11s)
•S.M.A.S.H. (12-16+)
For information, please
email: kids@oasis.lu

Tithing and Offerings

Bank account: Church of God
Luxembourg (BGL BNP Paribas)
IBAN: LU45 0030 6819 5781 0000
BIC: BGLLULL

Just Be

Every 2nd Wednesday at 8.00 pm
A group for young adults
Location – Luxembourg city
Contact: young.adults@oasis.lu

Youth Fellowship

Friday: 6.00 - 8.30 pm
Under 18s - twice per month
See Events' Diary or contact
pietro@coglux.com for more
details of dates and events.

Ladies' Group

Friday: 9.15 -11.30 am
20a rue de Strasbourg
L-2560 Luxembourg

Leadership

Senior Pastors: **Rev Dr Graham & Chris Kettle**, 691 863 848,
Email: church@coglux.com
Pastors: **Pietro & Giovanna Colaci**,
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Other members of the Pastoral Board:
Torugbene Adekolu, Mauricio Fulco, Justin Griffiths, Emmanuel Kabamba
Email: info@oasis.lu

Sermons



Listen again....to recent
sermons at:
[www.oasis.lu/welcome/
messages/](http://www.oasis.lu/welcome/messages/)

Newsletter

Please send items for the *Events' Diary*,
Prayer Needs, news/articles - **or**
requests to receive this newsletter by
email – for the next monthly newsletter
by **Monday, 1 December 2014** to
newsletter@oasis.lu

Please pray for ...

- **Oasis Church** God's vision & for future direction
- **Graham Kettle** – complete healing of his hand
- **Alpha Course**, starting in January. Please pray for the team, for people to attend and for people to come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
- **All the various Oasis ministries**
- **Esperanza House** (Teen Challenge) Please pray for more volunteers to be involved in this vital outreach to the homeless and substance-addicted people on our doorstep.
- **Horizon of Hope** (H o H, Romania) for financial provision and workers to complete the training centre and fund the first trainees. Now that the centre is officially opened, the work is just beginning and our support is needed now more than ever.

Opportunities to serve

- **Singers, instrumentalists** in the worship team. Join us for a practice session on Tuesdays at 7 pm, to see if this is an area you'd like to contribute your talents to.
- **Newsletter editors** – if sharing news with the Oasis family is something that you enjoy, then we invite you to write to newsletter@oasis.lu to let us know your interest.
- **Volunteers in the Oasis Kid's ministry.** We believe that children are part of today's church, not just tomorrow's. If you have a heart for kids and you want to “equip” them, please write to kids@oasis.lu to find out how you can support them.
- **Volunteers to help with coffee & tea before & after Church.** If you feel you would like to help out once every 4th or 5th Sunday, please contact Brian or Grace at: info@oasis.lu