



January 2015

## Inside Oasis

This month, our Senior Pastor's wife Chris Kettle shares a thought for 2015

Last week, we were in a shopping centre that was celebrating its 20th anniversary by giving out gifts. All you had to do was collect some stamps, put your name on a card and put it into a large box. We stayed to watch and became interested in what was going on, especially when a friend won a prize. The 'big' prize however was a new car. As all the smaller gifts were given out, the excitement mounted. Finally, came the moment for a name to be taken out of the box for the car. The only condition to winning the car was that you had to be in the shopping centre at the time of the draw. By now we were hooked and would not leave for anything. The first name was called - silence. It was called again - nothing. Another name was taken from the box, but again no one came forward. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief; they all had another chance to win the car! A third card was taken from the box and a young woman's name was read out. She came forward to claim her prize. As she had two young children, we were certain she was delighted with her prize.

Since then I have been thinking a lot about the two people who lost their chance of the car because they were not there in person. It made me think as we move into 2015 what we can miss by not being in the right place.

- Maybe we are rushed and don't have time for prayer and personal study of the scriptures. Are we losing the confidence we should have in our salvation? We cannot have a relationship with anyone, if we don't spend time and talk to them. This applies to God as well - we need to spend time with Him to get to know Him.
- By not making a phone call that God is prompting us to make, we may be missing out on an opportunity to be a witness or to bless and encourage someone or to be encouraged ourselves.
- Society sees going to church as unimportant. You don't have to go to church to be a Christian, it's true, but we are a bit like coals in the fire. If we fall out, we become cold.



*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:25, NLTse)*

If you are not getting anything out of church, maybe it's because you are not putting anything in. Getting together on a Sunday morning is not like going to the cinema.

*What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. (1 Corinthians 14:26, NLTse)*

This builds up the body of Christ and we are all encouraged. By not being in church you are missing out on what God is saying, you miss being prayed for by your brothers and sisters, you miss being supported when times are tough.

- When times are tough the one place you should be is in church. Over the last seven years we have walked a tough road. We could not have done it without the Lord and without Oasis church and the fellowship we have here.

So as we go into 2015, we ask you to consider the decisions you will make over the next year carefully. Those two people lost the chance to have a new car, but our loss will be so much greater. You may miss God's best blessing on your life. He will still bless you, but will it be His best blessing? May God bless you mightily in this coming year.

# Alpha and other future events



Introductory talk: **Is there more to life than this?**

**Monday 12 January 2015 , at 19:00– 21:30 (and subsequent Mondays)**

**Esperanza House, 70 rue Dernier Sol, L- 2543 Luxembourg (Bonnevoie)**

Please tell your friends about it and be prepared to come along with them for the first two or three sessions until they feel comfortable. The first session is for people to come and see!



## Got questions? #TryAlpha

**alpha** is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Topics such as, "Who is Jesus" and "Why did he die?" are freely explored. Typically, **alpha** has around ten sessions and is for anyone who's curious. Each evening starts with a meal together, followed by a short talk on a particular theme and a discussion in a small group, where you can share your thoughts and ask whatever questions you want.

If you are a believer, please invite friends and be prepared to come along with them for the first few sessions. There are invitation cards on the Welcome Desk on a Sunday morning.

Please contact Pietro Colaci at [pietro@coglux.com](mailto:pietro@coglux.com) for more info or to register.

**alpha** starts on Monday, 12 January 2015 from 7 - 9pm, with a taster evening. There will be a dinner together, followed by a talk and small group discussion.

Topic: **Is there more to life than this?**

<http://www.alpha.org/try>

<http://www.oasis.lu/welcome/get-involved/alpha/>

## What is Alpha?

Typically Alpha has around ten sessions and includes **food**, a short **talk** and a **discussion** at the end where you can share your thoughts.

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## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

... gets together every second Friday for an evening of worship, Bible study and games. All 12-18 year olds welcome!

January meetings:

Fridays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 18:30-20:30,

20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January – SOCIAL – to be arranged!

Contact: Pastor Pietro,  
Tania or Francesco  
[pietro@coglux.com](mailto:pietro@coglux.com)



## Ordinary Church Meeting

Sunday, 18 January 2015 after the service.

During the meeting, the leadership will be sharing updates with the church in various areas.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the meeting, but only church members can vote.



**STOP PRESS!!!**  
Rumour has it the YF January social will be a sleepover. Details from Tania & Francesco!

## Visit by Pastor Yinka Oyekan & team from Reading Community Church, UK

Session for leaders and ministry heads  
Saturday 10 January, 9:30am – 12.30pm,  
20a rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg

Pastor Yinka will preach at our worship service  
Sunday 11 January, 10:30  
72, rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg

A regular visitor to Oasis over the years, Pastor Yinka has given input to the church since 1992 and also worked with Don Double (another regular visiting preacher to Oasis) for many years. His real major ministry gifting is in establishing and providing leadership to churches and he has a significant healing ministry.



# Events coming up... Oasis Kids Corner

<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 18:30 - 20:30</b> <b>Church of God Building</b> 20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg	<b>Youth Fellowship</b> 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. <b>Contact:</b> Pietro on: <a href="mailto:pietro@coglux.com">pietro@coglux.com</a> for more information
<b>Every Saturday at 6 pm</b> <b>Church of God Building</b> 20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg	<b>Iglesia de Dios Luxemburgo</b> <b>Praise, prayer &amp; preaching (in Spanish), plus patisserie</b> Please spread the word about this and invite your Spanish friends. <b>Contact:</b> Pastor Pietro at <a href="mailto:pietro@coglux.com">pietro@coglux.com</a> for more information.
<b>Saturday 10 January, 9:30 – 12:30</b> <b>Church of God Building</b> 20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg	<b>Weekend with Pastor Yinka Oyekan &amp; team from Reading, UK</b> <b>Morning session with leaders and ministry heads</b> Pastor Yinka Oyekan helped input to the church from 1992 and worked with Don Double for many years. His major ministry gifting is in establishing and providing leadership to churches and he has a significant healing ministry.
<b>Sunday 11 January</b> <b>Christian Hope Center</b> 72, rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg	<b>Weekend with Pastor Yinka Oyekan &amp; team from Reading, UK</b> Pastor Yinka will be preaching at our worship service. See above.
<b>Monday 12 January 2015, 19:00 – 21:30</b> <b>Esperanza House</b> 70, Rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg	<b>Alpha Course Oasis Luxembourg</b> <b>Taster session: Is there more to life than this?</b> This is an OUTREACH event. PLEASE invite your non-Christian friends to come for a meal, a short talk and a discussion. OFFER to accompany them.
<b>Sunday 18 January 2015, at 12 noon</b> <b>Christian Hope Center</b> 72, rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg	<b>Ordinary Church Meeting</b> This will take place straight after the worship service. The leadership would like to share updates with the church in various areas. Everyone is welcome, although only church members can vote.
<b>Saturday 24 January 2015, 10 am – 1pm</b> For details of the exact venue (private house) please email <a href="mailto:newsletter@oasis.lu">newsletter@oasis.lu</a>	<b>Inter-Church Prayer Meeting for Luxembourg</b> Prayer meeting, followed by optional street evangelism. <b>Organiser:</b> Murielle Lemvoka-Raskin of La Rencontre church
<b>Saturday 14 February, in the evening</b> <b>Venue to be arranged</b>	<b>Valentine's Day dinner for couples</b> Please save the date – more information to follow soon. If you are interested, please email Pastor Giovanna at <a href="mailto:giovanna@coglux.com">giovanna@coglux.com</a>
<b>24-26 April 2015</b> <b>Venue to be arranged</b>	<b>IMPACT Luxembourg Event</b> PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!

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Please save the dates!



**Oasis Kids<sup>\*</sup>**  
**Corner**

**Happy New Year to  
all children and parents!**

Godfest Ministries invite us to be part of this history-making event

Awakening Europe || 9-12 July 2015

Nuremberg (Nürnberg) Germany

See <http://www.awakeningeurope.com/> for more info.

For the first time in a long while, this quarter, all Oasis Kids groups are going to be following Scripture Union material, which means we'll all be looking at the same scripture, more or less at the same time.

This month, all our groups are focussing on Jesus and various events in his earthly life. The series is designed to challenge our understanding of who Jesus is and what he expects from us.

"Jesus has a strange way of overturning people's understanding of who he is. At the same time, he is enormously assuring to be around. Some of the implications of all of this may be lost on our children, but they should not be lost on us. Until we have grasped the enormity and wonder of this man, we cannot help others to see him for who he is.

How do we respond to this Jesus who announces Jubilee with freedom for all and debts written off? How do we cope with the magnificent grace that lies behind the forgiveness of a man who shows no sign of repentance? What will we do with someone who welcomes people we would avoid? Or who goes out of his way to shock conventional society and break traditional taboos?"

And he still wants to forgive the unforgivable, welcome the unacceptable, embrace the unembraceable and teach the unteachable. Are we up to following him?"

As we go into 2015, let's pray that all of us (adults, young people and children) may see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

Excerpts taken from Scripture Union's LightLive website:  
<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk>

# Regular Events, Prayer Requests & 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7.30 pm**  
In Kayl – “Care”  
Contact: Fernand Gilles

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

**Thursdays at 7.30 pm**  
In Strassen – “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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 8.00 pm**  
A group for young adults  
Location – Luxembourg city  
Contact: young.adults@oasis.lu

## Youth Fellowship

**Friday: 6.30 - 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,  
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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, 26 January 2015** to **[newsletter@oasis.lu](mailto:newsletter@oasis.lu)**

## Please pray for ...

- **Oasis Church** God's vision & for future direction
- **Graham Kettle** – complete healing of his hand and return to work
- **Alpha Course**, every Monday evening from 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:newsletter@oasis.lu)** to let us know of 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@oasis.lu)**