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Inside Oasis

Remaining without water supply

In ancient times and throughout history, water has been essential to the well-being of a nation. Water was, and still is, a necessity for life. Whenever there was a shortage of water, no pasturing was possible. Farming was impossible, as was hunting. Without the supply of water, which often comes through rivers, people would get weak, suffer drought, cities would remain but function slowly and eventually be deserted. Everything would fade away and slowly die out.

There is a term, nowadays, called “Water supply terrorism”. According to Wikipedia, it is a performance of intentional or infrastructural sabotage of water supply systems, through chemical or biological warfare.

Whenever water supply pipelines are destroyed and cut down, we risk becoming weak and consequently face death. In spiritual terms, the picture described above can be applied to our personal lives and to Oasis church.

Rivers often represent the Holy Spirit in the Bible. Jesus likened streams of living water coming from the believer to the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39). The fresh river coming from the temple of God in Ezekiel 47, and in Revelation 22 are often spoken of the Spirit that comes from the throne of God.

The enemy will try everything to distract us in order to cut down our water supply and fill our lives with mud (sin, afflictions, storms and distractions), to slow down the income of water. The good news is, however, that water power is stronger than mud and can rinse it and clean our pipes to receive blessings and be a blessing.

Scientists will confirm that water makes up 60 per cent of the human body. This rises to 70 per cent in the brain, 82 per cent in the blood and an incredible 90 per cent in the lungs. For us to survive then, it is crucial to drink water everyday. Our bodies must replace 2.4 litres everyday!

Our bodies can survive without food for more than a month. A few days without water, however, they will start to dehydrate, reduce blood cells and cause heat stress. Due to the lack of oxygen, dizziness will kick-in as well as a feeling of nausea. The next steps are falling into a coma and eventually die.

Transfer this picture and imagine our spiritual lives if we fail to drink spiritual water.

Where do we get our water supply from and how do we get it? Is it through correct behaviour?

The answer is simple: We need to read the Bible and meditate on God’s Word regularly. We need to spend time with the Holy Spirit in order to refresh our souls on a daily basis. By putting into practice what we’ve read and opening up to Him, worshipping and praising Him, when we sing to Him and love the people around us as well as love Him, our lives will be filled with water.

Seeking him, just as the deer, who, when on top of a rocky hill, risks his life to get water, yearns for water in order to be refreshed and survive. ***In Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV) we read: “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”***

What would our lives be like without spiritual water? How might it be possible for Oasis church to survive without the Spirit of God? We need to yearn for him, continually seeking his face and allowing him to refresh our lives. If we allow spiritual mud to come into our lives and fail the Spirit to breathe on us, we are in danger of transforming Oasis church into a desert.

I am convinced that God is refreshing us and will continue to do so. This, naturally depends on us. Have we had a drink of fresh (spiritual) water today?

Upcoming events

Events coming up in March & throughout 2015

Spring Harvest 2015 - Immeasurably More - Almost Here!

"God has always provided festivals and feasts for His people. Those gatherings, which happened throughout the year, were extremely disruptive, requiring people to travel miles and find accommodation. Yet they were vital in helping the people of God remember who they were and retell their story, and provided them with opportunities to commit themselves afresh to living God's way."

Reading this in my daily Bible notes last week made me think of Spring Harvest: it is a long way to Minehead or Skegness in the UK; it takes time & effort to get there; it is not part of our normal routine, and it might even be cold.

A Butlin's chalet is a couple of steps up from a Jewish 'Feast of Tabernacles' tent, and a mixture of fresh sea-air, good Bible teaching, enthusiastic worship, great evening entertainment and English fish & chips are just some of the extras...and our God is sure to turn-up...immeasurably more than expected (Ephesians 3:20).

More details & dates are available on the Oasis Welcome Desk and at www.springharvest.org

Still looking for a get-away at Easter?

Why not consider joining

Spring Harvest in Minehead or Skegness (UK)?

Minehead I 28/03 – 02/04/2015

Minehead II 2 – 6/04/2015

Minehead III 6 – 10/04/2015

Skegness 6 – 10/04/2015

For more information, visit www.springharvest.org

and / or...

Colour Conference 2015 London

Hillsong Church London, UK

Thursday, 30 April 2015 at 6:30 PM –

Saturday, 2 May 2015 at 10:00 PM

<http://hillsong.com/conference/europe>

Hillsong conference Europe 2015 London

The O2 London, UK

22 – 24 July 2015

"Speak, we're listening"

Awakening Europe –

turning the world upside down for Jesus

Awakening Europe is a conference organised by GODfest to bring together Christians from all over Europe and all denominations to seek God's face to awaken Europe.

Time? **9 – 12 July 2015 in**

Where? **Grundig Stadion, Nuremberg, Germany**

For more information, visit www.awakeningeurope.com



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Events coming up... Oasis Kids Corner

<p>Every Saturday at 6 pm Church of God Building 20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Saturday, 7 March 2014 at 2pm Church building « La Source » 138 Rue Victor Hugo LU - 4141 Esch-sur-Alzette</p>	<p>Kids event – Getting to know Jesus better By “Action Missionnaire Enfant” and „Grow up/ Grandir“. All kids aged 6 – 11/12 Theme: „Getting to know Jesus better“.</p>
<p>Sunday, 15 March 2015 at 10.30am Christian Hope Center 72, rue Dernier Sol, L-2543 Luxembourg</p>	<p>Joshua Turnil from „Jews for Jesus“ speaking at Oasis Presentation on traditional Jewish passover, using certain elements and show how each element points the way to Christ.</p> <p>Go to: www.jewsforjesus.org/events/event-publicity?ref=518598t to learn more about the traditional Jewish passover.</p>
<p>Saturday, 21 March 2015 at 10am – 1pm</p>	<p>Inter-Church Prayer Meeting for Luxembourg Prayer meeting, followed by optional street evangelism. For details of the exact venue, please email info@oasis.lu or newsletter@oasis.lu Organiser: Murielle Lemvoka-Raskin of La Rencontre church</p>
<p>Sunday, 29 March TBC</p>	<p>Oasis Youth event For more information, please contact Francesco or Tania at: francesco_di_bari@hotmail.com for more information</p>
<p>27 – 29 March 2015 Norther Brabant, Netherlands</p>	<p>Aglow conference in Northern Brabant, Netherlands Aglow is a worldwide Christian women's organisation to connect women from different church backgrounds, cultures, and walks of life.</p> <p>To receive more information on the conference as well as to register, please use the following link: http://www.europeanenglishaglow.com/wp/category/conference/</p>

Oasis kids

RENCONTRE POUR ENFANTS
6-11/12 ANS « AUTOUR JÉSUS »



**THÈME
MIEUX CONNAÎTRE
JÉSUS**

Le samedi 7 mars 2015
de 14h00 à 17h30
à l'église « La Source »
140, rue Victor Hugo à
Esch / Alzette

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

Attention, kids!

On **Saturday, 7 March 2015**, the organisation „Action Missionnaire Enfant“ and „Grow up/ Grandir“ is inviting all **kids aged 6 – 11/12** to join the event „Getting to know Jesus better“.
Starting time is **2 pm** and the venue is „**La Source**“ church in **Esch-sur-Alzette**. The event is in French & Luxembourg, however, English translation will be available.

Please register with Alison at kids@oasis.lu

For more information on the organiser, please, visit: <http://www.amenfants.net/de>

Oasis 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 meeting on:

Friday, 6 March & 20 March

Contact Francesco & Tania at francesco_di_bari@hotmail.com to receive more information

Regular Events, Prayer Items & Final Word

THANK YOU for / to...

- **Oasis Church family** - supporting, nurturing & encouraging
- **All the ministries** enriching church life & building up faith
- **Pastors Chris & Graham Kettle and Pietro & Giovanna Colaci**
- **Freedom of assembly in Luxembourg**

What are you thankful for? Would you like to share it with everyone? Write to newsletter@oasis.lu

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

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

Worship Practice

Tuesday: 7.00 pm Worship practice

20a rue de Strasbourg
L-2560 Luxembourg

Just Be

Every 2nd Wednesday at 8.00 pm

A group for young adults
Location – Luxembourg city
Contact: young.adults@oasis.lu

Ladies' Group

Monday: 9.15 -11.30 am

20a rue de Strasbourg
L-2560 Luxembourg

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.

Tithing and Offerings

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

Prayer Meetings

Sundays from 9.45 am

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

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 Strassen – "Excel & PowerPoint"
Contacts: Lena Martensson
and Emmanuel Kabamba

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

Leadership

Senior Pastors: **Rev Dr Graham & Chris
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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 **Tuesday, 25 March 2015** to newsletter@oasis.lu

Please pray for ...

- **Marilyn & Emmanuel Kabamba**
For strength and comfort for the whole family in this difficult time of mourning
- **Peter Wren** – for God's presence and strength as the family grieves over the loss of his father.
- **Christians & missionaries in the Middle East** – for God's protection, guidance and courage to stand firm as they face persecution
- **Oasis Church of God** – for God's vision and guidance; to be an oasis and source for people seeking God
- **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. Practice sessions on Tuesdays at 7 pm.
- **Newsletter editors** – Interested? Write to newsletter@oasis.lu to let us know your interest.
- **Volunteers in the Oasis Kid's ministry**. If you have a heart for kids, please write to kids@oasis.lu to find out how you can support them.
- **Volunteers to help with coffee & tea before & after Church**. Please contact Brian or Grace at: info@oasis.lu