



May 2015

Inside Oasis

I know my Redeemer lives

Every once in a while, a verse jumps out of the Old Testament and takes on a new meaning. Job lost his fortune, family, and much of his health. In a stunning display of faith, he expressed his only remaining hope: „I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last“ (Job 19:25). The words find fulfillment in Jesus. Jesus gave His life to redeem us, to buy us back from our slavery to sin. His death was the price of our freedom. That's not the bottom line, however. Thank God! As the sun rises every day, we can say with Job, „I know that my Redeemer lives.“ He lives! Death could not hold Him. He lives, to finish salvation's work in me. Hymnwriter Samuel Medley (1738 – 1799) often repeated words and phrases in his songs. Here, what's repeated is the most important concept: „He lives...He lives...He lives.“

“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!”
Job 19:25-27

*I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living Head.*

*He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.*

*He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high....*

From The One Year Great Songs of Faith (Carol Stream, Ill.:Tydale, 1995),119.

As a musician I can identify myself often to the lyrics of songs, and while listening or singing along to them, I feel them deep in my heart. Nevertheless, when I realise what Job must have gone through in that particular moment, I don't know if I would have been able to say the same words in such a painful situation. Despite the fact that he was suffering on so many different levels, not just emotionally but also physically, he was still focusing on God's promise of salvation and eternal life. Instead of being sad and disappointed with his situation, he thought of the overwhelming certainty of seeing God with his own eyes one day. While singing this song with these lyrics above, it fills me with joy and thankfulness for God's great gift to us. Especially with Easter having passed not long ago and us approaching Christ's Ascension and Pentecost holidays, we should take some time and reflect on what these words means for us – My Redeemer lives! Where would I be now if I did not have Jesus in my live, as well as the conviction that through His sacrifice I will one day see Him? The thought of being without hope and a sense of purpose in life, makes me feel really desperate.

Thank you Jesus, that you found me and called me to be Your daughter. Thank you for your sacrifice in giving me life. Thank you for the certainty that You, as my Redeemer, live and that I can be sure of seeing You face to face one day! And as Job once said, I am overwhelmed at that thought!

Giovanna Colaci

Upcoming events

Events coming up in May and throughout 2015

CAR BOOT SALE

It's that time of year again...

Best to start cooking & baking.

The 23rd Annual Car Boot Sale organised by the British Ladies' Club of Luxembourg will be held on

Saturday, 6 June

at the Glacis car park in Limpertsberg.

As ever, we will need many delicious food items – savoury and sweet, so all your efforts are much appreciated.

The funds collected from the sales will be used for the continued support of our church missions – namely Horizon of Hope in Romania.



Helping hands needed!

Oasis church is moving. The building on 20a, rue Strasbourg needs to be cleaned. The 2nd round of clearing up will take place soon. More information on date & time to follow soon by separate communication!

Men's Outing!

When? **14 May at 10 am** in Bascharage
A 12-km walk in the countryside.
Spouses are welcome to join as well as their children, provided that they're physically able to do a 12k hike. For more information on the hiking trail, visit www.flmp-ivv.lu/wanderungen
Food and cakes provided by the organisers before and after the hike (for a reasonable charge).

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



Horizon of Hope

will offer a home for Romanian youth as they learn the skills needed to move from high school to employment. A non-profit organisation, Horizon of Hope aims to help young people who seek guidance and direction for their future, both spiritually and vocationally.

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

Hillsong conference Europe 2015 London
The O2 London, UK
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Events coming up... Oasis Kids Corner

Saturday, 9 May 2015 Start: 10 am	Youth & Family BBQ Where? Jessen's House, 18 rue de l'église, 9382 MOESTROFF (Diekirch) Please bring your own b.b.q. meat for your family, salad and drink of your choice. Dessert will be provided for. Awaiting you: lots of outdoor activities, in good company for a great time!
Sunday, 10 May 2015 Start after regular service Christian Hope Centre 72, rue Dernier Sol L- 2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	Oasis CoG AGM Following the usual Sunday service, we will hold the Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 14 May 2015 Start at 10 am in 4920 Bascharage (bus stop 75, rue de l'Eau)	Men's Outing Join the 12-km walk in the countryside. As 14 May is a public holiday, spouses are welcome to join in as well as their children, provided that they're physically able to do a 12k hike. Confirmation is not needed. Food and cakes provided by the organisers before and after the hike (for a reasonable charge).
Friday, 15 May 2015 at 6.30pm	Oasis Youth fellowship Anyone aged 12+, who would like to meet Christian young people to worship and spend time together with is welcome. Contact Francesco & Tania at francesco_di_bari@hotmail.com to receive more information.
Saturday, 23 May 2015 at 10am – 1pm	Inter-Church Prayer Meeting for Luxembourg Prayer meeting, followed by optional street evangelism. For details of the exact venue, please email Murielle Lemvoka-Raskin at murielle_lemvoka-raskin@hotmail.com
Saturday, 30 May 2015 Floden's home in Grundhof	Oasis Youth rolls up sleeves for social work at Floden's home Are you ready to get active and put those talents you've got into practice? Join Oasis Youth for this social work coming up at the end of May. <i>Interested? Contact Francesco & Tania at francesco_di_bari@hotmail.com to learn more about this mission and to register.</i>
29 – 31 May 2015 Scout Chalet 1, rue Principale L-5290 Neihaischen	Grow-up kids camp in Neihaischen All kids aged 6 to 11 (or 12, if they've turned 12 this year) are invited to join "Grow-Up" camp in Neihaischen. See ad below for more information or contact kids@oasis.lu
Every Saturday at 6 pm Church of God Building 20a, rue de Strasbourg, L-2560 Luxembourg Note: upcoming change of address!	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.

Oasis kids



In French & Luxembourgish



WEEKEND CAMP for children aged 6 - 11 years
 At the scout chalet in Neihaischen (near Sandweiler)

Lunchtime on Friday 29th May until lunchtime on Sunday 31st May
 (Second weekend of the Pentecost school holiday)

Cost 55€ per child (accommodation, meals and activities)
 Deposit of 30€ required on application
 Contact for Oasis: Alison Wilson kids@oasis.lu



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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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, 25 May 2015** to newsletter@oasis.lu

Please pray for ...

- **Wilson family** - for God's intervention in Alison's dad situation, strength and comfort for the whole family in this challenging time
- **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.
- **Survivors of the earthquake in Nepal, local and international ones** – for aid organisations to get through quickly, right aid to be provided, missionaries on site as they provide help.
- **Christians & missionaries in the Middle East** – for God's protection, guidance and courage to stand firm as they face persecution

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