



July/August 2015

Inside Oasis

A Blue Dress That Led to a Mess

A couple started arguing about the colour of a piece of cloth. It escalated into an argument, which could have been avoided, but now they find themselves in counselling, wondering why they are on the verge of separating.

That night, James came home from work and was ready to take Jackie out for dinner - this was their special night. She came down the stairs in her new dress; she was smiling and looked stunning. James complimented her saying: "Darling, you look fabulous in that blue dress", at which she replied smiling, "It is not blue, it's aquamarine, but how can you know that, when you, as usual, are always busy reading your text messages?". James felt compelled to defend his point of view, "But darling, it is blue, not aquamarine!". From there, what was meant to be an enjoyable evening, turned into a total disaster. The couple went on degrading and blaming each other – raising their voices and bringing up past negative experiences in the process.

What should they have done in the first place? Focused on the positives, not the negatives! The enemy knows full well how to manipulate and trap us. He intends to break marriages, because it is a Godly institution; he hates whatever God does, and by confusing couples he places disunity within families and in society. Churches are affected by the same plague that we live in this world. However, we have the option to rule over our emotions. The book of Proverbs gives us some good advice on how we should behave in our relationships (both marital and others). By simply applying the following passages to our lives, we will be protecting ourselves from the enemy and lead more peaceful lives.

- When we feel that we have the need to be right, remember that adding quarrel will not save the situation, rather destroy it.
Proverbs 26:20: *Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.*

- When we want to be heard, remember the importance of listening first. God gave us two ears and only one mouth for many reasons, one of which is that it is at least twice as important to listen than to speak.

Proverbs 18:13: *To answer before listening - that is folly and shame.*

- When we feel that we should speak all the time, remember to keep our mouths shut.

Proverbs 17:28: *Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.*

- When we want to bring up the past, remember that what is already bound does not need to be loosened again. Ask yourself, what positive change will this information bring to this situation?

Matthew 18:18: *"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

In our relationships, let us learn to speak when appropriate and to discern what issues are worth disputing; let us not argue about every small detail. In this story, the colour of the dress was insignificant, so the discussion could have been avoided. However, the feelings behind the argument were very significant. The wife felt that she was not important to her husband, because instead of recognising that she made an effort to be beautiful for him, he insisted on the colour. When she said to him that he just read his text messages as *usual*, he felt she demonstrated a feeling of unforgiveness, by bringing up things from the past.

- Once we have discussed a certain issue, and we have forgiven, we need to forget.

Luke 6:37 *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."*

Philippians 2:1-5 sums it up perfectly:

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

June Events Recap and Upcoming Events

THANK YOU – CAR BOOT SALE

A special thank you to everyone who contributed with the Car Boot Sale! To all the chefs and bakers; to all those who helped set up, serve and run the stand on the day; and especially to all those who supported Horizon of Hope by purchasing food and drinks.

A total of **€3717.60** was raised this year, which now brings the grand total of what Oasis has raised through the Car Boot



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.

Worship Ministry Retreat – 26/27 June in Larochette



NEW! BIBLE STUDY on Sunday Mornings!

A new Bible Study group, led by Emmanuel is now meeting every Sunday morning **BEFORE** the church service from 9:30 to 10:15am. The meetings will take place in the n-Counter Room on the first floor of the Christian Hope Center (church building). The idea is to have a space where the group can:

- **Open the Word of God and study it, with an opportunity to ask questions.**
- **Explore the Biblical basis of the doctrinal teachings of the Church of God, and...**
 - **Have fellowship!**

Given the diversity in the denominational background of our members and regulars, it is crucial that a solid and sound understanding of key Bible truths is established.

The Bible Study group is open to **ALL** - both new and more experienced Christians welcome.

It will not be a rehash of what is covered in the Home Groups.

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

<http://hillsong.com/conference/europe>
Hillsong
Hillsong conference Europe 2015 London
The O2 London, UK
22 – 24 July 2015
"Speak, we're listening"

AWAKENING EUROPE

TODD WHITE WALTER HEIDENREICH BEN FITZGERALD MATTHIAS KUNO PAUL MANWARING JESUS CULTURE JAKE HAMILTON GOD ENCOUNTER BAND CHRIS POESCHL

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Events coming up... Oasis Youth Corner

<p>July TBD at 10:30am Christian Hope Centre 72, rue Dernier Sol L- 2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie</p>	<p>Sunday Service – Water Baptism Service For those who have not yet been baptised in water and are interested in taking this next step, please contact Pastor Pietro Colaci at pietro@coglux.com</p>
<p>Friday, 10 July 2015 From 6:30 to 9:00pm Esperanza House 72, rue Dernier Sol L- 2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie</p>	<p>Youth Fellowship - Spiritual This will be the last official Youth Spiritual of the year before the summer holidays. For the rest of July/August/September, spontaneous activities may be announced. Contact Francesco & Tania at youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.com for more information.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 15 July 2015 Time and location TBD</p>	<p>Children's Ministry Training For those adults participating in the children's ministry, who have not yet undergone the required training. Please contact John & Jessica Mills at kids@oasis.lu.</p>
<p>Saturday, 12 September 2015 at 6:30pm Christian Hope Centre 72, rue Dernier Sol, Luxembourg-Bonnevoie</p>	<p>Youth Worship Night – "Explosion" Contacts: Francesco & Tania at youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday, 17 to 19 September 2015 Budapest, Hungary</p>	<p>Church of God Finish Conference More information coming soon</p>
<p>Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October 2015 Christian Hope Centre 72, rue Dernier Sol, Luxembourg-Bonnevoie</p>	<p>Church Anniversary & Ordination of Pietro and Giovanna All-weekend El Faro and Oasis joint celebration. Saturday: El Faro service – cake and coffee afterwards Sunday: Oasis service – meet & eat afterwards Chris Swift will speak at both services.</p>
<p>Every Saturday at 6:30pm Esperanza House 72, rue Dernier Sol L- 2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie</p>	<p>El Faro - 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>

Oasis Youth

Youth Fellowship Social - Walygator Parc – 23 June



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

Christian Hope Centre
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

72 rue Dernier Sol
L-2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie

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

72, rue Dernier Sol
L-2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie

Youth Fellowship

Friday: 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Under 18s - twice per month
See Events' Diary or contact
youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.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:
BGLLLULL

Prayer Meetings/Bible Study

Sundays from 9.45 am/ 9.30-10.15am

Intercessory Prayer for church needs,
prayer requests & listening to God (2nd
floor)/ **Bible Study** (1st floor)

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 **Monday,
27 July 2015** to newsletter@oasis.lu

Please pray for ...

- **Wilson family** - for God's intervention, 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 Kids 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