

November 2015

Inside Oasis

Hugo has asked us to write an article on our thoughts over the Anniversary/handover weekend for the November Newsletter so I am sitting in our office thinking of what can I say to express just how we felt on 17 and 18 October.

What a fantastic weekend, God's presence was so evident in the meetings, the joy of being together and celebrating the Church Anniversary. Chris Swift's word was so spot on for us as well as Pietro and Giovanna. We may be 'slowing down' if there ever is such a thing in God's Kingdom but Pietro and Giovanna are 'stepping up' and starting their work.

Thank you for such a fantastic weekend, thank you for the flowers and beautiful engraved vase, thank you to the ladies for the Swarovski 'bling bling' jewellery, which I, Chris, love.

Then the biggest surprise of all was the cheque. If we looked a bit stunned, we truly were and for me, who likes to chat, and Graham, a preacher to be lost for words means we were totally surprised. The amount of money on the cheque was truly stunning. Thank you so much, there are really no words that can express our thanks. You are the most generous and loving church. We feel so blessed to be in fellowship with you and to have shared with you all these years. It has been our privilege to have shared our lives with you all.

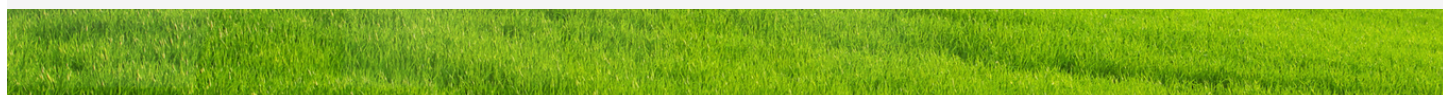


It is a lot of money and what we do with it needs to be a reminder of you all. This last year we have been discussing upgrading our caravan so that when our granddaughters come over, we hope in the summer next year, we can go away with them. To have four people in a two-berth caravan is a bit tight. Therefore, we have decided to add your money, to what has become, our 'new caravan fund'. Our present caravan is 20 years old so when we eventually get a new one it will last us for many years and each time we go away we will be reminded of your gift to us and how blessed we are to have such a fantastic family in Luxembourg. We hope our decision meets with your approval ☺

Pietro and Giovanna are now looking after you. Remember it is very hard work to care for and run a church; they cannot please everybody. There may be decisions in the future that you may not agree with. However, this is where we put our trust in God, knowing that he has promised to care for us. Be loyal and faithful members of Oasis, which is what they will need, to know that the congregation is behind them praying and supporting them.

God Bless and lots of love,

Chris and Graham Kettle



THANK YOU and Reminder

LUXEMBOURG CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



This year, a grand total of 215 boxes...

have been collected from OASIS – a fabulous result from so many generous givers! A big and special thank you to all who took the time to organise and get involved in this wonderful initiative – packing, checking, carrying and loading all the boxes. May His name be glorified through each box, which will help bless many children this Christmas!

2 Corinthians 9:7

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.**”*

For a number of years now, Oasis has been taking part in Operation Christmas Child, in which people pack shoeboxes for children who may not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas. We do this under the umbrella of the German organisation **Geschenke der Hoffnung e.V (Weihnachten im Schuhkarton)**. Our boxes are sent to countries in Eastern Europe. Over the years, the project has grown, mainly as a result of individuals inspiring colleagues, friends and neighbours to get involved.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

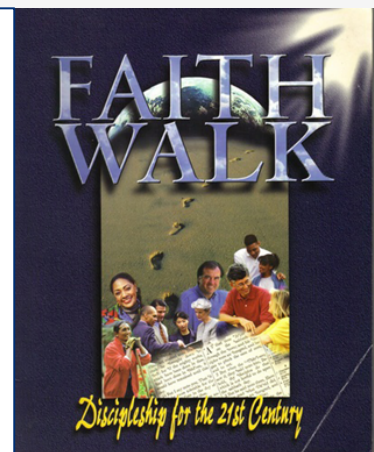
Sunday Bible Study

A Bible Study group meets every Sunday morning. Given the diversity in the denominational background of members and regulars, this is a unique opportunity to establish a solid and sound understanding of key Bible truths.

The Bible Study is open to ALL:- New Christians and Old-timers alike and not a rehash of what is covered in the Home Groups.

The study is currently following **Faith Walk** – a book published by the Church of God covering foundational Biblical truths.

Meeting times are Sundays from 9.30 - 10.15 am
in Esperanza House (part of the church building in Bonnevoie)



Events coming up... Oasis Kids Corner

Every Saturday at 6 pm 50, Rue de la Déportation L- 1415 Luxembourg-Gasperich	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.
Friday, 20 November 2015 at 6:30 until 9pm Esperanza House 70, rue Dernier Sol L- 2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	Oasis Youth Night – Spiritual (Video & Social Games Night) Welcome to anyone aged 12-18, who would like to meet other young Christians. We spend time in worship, prayer and discussion at these meetings, plus fun and games. Contact Francesco & Tania at youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.com for more.
Saturday, 21 November 2015 at 10am Email for details of the exact venue	Inter-Church Prayer Meeting for Luxembourg Prayer meeting, followed by optional street evangelism. Email address: murielle_lemvoka-raskin@hotmail.com
Saturday, 28 November 2015, TBD Echternach Youth Hostel	Oasis Youth Monthly Social (Climbing Afternoon) Contact Francesco & Tania at youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.com for more details.
Sunday, 13 December 2015 at 10.30am Christian Hope Center 72, rue Dernier Sol L- 2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	All-Age Service With special participation from and activities for all age groups, including the children's ministry.
Sunday 13 December 2015, TBD Luxembourg Christmas Market	Oasis Youth Monthly Social (Visit to the Christmas Market) Contact Francesco & Tania at youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.com for more details.
Friday 18 December 2015 at 6:30 until 9pm Esperanza House 70, rue Dernier Sol L- 2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	Oasis Youth Night – Spiritual (Youth Christmas Party) Welcome to anyone aged 12-18, who would like to meet other young Christians. We'll enjoy a 'raclette' style meet & eat, as well as spend time in worship, prayer and discussion for the final meeting of 2015. Contact Francesco & Tania at youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.com for more details.

BIBLE Memory Verse:
November/December

Oasis Kids Corner



Jesus answered, I am the Way,
the Truth,
and the Life
No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Regular Events, Important Prayer Requests & More

SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY 31 DEC.
NEW YEAR'S EVE
GATHERING @ GERD'S
IN BERDORF
MORE DETAILS TBA

NEEDED:
NEW CREATIVE TEAM MEMBERS
TO JOIN THE OASIS NEWS TEAM
AS WEBSITE MANAGER &
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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: 7pm Worship practice
72, rue Dernier Sol
L-2543 Luxembourg

Ladies' Group

Thursday: 9.30 - 11.30 am
72, rue Dernier Sol
L-2543 Luxembourg

Youth Fellowship

Friday: 6.30 - 9 pm
Esperanza House
Under 18s - twice per month, plus
one social.
See Events' Diary or contact
pietro@coglux.com for more
details of dates and events.

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 **Sunday,**
29 November 2015 to
newsletter@oasis.lu

Tithing and Offerings

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

Sundays from 9.30 am
Esperanza House - front door

Prayer Meeting

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 -
Contact: Fernand Gilles

Every 2nd Wednesday at 7.30 pm

In Itzig -
Contact: John and Jessica Mills

Every Thursday at 7.30 pm

In Strassen -
Contacts: Lena Martensson
and Emmanuel Kabamba

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

Leadership

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

Please pray for ...

- **Philip and Family** - for God's comfort and peace in this difficult time.
- **People affected by Paris attacks** - let us join our prayers for those who have lost loved ones, have been hurt and are scared for the future. JESUS reminds us in John 16:33:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

- **Christians & missionaries in the Middle East** - for God's protection, guidance and courage to stand firm as they face persecution
- **For people fleeing war and violent situations**, especially at the moment from Syria and Iraq.

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 for Esperanza House**
- **Volunteers to help with coffee & tea before & after Church**. Please contact Brian or Grace at: info@oasis.lu