



April 2016

Inside Oasis

THE SAME POWER

For the most part of the past 12 months or so, we have had quite a lot of sermons and teachings from a variety of speakers about the Holy Spirit. We have talked about the Person of the Holy Spirit, the power of the Holy Spirit as well as the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit. I am often intrigued about the power i.e. when the Bible says that *you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you*. This suggests to me that we all have power, at least those of us who claim to have the Spirit of God. It is not surprising that you are probably looking over your shoulder to see if there is someone else there for whom this message is meant. Yes, we find it easy to accept that we have been filled by the Holy Spirit. Some of us probably even speak in tongues. We enjoy that. But power? What power?

I have been thinking a lot about this power lately. It also does not help when everywhere we look around us, we have Christians chasing after this or that powerful man or woman of God. Christians are hopping from one church to another looking for that elusive “power” experience. The *born again* believers are the biggest culprits here. Particularly around Easter, I found myself preoccupied by Romans 8:11 which suggests that “*the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you*” and that He “*will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you*”. Please don’t get me wrong. I understand that this section of Romans deals with the problem of the flesh and how the Holy Spirit and being spiritually minded is the solution to the problem of the flesh. No matter how hard I try however, I cannot get rid of the fascination I have with this idea that the Spirit of God dwells in us. You and I have the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead living in us! Isn’t that wonderful? The power that was active in the resurrection is active in us!

With the Easter celebrations still fresh in our minds, we should remind ourselves about the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I have been drawn to the music of Jeremy Camp and that particular song, *Same Power*. In that song, Jeremy writes that we can walk down dark and painful roads and face every fear of the unknown without being overtaken or overcome because the same power that raised Jesus from the grave lives in us. The question really is, why don’t our lives reflect the fact that we have the Holy Spirit and this power within us? Why are we quick to look to others for everything spiritual? Why are only a few Christian leaders seemingly walking in this power and therefore drawing all and sundry?

A high school friend of mine who pastors a church in Australia recently wrote on his Facebook page that “*the main reason why many Christians do not feel like they are growing is that they allow the power of God to touch them but they do not let it transform them*”. He added a prayer for Christians to allow God’s power to transform us and make us more like Him. My prayer for Oasis is that we should not chase power for the sake of power. Rather, we should realise that we have power because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Our lives should reflect that reality by the way we live our lives i.e. being conformed to the image of Christ. That we might know the power of His resurrection as the ongoing power that is the day to day experience of being in Christ. Whatever your experiences, no matter how difficult the challenges you face today might seem to be, remember that you have the Spirit of God within you. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Praise be to God!

Pastor Emmanuel

Coverage continued - church update

I can see
Waters raging at my feet
I can feel
The breath of those surrounding me
I can hear
The sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken
We will not be overcome
I can walk
Down this dark and painful road

I can face
Every fear of the unknown
I can hear
All God's children singing out
We will not be overtaken
We will not be overcome
The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us

"Same Power" by Jeremy Camp

Oasis Events – upcoming



Esperanza needs you on the **7th of April.**

Esperanza House is open every Tuesday and Thursday evening and offers a warm meal, shares the good news and gives those disadvantaged groups the opportunity to share their stories.

If you like to dedicate your time and help prepare or serve food, this is a perfect opportunity to join. On top, you'll learn more about Teen Challenge and their work in Luxembourg.

Please inform Janice & Marlon Libang at Janice_Bautista@ept.lu or Chris Kettle at diary@coglux.com.

CAR BOOT SALE

It's that time of year again...

Best to start cooking & baking. The Car Boot Sale organised by the British Ladies' Club of Luxembourg will be held on

18 June 2016

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

For more information please contact Chris Kettle at chrissylux@coglux.com

The funds collected from the sales will go towards one of the ministries Oasis Church of God supports.

Charity Concert Huntley Brown

"Huntley's music takes me into the throne room of God."

**17 April 2016
7pm at the Hope Centre**

*Ruth Graham (Daughter of Billy and Ruth Graham)
President, Ruth Graham & Friends Ministries*

All money goes to a school project in Burkina Faso

Guest Speaker Yinka Oyekan

*Senior minister of Reading Community Church,
apostolic Team Leader, book writer, husband and father*

10 April 2016

He is a great inspirer and encourager and will fire us up to receive more of the Holy Spirit.

Daily devotions...download the app

Since smartphones have become a constant companion in our lives today, let it serve as a blessing. How? Follow your daily devotions on an app, for example. The following two are highly recommendable:

- **Bible in one year by Nicky Gamble**

now even with audio commentary

- **Our Daily Bread by RBC ministries**



The following link will guide you to more devotional apps and to download the Bible:

Events coming up... Oasis Kids Corner

3 April 2016 Christian Hope Centre 72, rue Dernier Sol L-2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	Guest Speaker – Dr Kent Hodge In 2007 Kent&Ruth Hodge led a team of local Christians from the south of Nigeria to start a Bible college in the north of the country. That is how Christian Faith Ministries was founded.
8 & 22 April 2016: spiritual at 6.30pm 17 April 2016: social at 6.30pm Esperanza House 70, rue Dernier Sol L-2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	Oasis Youth fellowship Anyone aged 12+, who would like to meet Christian young people to worship and spend time together with is welcome. Contact youth.fellowship.oasis@gmail.com to receive more information.
10 April 2016 Christian Hope Centre 72, rue Dernier Sol L-2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	Guest Speaker - Yinka Oyekan Yinka Ocean is the senior minister of Reading Community Church. He is also the Apostolic Team Leader for Barnabas Fellowship of Churches which has churches in the UK, France and Africa. Yinka has extensive experience in missions and has been involved for many years in church planting in the UK, France and Africa. He has written several books.
17 April 2016 at 7pm Christian Hope Centre 72, rue Dernier Sol L-2543 Luxembourg-Bonnevoie	Huntley Brown Charity concert for a school project in Burkina Faso
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.
18 June 2016 Glacis - Luxembourg city	Annual Car Boot Sale As ever, we will need many delicious food items – savoury and sweet, so all your efforts are much appreciated. For more information please contact Chris Kettle at chrissylux@coglux.com .

Oasis Kids Corner

Galatians 5:22-23 New
International Version (NIV)
But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, forbearance,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and
self-control. Against such
things there is no law.



Regular Events, Important Prayer Requests & More

Worship Service

Sundays: 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

Tuesdays: 7pm Worship practice

72, rue Dernier Sol
L-2543 Luxembourg

Ladies' Group

Thursdays: 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 youth@oasis.lu 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 **Thursday, 25 April 2016 to newsletter@oasis.lu**

Tithing and Offerings

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

Bible Study

Sundays from 9.30 am to 10.15

Hope Centre - 1st floor

Intercessory Ministry

Sundays from 9.30 am to 10.15

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

Contact: Leena Hoffmann

Home Groups

Every 2nd Monday at 7.30 pm

In Kayl -
Contact: Fernand Gilles

Every 2nd Wednesday at 8 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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Listen again....

to recent sermons at:

www.oasis.lu/welcome/messages/

Please pray for ...

- **Missionaries we support** – **Piotr & Ana Ozana** in Poznan (PL), **Matt & Janet Dawson** and their work for Wycliffe Bible Translation
- **Christians & missionaries in the Middle East** – for God's protection, guidance and courage to stand firm as they face persecution
- **Our brothers & sisters** in the Oasis family who go through difficulties, need to take decisions or face challenging times
- **Luxembourg city and country** – government, local authorities, our neighbourhoods
- **European leaders** – for God's guidance and wisdom in taking decisions that are honouring him.
- **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