

MIG Update – YP and Jude Gayet

Jude grew up in Wootton and met YP at Cornhill Bible College. They live in Nivelles, Belgium with their 3 children: Jason 8; Mathéo 6; and Anastasya 4. They help lead a church and particularly work with the youth. This is what life has been like for them during the past few months.

On the whole, nursery and primary schools have remained open here so we feel very blessed that our children have been in 'normal' education since September. Under 12s can also continue their other activities, so they are still able to have their dance, football and tennis lessons. The boys are also learning music with YP. Jason the piano and Mathéo the violin. So, life remains busy as ever!

YP has a heavy teaching schedule this year which is all taking place in school as he teaches primary (secondary schools follow a hybrid system where the students' classes are cut in half and so they have alternate days at school / at home).

We're so thankful to see that things in the UK are looking up. We have been keeping you all in our prayers. It has been well over a year now since we have been able to go home to England, which is really tough, especially for me, Jude. We pray to be able to visit this August as we have been invited to a wedding in Belfast, but who knows... I expect they will introduce a vaccine passport, and I don't know that we'll have been vaccinated by then. Here the program is not as advanced as in the UK. For our age group vaccines are due to begin in June, but will continue through the summer. So please do pray for us to be vaccinated in time for August.

Our main prayer request at the moment is for motivation, both for us and for the church/youth/music students. Everyone is so fed up of zoom. Please pray for us to find different ways of doing things online and to be creative.

In Belgium we are blessed that we can meet outdoors in groups of four. So as a church on sunny Sunday mornings we have organised various walks/trips to parks.



The adults stay in groups of four (with masks of course) and the children all run in between. It's been a life line for the children as it's tough for them to no longer meet with others for Sunday school - for that we post material online and everyone does it within their own family. It's especially hard for only children.

For the youth we have been able to do some bible studies while walking (Deeper Dehors/Bible en Balade). This is because we are allowed up to 10 under 18s together outside provided that it is for an organised youth activity and that they have masks. The youth read the passage in advance and then we discuss it while walking. We get a take away hot drink along the way.

At half term we were also allowed to have an outdoor activity of up to 25 under 18s. So, each Belgian club held a different activity (Charleroi, Wavre, Brussels and Nivelles). We did a photo scavenger hunt which is where you give a large list of photos around town to take with your group. You get points for being funny or creative. It was a great afternoon that culminated at Mcdonald's. Give thanks that two new young people came along and pray for them to come to a zoom. Please pray for all the young people, some of whom attend regularly, some of whom we see rarely, especially since everything went on zoom.



Online we have found many games useful such as: Scribble, Among Us, Times Up! Party, Gartic Phone, and Netflix Party. Please give thanks for such online games and pray for us to find others that will motivate the young people to attend zoom meetings. Pray for us to be creative in our messages too. Last week we filmed our message as a sketch and showed it at the zoom which went well.

Lots of love and prayers to all of you! Thank you so so much for your precious prayer and financial support.

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