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ANDERSON UPDATE

Merry Christmas from Belgium

Dear praying pastors, faithful friends, and fabulous family,

The wonderful Christmas season is here once again and 2024 will end, making way for the awesome things that God has planned for 2025!!! His plans are always for our ultimate good and His eternal glory! His coming is getting closer each day and this dark world needs us to be a light of hope! People need to hear the Good News of Jesus!!!

Sunday the 22nd is our Church Christmas service including an "Art show" by the kids and Christmas lunch. This is always a nice time of fellowship and encouragement. Sunday the 29th, we will celebrate the end of 2024 together and be encouraged by a message from one of the men of the church. After the service, we will have a time of fun, fellowship, and finger foods. The annual White Elephant gift exchange, is of course, on the agenda, and there will be other games. This time together is always an enjoyable time with a great spirit of unity! Please pray for any visitors, that God will open their hearts to the greatest gift ever given! Jesus!

Tom will be bringing in the New Year at the Sleep Clinic getting tested for sleep apnea. Three months ago, the only 2 places open before mid-April were Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve... so he chose New Year's Eve! Way to party!!! Please pray that this will be a wonderful opportunity to witness for Jesus!!!

Rayna and Ash's wedding will be July 28th! For those interested, they have a wedding website. We have been waiting for it to be a bit more complete and should be able to send the info very soon to those who let us know that they are interested. We will come home mid-July for that and then... start our furlough in August! If you are interested in having us present the field of Belgium in your church... please let us know. It would be great to fit your church in our agenda! We will also be reporting to churches that already support the ministry here... so, Pastors, please let us know if you want us to report. **We will be on furlough in August, September, October and November**, and possibly December and January.

The church is continuing to move forward with growth even as the enemy does his best to cause problems! God is preparing the hearts of some of the men to step up and help Dirk while we are on furlough. This is very encouraging!!!

Thank you so much for your continued prayers, love, friendships, and support. It is amazing that so many little things in life can bring back memories of times together with many of you. This brings a smile to our faces. You are all truly a blessing and you are in our thoughts and prayers!

May the Lord give you a wonderful Christmas time. May He bless you abundantly for your faithfulness and may your 2025 be one of blessings, victories, growth, and love! There is so much to be grateful for every day of the year. Chose to remember God's goodness!

May the Lord richly bless each one of you and your families during this Christmas season. God is good!

Love and prayers,

Tom, Toni, and Erika

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