



Seasons are wonderful things, and today, the most wonderful season is **SPRING**. The days are longer which means more sunshine (in principal - this is Belgium after all), the temperature is warmer, and trees and flowers are growing again. As new buds promise new life to come, the season of Spring is a reminder of our new spiritual life to come, promised in the Resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate at this time each year! With the upheaval going on in the world around us, this promise is more meaningful than ever as we remember the words of Psalm 22, the Psalm from which Jesus quoted while he was on the cross: *“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.”* (v. 27) This is why we are here - to see **families of nations** worshipping our Lord!

Prayer Weekend 2022 finally happened! The last time we were able to physically assemble for this annual event was in 2019, so what a joy and an encouragement it was to finally get together again, this year in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Usually held each January, we delayed until the first weekend of April to enable the largest group possible to attend, with the fewest restrictions in place. We had a quick tour of the city on Friday, followed by a meal and personal prayer time in small groups in the evening. Saturday is our marathon prayer day for all of the Students for Christ-affiliated ministries across Europe. We begin at 9:00 am and keep at it with only very short pauses until we finish, usually in time to break our fast collectively with the evening meal. Sunday is when we have the annual business meeting for the non-profit organization before everyone begins heading back home. We are always grateful for these moments set apart with the Lord and with each other!



As we head into the summer months, our activity level is hitting its peak:

- Blair's work **travels** are beginning to fill up the calendar after a long hiatus.
- **CONNECT '22 planning** is in full swing with the hope that it will finally take place in person at July's end.
- Our **home school** academic year is in the final stretch as Josiah finishes 9th grade.
- We have lots and lots of **meetings** - church services, worship practices, guests over for meals, coffee dates here & there, and, yes, still lots of video calls - that fill up our days.

Thank you for praying for us, for the things mentioned above, and also for our family. This season has had its challenges as we are far from parents, siblings, children, and grandchildren, and we do not take lightly the sacrifices so many have made for us to be present doing what we do.

We are grateful that you are a part of our team as we **tell of His name** (Ps. 22:22) here in Europe!

Blair, Dina and Josiah

