

THE HOFFMAN FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO BELGIUM

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Hello from the Hoffman family,

February is upon us as are the winter blues, for some people. I often say the weather in Belgium can be nice, you just have to get through the eight months of winter first. We can't complain because it rarely gets too cold here and it is a beautiful country.

It feels like every month we just keep adding people to the church. It has been such a blessing to see new people in church almost every week. They keep coming back; we've managed not to scare them off. The last Sunday of January, we actually had people standing along the back wall, as there weren't enough seats for everyone to sit down. We were missing several of our regular people that week as well because of sickness or travel, so we would have been even more crowded if they were all there. Several of the men have commented on how great it has been and they are excited with the seat problem we might be facing. With the influx, we also have more kids in church so we have them split up into three different groups. Jen does such a great job with them; additionally we have a couple that has jumped right in with the teens. I overheard one of the men telling a visitor that our church really isn't a church; it's more of a family and that we have family reunions every week. That's how much they love it.

We had an incredible experience last month as well. A good friend from Costa Rica, the pastor who took over our church, texted me out of the blue to say that he was in the Netherlands. He drove down on a Sunday morning to preach at our church while I translated his sermon for him. It's been a while since I've spoken a ton of Spanish, and I was a bit nervous. I told the ones that don't speak Spanish I wasn't worried about them because they wouldn't know if I messed up, but we have several Latinos in church so I had to make sure I translated correctly. It was amazing to see Pastor Max again and to hear how all the church people are doing and know that they are still in church being faithful.

Thank you for all you do for us; we are very thankful to be one of your missionaries. The Lord has allowed us to reach many people here, especially the last few months, and we couldn't do that without our supporting churches. We know that inflation is high, and we are grateful for your sacrifice to keep us here. We feel undeserving of it and thank you for it.

In Christ,
The Hoffmans to Belgium
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TO SPEAK THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST – COLOSSIANS 4:3