

THE HOFFMAN FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO BELGIUM

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Hello from the Hoffman family,

A new year is upon us and New Year's Eve is something special to us because it marks when we arrived on the mission field. We now hit our 9 years on the field, and it has had many challenges as well as blessings. This one especially now, we, as a family are personally embarking on something new: Gabby has officially started her basic training and is in Texas for the next couple of months. The parting was rough, but we are so proud of her embarking on the next phase of her life. Please pray for her, that she always stays close to God.

December was a chilly, mostly sunless month, but the church is going well. We took two different Wednesday evenings, when we normally have Bible study, and went down to the local Christmas market to pass out tracts. It's not a big market, but we were able to get out over 1,000 tracts in just a couple of hours. That might not sound like a whole lot, but here in Europe, it's incredible to be able to pass those out. I'm sure the little candy canes we pass with them doesn't hurt. One of the kids that went and passed out tracts was Chris, the same crazy kid that gets mentioned a bit in the prayer letters. The first Wednesday, Jen bought him one of those chocolate waffles that Belgium is so famous for. It probably wasn't the best idea because he proceeded to get chocolate from ear to ear and basically from hairline to chin. That didn't stop him though, he ran around still trying to pass out tracts looking like a chocolate version of the cookie monster. It did seem effective though, I'm not sure if people took the tracts just to get him to go away, but they took plenty from him.

When we go out tract passing, I always feel bad for certain types of people. There seems to be a lot of Muslims in the city we live close to, Mons, and they are always out walking around the center when we are out. We always try to get tracts to the ladies because they have a tough life, given the Muslim beliefs about women. Surprisingly, they generally take them. We don't know what ever happens with them, but I do hope and pray they are able to get saved from those tracts we pass out.

Thank you for all you do for us; we are very thankful to be one of your missionaries. While the field in Western Europe especially seems to be cold and difficult, there are still people that need to hear the gospel and we are blessed to be here. Thank you for your sacrifices to keep us here. Thank you especially to all of you who sent extra for Christmas, you are so generous.

In Christ,
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Brent, Jen, Joab, Keira, Vienna and Judah

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