

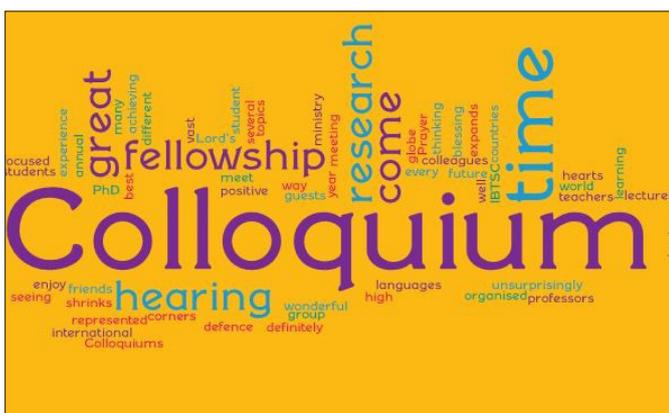
# David and Dorothy McMillan

Prayer letter, July 2018

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Here we are, already half way through our third year in the Netherlands and with lots of exciting things to report from IBTSC Amsterdam! The year began with our busiest Annual Colloquium ever, with forty to fifty students, supervisors, Board members, staff and guests present for ten days in January. This was the first Colloquium in the new Baptist House and the spacious meeting rooms, kitchen and dining area were ideal for lectures and seminars, shared meals, supervision meetings and relaxed coffee breaks. Our beautiful new library was also well used, and we are grateful to God for these wonderful facilities and for how well they lend themselves to conferences and special events, as well as making a very pleasant daily work environment. When we asked our students recently what they liked most about studying at IBTSC, most of them talked about the Annual Colloquium. One student likened the sound of everyone saying the Lord's Prayer in their mother tongue at our daily prayers to 'a little taste of what heaven must be like!' Some of the other things they valued are shown in the word cloud below.



David has continued to occupy the role of Interim Director at IBTS Centre during this academic year and we are delighted that a new Director, Mike Pears, has now been appointed. He hopes to move from England to Amsterdam with his wife, Helen, in time to begin work in August. With a small staff team of Toivo (Academic staff member), Marianne (Administrator) and Pieter (Librarian), who are all part-time, plus ourselves, this has been a particularly busy year for all of us. We

look forward to welcoming Mike and Helen and to stepping back into our support roles.



We spent most of May in the UK on Home Assignment, visiting churches in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to report on the work we do at IBTS Centre. We travelled around in our camper van and in between church commitments managed to spend a few refreshing days in glorious sunshine in Pembrokeshire and in the Lake District. You can read about this on our blog <https://reclaimedground.wordpress.com/> We are grateful to all of you in the churches we visited for your hospitality and for your prayerful and practical interest in the work of BMS World Mission and the IBTS Centre. When we visited BMS Headquarters in Didcot recently, we recorded some videos which you can view by clicking the link in the title. We also spent a week in Northern Ireland, when we took part in a service at our home church, as well as visiting family and friends. Our final few days were spent with our daughters, Sarah and Catherine, their husbands, Simon and Tom, and their children in Bicester, Oxfordshire. Our three grandchildren – Joel (7), Luke (5) and Isla (almost 2) are growing fast and are lots of fun to be with. David can still keep up with the boys as they run to school, but only just! Isla likes to sit on Dorothy's knee (a much less energetic pursuit) as they read stories together. We loved spending time with them and miss them as we adjust to life back in Nieuw Vennepe.



**Please pray with us:**

- For the new IBTS Centre Director, Mike Pears, as he takes up this role
- For Mike and Helen as they find suitable

accommodation and settle into the Netherlands

- For ourselves as we return to our support roles in the Centre

Once again, thank you for your interest, prayers and practical support. Our postal address (real letters are always welcome!) is:

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With our warmest greetings to you all,

***David & Dorothy McMillan***

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