

14,000 Seek God, Hundreds Turn to Jesus at Franklin Graham's 'Festival of Hope'

Evangelist Franklin Graham shared the life-changing message of the Gospel with more than 14,000 people during the Festival of Hope in Brussels, Belgium, over the weekend.

Thousands gathered at Brussels' ING arena to hear a message of hope and to worship Jesus Christ.

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"I want you to know that God loves you and that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, from heaven to this earth to take your sins. This is why Jesus Christ came. He didn't come to condemn us, He came to save us. Jesus Christ came for all, but you've got to come to Him in faith," Graham told the crowd.

After Graham's message, he invited attendees to put their faith in Jesus, leading many to respond, according to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA).



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One of them— 23-year-old Maria—had traveled to Brussels from Ghent. She had been to church many times before, but said she didn't have a personal relationship with God.

"I had [this] thought in my head that He would not forgive me at all because of my sin," Maria told BGEA with tears streaming down her face. She said she finally found the reassurance and hope that she had been looking for: "I want people to see that God is in me."

Thousands, like Maria, attended the Festival of Hope in anticipation of having their lives changed eternally.

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“As soon as the doors opened, people began pouring in,” BGEA reported in a press release.

“The crowd was a mix of Christians and unbelievers—some of whom had never been to church before—but they came to hear a message of hope,” the report continues, adding that the arena was packed.

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Once the ING arena was filled, another 5,000 people were seated in two overflow areas next to the venue, where the event was live-streamed.