

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Josua 1:9 ESV



Dear family and friends,

Our activities in the context of our mission are still largely halted by the corona guidelines. Apart from an Open Garden day in June, we have not been together as an Open House family since March of this year. It takes creativity to find those possibilities to maintain these "family relationships". Read below which options we have found.

Family

We and our family are doing well, that's how we started the last newsletter. We are grateful to be able to say that in this newsletter too. There are few corona outbreaks in the relatively sparsely populated Northern Netherlands, but that should not make us adopt a looser approach to the guidelines as promulgated. Apart from some corona tests on our children (all negative), we have not had to deal with the virus. As a precaution, our son had to close his osteopathy practice for some time.

Corona and Mission

Relationships are very important to us in our mission. Only when you know each other well, trust can grow and you can show the Hope from which you live. You could say that relationship is a condition of our mission. We knew that and we built our activities around it. The Open House, the Alpha and its sequel, visits to the prostitutes and short come by visits, they were all part of it. When you have to distance yourself, a lot of those activities come to a standstill. For coaching and training there are alternatives available such as Skype and Zoom. But for all those other activities, liaising through a video connection doesn't really work.

Dinner for two

Normally we hold Open House at our home every second and fourth Sunday afternoon of the month. We then have a nice coffee, play a game and cook and eat together. Many of the regular participants experience this as their family and therefore miss these meetings very much. During such an Open House we have a moment when we want to make the Kingdom visible in all kinds of different ways.

When it became clear last summer that the corona crisis was going to last longer, we thought about a way to maintain a connection within the restrictive corona guidelines. That is why we started our "Duo Dinner." We hereby invite two participants of the Open House to come and eat with us. And then you notice that because of the intimacy of having diner with four, you can get even closer together.

Alpha and the sequel

Alpha's follow-up course also had to stop. We had had a number of evenings taking the Life Explored course. For the time being, the plan is that we will resume this as a group in the new year. After the summer we started a new trajectory with a young couple in which we cover parts of a discipleship course.

The brothels in Leeuwarden

Martha and a Hope for Friesland team member have been visiting the brothels on the Weaze in Leeuwarden for years. This made it possible to build a relationship with a number of women. This work has also come to a standstill because sufficient distance cannot be kept.



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"Our desire is to connect with those who are looking for answers to their life questions and for whom the threshold to a church building is too high for that"

Gebedspunten:

- Thank God for the blessing we have experienced in doing what we were able to do in the past six months.
- Thank God for all those activities that could continue despite the crisis. Pray that the meetings now suspended may be resumed quickly and that the "damage" will be limited.
- Pray for protection for Martha and

her team in the work among prostitutes in Leeuwarden and over the Internet. Pray especially for the safety and protection of the prostitutes whose whereabouts are unknown.

- Thank God for providing us with sufficient resources and pray that we can continue this work.



'Sinterklaas' celebration 2019

In September the largest brothel on the Weaze was closed by order of the municipality. There are now three small brothels left. For a number of women it is currently unclear where they are .

The team is now trying to establish contact with the prostitutes via digital means. They started this because in recent years there has been a shift from window prostitution to 06 (cellular) prostitution. This means that through personals in newspapers, much more work is done from homes. So this form of prostitution takes place much more in the anonymity and out of sight of official bodies such as the local health service and the Salvation Army.



Christmas dinner 2019

Prophetic Huddel (s)

One of the things that can continue are the huddels via Zoom. Martha is happy to attend a "third-year" prophetic huddel and will give one to "freshman" participants until the end of this year. These huddels require a lot of depth, openness and transparency from the participants. Despite the fact that the huddels are given online, Martha notices that this depth comes after a number of online meetings.

When this newsletter comes out it will already be close to Christmas. When we look back on the past six months, we can repeat what we wrote last time: We are and remain amazed about our Father. How richly He blesses us, despite a situation we thought impossible a year ago. Yet He always provides everything we need, both spiritually and materially. What a great God He is!

We want to wish you a happy Christmas. Although Christmas 2020 will be different from other years, we can still celebrate the arrival of the Light of the World. We also want to wish you a very blessed and healthy 2021.

Amo en Martha



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