

“But the angel said, “Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy.”

Luke 2,10



Dear family and friends,

The end of the year is approaching. The days are short and gray (at least in Holland ...) and we are preparing for the traditional celebration of the coming of the Light of the World. Time for a newsletter, because the previous one dated last summer. It is high time to inform you of the things that we have been doing in the last half year.

Family

Our family is doing well. We are also grateful because the settlement of the heritage after the death of Martha's mother could take place in good harmony.

Last year in August our youngest daughter and her husband left on a world trip. After a year of traveling around South America and the Far East, they arrived in Australia in August. They want to stay there for a longer time to be able to generate income. For the time being, they are apprenticed as divers at a diving school in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef. Mid-December they expect to have all diving certificates to earn their income with this.

We can imagine lesser jobs ...

Refugees

Martha is involved as a volunteer in giving language lessons to refugees in our village. It is a very nice experience to help people step by step. Co-refugees from the same region are often needed to explain what is meant. Yet you see a lot of eagerness with these people to learn to

read and write and to master the (terribly difficult) Dutch language.

Alpha

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that we had been asked by Alpha Nederland to supporting an interdenominational group to start an Alpha in their village. We have been able to help them for a few evenings by giving tips and do a few "Alpha talks".

We could also start an Alpha at our home. We started with three participants in September. At first glance that does not seem like a large group, but the positive side of it was the greater mutual involvement and intimacy. It is always an impressive moment when you can witness that people are (literally) kneeling before the cross for the first time in their lives. All glory to God and to His Spirit! Will you pray that the seed that we were allowed to sow with this Alpha may continue to germinate?

Prophetic Huddel(s)

We also host a prophetic huddle at home. Martha leads the group in listening to God and we perform practical and challenging exercises. It is very beautiful to discover how God speaks; how this deepens your personal relationship with Father.

Martha has also been asked by Nederland Zoekt to lead a new huddle, this time via Skype. She was also asked if she would like to deepen her knowledge by joining the 3rd grade prophetic huddle that will start early next year.



Our daughter at work

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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"



Open house is also: preparing food together

Prayerpoints:

- Thank God for the blessing we have experienced about the things we were allowed to do in the past six months.
- Thank God for the prophetic huddle that is given and the beautiful conversations that have taken place. Pray for opened and listening hearts for all participants.
- Pray for the germination of the seed that we were allowed to sow during our Alpha. Pray also for further growth among the participants when they were allowed to experience (for the first or again) who Jesus is and wants to be for them.
- Pray for protection of Martha and her team while working among the prostitutes in Leeuwarden and that they may be blessing for the women.
- Thank God that He provides sufficient resources and pray that we can continue this work.



And when dinner is finished ...

Open house

We have Open House every second and fourth Sunday afternoon of the month at our home. We will then have a nice coffee, play a game and cook and eat together. The Open House is a way for us to combat loneliness by offering a living room environment where everyone feels safe. It is also an opportunity to enter into deeper relationships, where we can show something that involves living with Jesus. That's why we always keep a "holy moment." A moment when we want to make a piece of the Kingdom visible. This can be done in all sorts of ways: sometimes we ask whether everyone comes up with an encouragement for the other or whether we offer a bible text to the participants. It is striking how everyone always seems to get the right Bible text ...

If this newsletter is received by you, we are in the run-up to Christmas. When we look back on the past six months we are and remain surprised about our Father. How He blesses us richly. He always provides everything we need, both spiritually and materially. And we may experience that He is constantly shaping and molding us. What a great God He is!

And now that we are looking forward to the new year, He also wants to be with us and with you!

We wish you a very blessed Christmas and God's rich blessing, love and closeness in the new year!

Amo en Martha



De Weaze, one of the darkest places in Leeuwarden

We are also looking forward to the 'Sinterklaas' celebration on the 5th of December. (It's a Dutch variant of Santa Claus.) The regular participants already have a lot of anticipation because they are allowed to bring a present that they do not know who will receive in the end. The gift constantly changes hands via a dice.

On Christmas Day we hope to get a lot of visitors at our Christmas Open House, where we have dinner together. We especially hope for the presence of the person who once told us how happy he always was when the loneliness that Christmas brought to him was over.

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