

Hello everyone!

We hope and pray this letter finds you well. Spring is here, the weather is warm, tulip fields are nearing full bloom and I even had a mosquito buzzing around my ear last night. We are so excited to tell you about God's provision of our house! As you know we have been searching for a house to rent since our arrival in February. After many applications, interviews and a few showings we were quite discouraged to have still come up empty handed. We were reminded time and time again of God's faithfulness during this time. It was amazing to see the Body of Christ, His church, both here in the Netherlands and back home in North America rally around us in prayer and support. I do not know an exact number but I know we had hundreds of people supporting us in prayer for this house. And of course, no surprise, God answered! We are renting a beautiful, very Dutch (so we have been told) house 10 km north of Alkmaar. We are only now starting to see how God has orchestrated this from the start. The Sunday before the viewing of the house we "happened" to meet another young couple at a church we attended only for the 2nd time and they "happened" to live only a block away from our house. They have been such a blessing to us, from help with setting up the house, setting up utilities, helping me pick up furniture and answering many questions for us in regard to how everything works here in the Netherlands. They have two children, Alea and their daughter are fast becoming great friends as well.

We have always felt called to the north part of North Holland and we don't doubt that God has placed us strategically in this location. We are outside the town of Tuitjenhorn. So far, to our knowledge, there are no believers in this town, and no evangelical church. Schagen, a larger town 8km north of us has had a couple unsuccessful church plants and the body of believers is struggling there. The large church in the centre of Schagen is now surrounded by bars and pubs, and alcoholism is a large problem there. We are excited to see how our ministry unfolds as God reveals it to us, please be in prayer with us.

Now that we are settled into our home, here are some of the things we are busy with. Learning Dutch (of course) I have started a semi intensive online Dutch course. It is a good mixture of live classes and homework. Monica begins a similar course next week. At the completion of these courses we will be at an A1 level which is basic conversation, as well as a good foundation of grammar and sentence structure. We will go on in our studies until we feel we can communicate effectively in Dutch. We are becoming more involved in the Kracht om te Veranderen (Power to Change) ministry. This ministry utilizes a combination of advertising and street evangelism to direct people to the website <https://krachtomteveranderen.nl> which then walks them through the gospel message and gives opportunity to be put in contact with members of local churches. It has proven to be a very effective and key ministry in getting the gospel into the very closed hearts and minds of the dutch people. We have prepared and will be putting up posters in the next week to advertise the

website and our evangelism outreaches in the coming months. We have also began preparing for mission teams from North America to arrive this summer, there will be 3 teams coming and all prepared to work in street evangelism in and around Alkmaar. I have also volunteered some of my time to Tyndale Seminary (just outside Amsterdam). They are in need of help with general maintenance and care of the building and grounds. I am excited about this as it gives me opportunity to use some of the skills I already have and they desperately need.

The kids are on school holiday until May 8th, and then they will start at their new school in Stroet, 3 km north of here. Please keep them in your prayers as this will be another transition for Alea and Finnley. We are excited about this school as it is a small rural school that gives opportunity for parents to volunteer in class. We feel this will be great way for Monica to build into the community and get to know the parents and children. We hope this will also build into an opportunity to run an Awana program later this year. Overall, the kids are adjusting well to all these new changes and experiences and all the credit goes to God and all your faithful prayers for them.

Thank you all for you continued prayer and support of our family. We are so blessed to have every one of you on this journey with us. We love when we hear from you so please don't hesitate to reach out to us!



