

**“Don’t forget to pray for us,
that God will open doors for
telling the mystery of Christ.”**

Colossians 4:3 MSG



Dear family and friends,

In this newsletter we give a look back on some great things that we have created and for which we are happy and grateful. Also about the growth in relationships we have been able to submit in the last years and which led to fertility.

In the previous newsletter we told of sad things. This newsletter is full of beautiful things that we could do and have experienced. This is how life with God is in this broken world: we live in a world where sorrow and the work of satan can still be seen, but we also live in a world where we see God at work and where we can work in His vineyard. And where we may experience fruit, that is all for the glory of God and for making His Kingdom visible.

Party!

On december 15th, we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. As a couple we looked back on four decades with tough moments but where the beautiful times predominated. We are grateful to God for bringing and keeping us together.

For the following Saturday we were warned in advance by our children to keep our diary free. The why became clear at the beginning of that afternoon when we were surprised by two of them and then summoned to bring in neat clothes. Blindfolded we were driven to a location where, to our surprise, all our children with their families welcomed us. Everything was taken care of: snacks, drinks and even a buffet was not lacking. The surprise was complete for us when they told us that in the evening all family members and a

large number of friends were invited. We enjoyed this fantastic day. A beautiful party that was completely organized by all our beautiful children & co!

It was also a party when our 13th grandchild was born on February 18th. Mother and child are doing well.

Israel

Invited by Amo’s brother we went to Israel for week in January. It was a very special experience to walk around at places of which you know the names all your life, but never have seen: Jerusalem, the Mount of olives, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee. Most impressing was the visit to Gethsemané and the Garden Tomb. Visit Gethsemané with its ancient olive trees where Jesus in anguish cried out to his father, that does something to you. Despite the fact that there are doubts to the historical authenticity of the Garden Tomb it is very special to be there to experience the reality of the Easter Gospel by the famous text on the door to the Tomb. We have also celebrated Communion there with the four of us.

Open House

Since November we organize Open House at our home every Wednesday afternoon and every second and fourth Sunday afternoon. On Sundays we also cooke and eate together.

Sometimes we do something extra, as we did on Sinterklaas-eve. It’s a Dutch variant of Santa Claus, and is celebrated on December 5th. Everyone brought a small gift, where a game determined who



Our family on our 40th wedding anniversary

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eventually got the gift. We closed the evening with a drink and snack. For multiple attendees it was long time ago that they had experienced such a fine and cozy eve.

On Christmas Eve we held a gourmet cooking party. At the end of the meal we had the opportunity to tell the participants the meaning of Christmas and how important it is for us, and offered everyone a CD with beautiful Christmas songs.

Our dream is and remains to create a place for this Open House in an easily accessible location in our village.

The Weaze

In the last newsletter we wrote about the carefull efforts of Martha and her team member to visit the brothels at the Weaze again. In the new year they have decided to make the visits regular. Every fortnight they go visit the women, but not after checking the absence of the car of the owner of the brothels at the parking area...

So for the women of the Weaze Hope can be offered again, prayers can be prayed and songs can be sung. Thank you Lord, that this door could be opened again!



Blindfolded to the party venue



He is not here for he is risen



Christmas gourmet

Alpha

At the end of January we were allowed to start an Alpha Course again. With ten participants we meet in a venue that is made available by a local church. We are pleased and grateful that we get this possibility again after a year. It is also nice that two of the regular visitors of our Open House are attending the Alpha Course.

Finance

We would like to be busy with our mission as much as possible, and we receive many gifts, so that we can continue with our beautiful work! Thank you very much for your support. It makes us grateful and it is a tremendous encouraging for us to be able to continue with our work. Together with Amo's part time function at Stichting Present this

Prayerpoints:

- See the head of this newsletter (Col. 4:3)
- Thank God for the blessings that we experience in our Ministry.
- Thank God for the start of the new Alpha Course and pray for open hearts of the participants.
- Pray for opportunities for a location for the Open House. Both in terms of a location and the necessary finances for it.
- Pray for protection of Martha and Annewieke when visiting the Weaze and that it will be a blessing for the women.
- Pray for sufficient resources so that we can continue our work.

income however is not enough to live on and also to cover the cost of our activities (including those of the Alpha Course, but also our desire for an Open House location in our village).

If you do not support us yet we hope and pray that you want to accept the challenge of this newsletter to support us and becoming a partner of our mission. If you want to contribute, you will find all necessary data in the Colophon below.

Thank you so much for your involvement!

Amo en Martha

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Amo and Martha Draijer, founders of Butterfly, focus on discipleship and church planting in the Buitenpost area of the Dutch province of Friesland.

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