

News

MARTJAN &
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JOY, MICHA
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Isaiah 26:3-4
You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

Looking forward to a special 2014!

We would like to thank you very much for all your support during this last year, in whatever form it was! We wish you all the best for the coming year. May it be a blessed 2014!

In this last newsletter for 2013 we would like to look back at this last year, and we would like to honor Him who gave and did so many wonderful things in so many wonderful ways. It was amazing. We did not include any specific prayer points but we would ask you to read this letter and in the mean time pray and give thanks.

It looks and feels like a long time ago but only 5 months ago we finished the bible college at Cornerstone. We still look back at a great experience there. We did mention it in earlier newsletters

but the time at Cornerstone was a very forming and shaping period for both of us. Living in the community was a tiring but good experience. This results for example in the ease of switching between Dutch and English but it also works out in our way of life, what is primary and what not... We also gained a growing desire to go to Cambodia and serve the people there with the gospel.

At the end of our studies we decided to quit with OMF. We knew and know that this was the right decision but we also found out that this took a lot of our energy. Making the decision, facing the proces of considering, investigating, praying, waiting again...

But we also experienced the faithfulness of the Lord! He will never leave us, He will never forsake us. Above all our thinking, planning and wishes He provided in a way to go to Cambodia, needles to say that we are

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so grateful! Via Philip Nunn we got in contact with Go WorldWide (GOWW). This will be the organisation that we will join. We're planning to go to Phnom Penh next juli 2014. All is 'Deo-Volente' because we more and more see that we make our plans but our lives are in His hand.

Our leave will, if it works out as planned, be approx. 3 months after the birth of our third child! The school year of Joy and Micha has just finished by than. For them the leave will be during the break. By doing so it will be a more natural moment for them.

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We still have some time to our leave but we know that it will soon be there. There are still a lot of things to do in the time to than. For example, we started a (short) study in teaching English (TEFL) to be better prepared for the work in Cambodia. During our trip to Cambodia in October GOWW recommended this to us, and we followed their advise. This gives some 'extra' work, especially because I (Mart-Jan) do have a 'normal' job until we leave. What a special story is that...

It was on a friday that I decided to go to my former employer to see my former colleagues, speak to the people, but also to let them know that I would be available to work for some 6 months. Even before I asked it myself my former boss asked me "hey, and what are you going to do for those months until you're leaving?" I replied, "that's one of the reasons that I came here for, do you know something that I could do?". To cut a long story short...: that friday I had my talk about the how and what, the day after (saturday) I signed my contract, and the monday after I started in my new job. I have to prepare work for a huge turnaround and inspection (T&I) that is to be executed in may 2014. My job finishes medio June. The plant, a refinery in Vlissingen, is close to where we live now, and I have worked there already for some years

after I graduated, and it is good to meet up with my old colleagues. I did work now for some weeks and I have to say that I like the job.

I hope you feel the thrill we feel. This has been an encouragement for us. The Lord is in control and this has just been a beautiful example of His provision. Every morning I put on my computer with gratitude: thank You Lord!

Like we wrote, we've also seen during this last year the Lord provides in our practical needs. We thankful to Him for His provision, but through Him we also thank you for your participation.

We've seen another example of His provision this last week. Last friday the broker called us that our house is sold. It was sold but not only temporary, now it is 'fixed'. It was some weeks ago that we suddenly received a call from the broker that there were people who wanted to visit our house because of there interest for buying it. That was exactly in the month that we started having problems with our tenant. Directly after their visit they made a bid on our house! For us this was complete surprise. However, shortly after we agreed on the price and conditions. Since than the buyer has arranged all necessary things and by now they have all the paperwork ready. We hope to handover the key before the end of the year, and will be 'house-owner-off'. We see it as another step in leaving things behind. In the same time this is again something we need to process. We were and are proud on our house. We lived there with so much joy and have experienced so many things there. The last tenant made a mess of it despite the fact that he promised to take good care of it. That has been a difficult thing for us. By now he has left our house, the house is sold. So we're closing another chapter in Holland...

So now we're looking forward. The year will be 2014 in some days. We did start to write that it will be a special year for us. We are expecting new life, and we hope to hold our second daughter in our arms this april. The pregnancy is going well, until now, and that's another thing we are thankful for!

We are also thankful for the place to stay until our leave. It was not sure that we could stay in the house here in Middelburg for so much longer. There was another missionary family who were planning to come, but for

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some reason they could not come and had to postpone their coming. Guess until when..., july 2014. This means that we can stay here until the end. Isn't our God a great God of 'planning'? We enjoy to stay at this place and we enjoy to stay here together. Micha is becoming 4 in March. It's hard for him to wait until he is going to school. His first wish is to enjoy the 'building-corner' at school;-) He and Joy also look forward to the coming of the baby and the travelling to Cambodia by plane. Once we arrive there we will be settling in, different food, different climate, different language, new contacts, etc, and a lot more that we cannot think about yet.

What a blessing and peace giving fact that He will go with us. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

Warm greetings,
Mart-Jan & Talitha, Joy en Micha.

PS: We will be sending fewer newsletter in the first half of 2014. However if something happens and you need to know it we will sent out one. Before our leaving we will, of course, sent you all information.

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