

News

MART-JAN &
TALITHA
JOY, MICHA
AND AMY



Our help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121

In *The Netherlands* and *Cambodia*: God is the Same!

We have been enjoying the wonder of a new born baby these last weeks. God has given us our beautiful daughter Amy Grace. And with it comes a new rhythm, a new paste;) ...

Like we have promised we are very pleased to sent you this newsletter with more information about the coming time. There will be a lot of change this next few months..! Mart-Jan is in the middle of the turnaround at his work at Zeeland Refinery. That takes a lot of his energy and also has it's impact here at home since he works quite a bit. He will finish this work soon. The 13th of june will be his last 'working-day'.

Talitha did recover quite well after giving birth to Amy. We are grateful for the way this all has happened. However about a week ago she had hurt her back and is recovering from that now. Talitha is busy arranging all kinds of practical matters

concerning our leaving as a family. There are lot's of things to do!

Joy and Micha are both finishing their school year at the Regenboogschool. They did and do enjoy their classes. We are very happy with the fact that we can continue to relate to this school, also after leaving to Cambodia.

Most of you will know that we will leave to Cambodia at **Tuesday the 15th of juli**, departing from Brussels airport to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We will be welcomed there by the GOWW (GO World-Wide) people who will help us to settle in, arrange housing, start with language acquisition, etc. Before we will start with this language course, and Joy and Micha with their homeschooling, we will enjoy some weeks of 'rest', trying to get used to the new rhythm and so many other 'new' things. We hope to feel at home soon.

We hope, of course all is Deo Volente, to

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be in Cambodia for a period of 3 years at first. The first 1,5 -2 years will be spent at language and culture acquisition. We believe that only through a good level of speaking and understanding we will be able to connect to the people at a heart level. Of course there will also be a time to get used to Cambodia, work together in projects from the church, however the focus will be on language and culture. Our prayer is that the people around us will see Christ in all we do and don't in normal life. We aim to honour Him in all we do. We are, just like you all, very curious to how this all we develop and work out!

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We are really looking forward to start travelling and to meet new people and situations. It will be a enormous challenge and opportunity that is not only 'nice' and 'beautiful', but also exiting. It feels like quite a step to undertake such a change. A complete different country with a difficult heritage. A country with lots of needs. But besides the enormous challenge it will also be an enriching experience for all of us. Still, saying good bye to all our loved one's, family and friends... This gives some 'double' feelings to all of us. Of course the contact will not disappear but inevitably it will change. It's a lot more difficult to step by for a good cup of coffee...;) When we look back at the last period we experience that we are carried through step by step by our Lord and Saviour. We know and trust that He can and will carry us through. He know's every detail. We do put our hope and trust in Him alone, in ourselves we feel very incapable and weak. We experience that we feel this way more and more

the closer we approach the day of our leaving. However this might be the right attitude...



..." This was a good encouragement and reminder that we received shortly:)"

We will not see most of you for a long time. Therefore we would like to invite you to our good-bye service where we have the opportunity to meet each other. This service is being held on **Saturday afternoon at the 21th of June from 14:30 until 17:00 hours.** The service is at the Pelgrimskerk in Vrouwenpolder.

We would like to use this time, until 15:30 hours, to sing together, pray together and think about our leaving. We are very pleased that KeesJan and Mirjam Bos who work as Bible translators in Cambodia, are together with their daughter in Holland for their furlough. KeesJan will share from the work of God. After this part of the service we would like to have a informal setting were we can meet up with each other and shake hands. Our home front team (HFT) will also be available for your questions. We do look forward to this time.

We would appreciate a short notification if you are planning to come (amvdmaas@me.com), this helps us having enough coffee ready and provide a chair for you all.

Some prayer-points:

1. Pray for wisdom and insight for all the preparations.
2. Pray for a good good-bye service, and a good moment of good bye with our family.
3. Pray for a good closure of Joy and Micha's school. Please also remind the finishing of Mart-Jan's work.
4. Pray for good contacts with GOWW for all preparations that need to be done.

And some points for thanksgiving:

1. Give thanks that we might know the Lord and that we can be a part of

Practical information

PAY ATTENTION!!

From the 1st of July onwards our post-address will be changed:

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His worldwide Church. We are amazed.

2. Give thanks for the wonderful time that we have had in Holland and the lessons that the Lord taught us.
3. Give thanks for Amy, her growth and the positive recovery of Talitha.
4. Give thanks for the great time that we have had at the Veerseweg in Middelburg, and for the housing that we received for the last weeks before we leave.

Thanks a lot for all your cooperation, prayers, gifts and other help in whatever way.

Blessings,
Mart-Jan & Talitha, Joy, Micha, Amy.

P.S:

The following might be interesting for some of you:

*This **october** brother Loh, the brother who heads up GOWW, will come to Europe. He, and his wife, will also come to the Netherlands to meet our home church, the HFT and also all of you. Brother Loh would also like to share about the work of GOWW. At this very moment some practical matters are being sorted out. Our HFT will keep you informed about how and when...*

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Greetings from our HFT

Erik Schot, Rob van Netten, Ann-Marie Maljaars and Eunice Massar

Dear news-reader,

It has been some time since we, in one of the previous newsletters, have been writing something. We did introduce ourselves by then and made a rough statement about what we would like to do as a HFT.

In the time that has passed since than some wonderful things took place, prayers have been answered and we received 'Grace' from the Lord.

The moment that Mart-Jan & Talitha with Joy, Micha and Amy will board the plane and fly to Cambodia is coming really close.

We would like to inform you where needed and possible. Being a 'connection' between them and you has become a reality for us. For the future we would like to work this out more, we will continue to arrange practical matters, be available for questions, just like we are used to.

We are looking forward to meet you all during the good-bye service at the 21st of June. Again, if you would have a question please contact us!

We do use this letter to thank you for all your help, and the way you connect to this part of the Lords work in His Kingdom.

Warm greetings,

Erik, Rob, Ann-Marie and Eunice