

News

MART-JAN &
TALITHA
JOY, MICHA
AND AMY



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

Psalms 121

We have arrived safely..,

...and we feel very thankful for that. Just after we have arrived we heard the news about the terrible airplane crash. We got quiet and realised that it was God Who brought us safely here. "He is in control!"

We are also very thankful for the journey itself. Dave and Lucas brought us to the airport in Brussels. And there we were, realising that the journey did really start. It was a wonderful and strange feeling at the same time.

After some stressful moments at the check-in desk we were able to check in and board the plane: heading for Doha to take a transfer to Phnom Penh. The kids have been looking forward to the trip very much and did very well! Even when it was so long.

The journey was intensive but we did enjoy altogether. When we made a short

stop in Vietnam Joy and Micha were allowed to take a look in the cockpit and Micha took the pilot seat;-). He was the man of the day. Joy has been sick during the trip but we were glad that she got better as soon as we arrived. We are thankful for that.

During the last Sunday in Holland we had a good good-bye time with the local church. It was a nice time of singing, chatting, praying, having fun and the saying good-bye itself. We are thankful for all those brothers and sisters who support us, but far more, support the work of the Lord especially with their prayers.

Some weeks before we did have the good-bye service in Vrouwenpolder. We are glad that we could see some of you there. Thanks for coming! We are thankful that we could sing together, pray together and enjoy all the contacts. We're also glad for the word that was brought. Because we think that photo's

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say more than '1000' words we have uploaded some of these to our website. Click [here](#) to see them.

We are impressed by all the greetings, cards and all other encouragements that we have received. We do experience that this work is done together with many of you. Thanks for that.

When we arrived in Phnom Penh we were welcomed very much by the staff of SLCC. They brought us to our house (please see the [link](#) for some picture's) and helped us to settle in. We have tried and are still trying to make the house a home where we all feel safe and warm...

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When we wrote this email we are in the process of completing this. A lot is yet done, however a lot is still to be done. What is 'handy' and how do you handle items that are not available in Cambodia? We were, for example, looking for a 'box' for Amy. Then we were told that they do not use such a thing. Babies are carried by the mother all the time (not when they sleep;-)). We try to adapt as much as possible to the locals but we need discernment to decide when do you adapt and when not. We pray for wisdom in this matter.

We did start with some language study last friday. Call it a 'survival-course' into Khmer. Rotha, a Christian lady who lives close by, is our language helper. We are very thankful for her help! At first we are working on numbers (not the 4th book;-)), and some short sentences. This should allow us to be a little more selfsupporting in every-day issues. We are looking into the rest of the

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language learning now. Recently we heard that some mission agencies will start a language school later in the year. We might be able to join that school. This might have the extra opportunity to connect to other missionaries. Do you pray along for the right choices in this whole process?

Okay, and what about us? To be honest we do have quite a hard time here. One day we think: 'Okay, we do need to adjust but this will be alright', the other day we think: 'How will we ever be able to do this...?'. With our minds we know that this is normal and part of the process, but that does not make it feel more 'relaxed'. We do need to adjust to the rhythm of life here, all the noise. We live in a busy street and recognise now that our place in Holland was (very) quiet and nice. We also face culture differences, things that we do not understand yet. Nothing wrong with that of course, it's just different, but that's what it is; it's all so different... Some things seem so enological and inefficient to us;-)

Joy and Micha are doing very well and they enjoy the time here! They seem to have little problem with the heat and do play a lot. That is mostly done inside the house because we do not know were to go with them yet. Amy is also doing fine. She seems to have a otitis. We all do cough a lot these days. We think that it is because of the dust and the fact that we are not used to that. Thank God that we all did not get sick until now and that we can use our energy to adjust to Cambodian living.

Of course we do also enjoy the time here. We do enjoy the 'tuk-tuk', all the different sorts of fruits and vegetables, each other and the fact that our house becomes more and more our home. We do have fun and got scary when dead chicken eyes look to us from the bag after Talitha comes back from the market...

We do also enjoy the Bible very much, it comes alive in a new and fresh way. Together we read the Psalms and we experience that the Lord uses these to speak to our hearts. We feel like David who, when he was needy, called unto the Lord and we also experience the voice of the Lord when He comforts us.

We did share some prayer topics above, but here are some more:

Prayer-points:

1. Pray that our relation with the Lord might not be troubled by whatever or whoever.

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2. Pray for strength, energy and a good night rest. We do lack the last and are looking forward to more energy.
3. Pray for a good health, and specific for the otitis of Amy.
4. Pray for good contacts with the local church here. Also pray that friendships may grow.
5. Pray for our VISA. We will leave the country the 11th of August to receive a new tourist VISA. Our NGO-VISA is also in the process.
6. Pray for a good and easy start of the home schooling for Joy and Micha and for wisdom to lead them.

And of course praise-points:

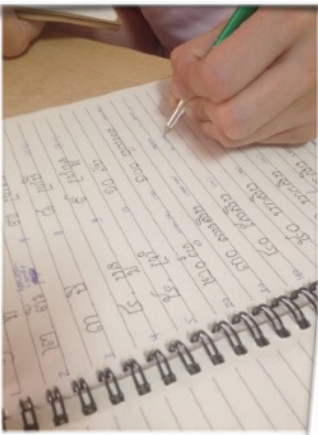
1. Give thanks for the good moments of saying good bye.
2. Give thanks for the good health that we all still have.
3. Give thanks for the nice / good contacts that we have with the girls from Bethany home.
4. Give thanks that we experience a process of adjusting here. Slowly but day-by-day;-)
5. Give thanks that is is our heavenly Father Who leads us every day.

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

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



Joy made a drawing of our house in Cambodia: "We have 3 bedrooms upstairs. There are also flowers in front of the house. The nice thing is the sky is also a flower..."



Micha made a drawing of our house and he also added a rocket!
The rocket is on the left. There is also a sun because the sun shines here also.
Bye-bye!

