

# News

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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.

## We finished Cornerstone Bible school!

Our latest newsletter was sent some time ago and since that a lot of things have happened. We are happy to bring you our latest news. We'd like to look back on our time at Cornerstone Bible school and look forward to Cambodia!

We finished Cornerstone formally at Saturday the 6th of July. We received our diploma, and with the celebration ceremony the formal end of this intensive academic year was a fact. For me, (Mart-Jan) it was a real surprise to be able to participate in the graduation.

I wasn't at Cornerstone that week, but visited a missionary retreat in France, and planned to be back only after graduation. It was last minute that I got the opportunity to travel with someone to Holland. After a whole night of traveling I was able to be in time. At

first we thought that graduation wasn't so important for us, but now we look back on a very nice moment of celebrating and finishing a fantastic period.

The days after were filled with saying goodbye to people we worked and learned with so intensively, packing our stuff (what do we want to keep, what can be given / thrown away), celebrating Joy's birthday, cleaning, and many things more. A lot of our stuff was picked up and brought to family to be stored there. These days were quite energy consuming!

We look back with gratitude on this period of studying at the bible school. The Lord had prepared a place for us in a special way there and we have experienced His guidance through the courses, projects, contacts, etc. At the 9th of July, after packing our last things, we left the Cornerstone-'family'. It felt strange...

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After that we lived in different places. First we lived on a sailing-boat for 1,5 week. During our trip we celebrated Joy's birthday with friends and family. The kids still talk about it!

After the boat we moved to a camp-site (Vast & Zeker) and lived in a tent. It was nice to be able to share there. After three more places we finally moved in to a house in Middelburg where we can stay until our leave to Cambodia.

This gives us some more rest and energy. There is still a lot to do before we can go to Cambodia so we can use this energy well.

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# Trip to Cambodia

Those of you who receive our prayer-letter as well as our newsletter know that we decided to quite with OMF. We have seen that, through time, we disagree too much to continue. This disagreements has mainly to do with the way we see 'faith'-mission. We've seen that we have a different concept on this subject. We have had a good meeting about it and have said 'good-bye', and prayed together about it. We are happy and thankful for this way of quitting it.

The consequence of this choice was that we were without an organization and had to re-think and re-pray how to go to Cambodia.

While quitting with OMF we came across three different other options to go to Cambodia. We didn't look for them at that moment but they just 'came'. We have looked and prayed into these options and from the three there is one option that connects to us most.

This option is a network that is active in south-east-Asia (for example in Cambodia) and that is aiming to bring people to Christ and see churches being planted. They have offered to help us with coming to Cambodia, living there, make first contacts, VISA, language learning, and joining in the (church) projects they already have. We can choose to continue to work with them, but we're also free to do whatever we think that we should be doing at that time. This option seems to fit very well in

terms of vision, way of working, and the way it is organized.

I (Mart-Jan) hope to go to Cambodia from the 14th until the 22th of October. I hope to go with an experienced missionary worker to meet the team there, visit the projects and go through some practical issues. It is a wonderful option for us to meet them and also for them to meet us! A life meeting is still much better than all the modern media we have nowadays. Talitha will stay in Holland to take care of the kids. It seemed good to us to give them some stability and rest after all the changes we have been into last weeks.

We are very much looking forward to this trip. We are excited about the things to come and are looking for the final 'go', or 'no-go'.

For us this whole process is a enormous challenge. Especially now, when things become more concrete, we feel the weight and consequences of the choice to go into mission. We know, however, that it is not us who do it, and that we can depend on the Lord fully. That's enough!

We want to thank you very much for all your prayers, gifts and support. We value this part of team-work.

Warm greetings,  
Mart-Jan & Talitha (with Joy en Micha)

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