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with Annabelle (14) and Josiah (11)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



'For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him...'
(Col. 2:9-10a, NKJV)

Dear friends

If there is one thing that probably characterises most of our lives it is that pervasive sense of insufficiency, incompleteness, inadequacy--well, it certainly characterises our lives, anyway! And yet God's Word declares to us that because the One in whom the fullness of the godhead dwells dwells in *us*, we have been made COMPLETE in Him. This is such an extraordinary statement that it is hard to take in. But it means that even as Christ had all that He needed to obey His Father and accomplish His work, so we are also fully supplied for in Him. Would you please pray for us, that even as we are often aware of our inadequacy in ourselves, for the work God has called us, we would trust and believe, again and again, that our Lord is our total sufficiency?



Via leadership team meeting with a Dutch area pastor for counsel about ways to reach our village

Tyndale and Via Update

The term at Tyndale is now in full swing, and we are thankful for God's continued favour and blessing. David has found his preaching class particularly encouraging, with the students gaining greater confidence in forming faithful and engaging sermon outlines. We've had almost double the number of applicants for Tyndale as we had last year this time, which is a huge encouragement. Likewise, we've just held our semi-annual open day (where David preached), and had a record number of potential Dutch and local students attend.

Thank for your prayers for the Lent event for the Kids' Club which Cathie co-led. A few new kids showed up, and some new connections were made, so we are thankful for these small steps every time we meet. Please pray for the Easter Kid's Club taking place during Holy Week, that it would build on the relationships we've made, that new children would be drawn in, and that God would soften the hearts of those who come. We appreciate your continued prayers for Via as we seek God's path for us going forward--particularly for the best way to reach people in our village. We have recently started a 'soup ministry' where we give some of the left-over soup after the church supper to one of our neighbours who we think might be blessed by it--the first time we did it, the lady we brought it to was so moved that she choked up, so it seems to be meeting a need for care. We will also be having a Passover meal and a Good Friday service, in addition to the Easter--please pray that we might also drawn in members of the community through these events. We continue to thank the Lord for opportunities for ministry further afield--most recently, David was asked to be the speaker at a men's breakfast at a church in the area, and this led to some very meaningful interactions with men wanting to grow in godliness.

Family News

Thank you so much for your prayers for our car! God has provided us with one which we believe will be reliable and economical, and will meet our needs. We are thankful that we were able to meet up with other CMS missionaries in Europe in February, to compare notes, encourage each other, and pray together. Both Annie and Josiah continue to progress in their homeschooling with Cathie, and Annie especially is becoming increasingly busy as she is enrolled in a couple of online classes. She is also continuing to benefit from the girls' Bible study and the youth group she attends--and recently one of her (non-Christian) hockey friends joined and said she had a great time. Please pray that she will continue to come, and will come to know Jesus.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support, and notes of encouragement--God is working through you here in Badhoevedorp!



A very Dutch field hockey match (Josiah is dead centre--on defense)

Give thanks

- For a continued good health for all of us
- For the provision of a new car
- For responsive students in class at Tyndale
- For many potential new students for next year
- For Annie and Josiah's spiritual growth
- For God's constant reminders (often in small ways) that He is in control and working in and through us

Please pray

- For our Easter week outreaches both at Via and with Kid's Club
- For direction for the next steps at Via church
- For a good conclusion of the term for all of the Tyndale students, especially those about to graduate
- For the right students to be admitted for next year
- For David's preparation to lead three seminars at the European Leadership Forum in May
- For daily joy in the Lord!

From David, Cathie, Annabelle and Josiah



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