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Greenland News

Peter, Katharina, Joël and Cora de Graaf in Greenland



Dear friends and mission partners,

In our last newsletter I talked about my desire to hold a service in which we could pray for the sick. This has now happened in April! Dozens came along and especially the number of young people hit us.

(Peter) Many chose, after hearing the good news about Jesus, to trust Him. This was followed by prayer for the sick, and God confirmed the Gospel by healing sick people. I hope that many who read this can also taste the joy that arose here. One girl was so touched that she took her father to the next Sunday service. This man has continued to come afterwards and was also healed by God of his back problems.

At Pentecost we went with several boats to the other side of the water and in the open air, I spoke about who Jesus is and what God's Spirit wants to do in us. Several people dared to trust Jesus for their salvation! Sometimes I'm really amazed at how God is at work! We also hope that more people will come to the services.

We are continuing the search for a house which can serve as a meeting place. If that will ultimately be the big yellow house is a big question mark for us. Recently, it was not possible to buy another house because our bid was not high enough. House prices rise, the market is saturated, so all we can do than is to keep looking. Anyone who supports us in this, thank you very much! Will you also pray for this?

Something that is finished though is our website in three different languages www.lightingreenland.com.

Road to recovery

(Katharina) The course "Making peace with your past", which I went through with three women, was the focus for me in this spring. I was glad when I could finish it mid-May. In three and a half months I was quite exhausted and had reached my limits. I had to learn again to let go. Given the stories that opened up due to the used material, I felt incapable in my role as a facilitator. I did have a manual for conducting the course, but much just did not work as it should according to the manual (for example, the preparation by the participants). I found two translators who would translate the material into Greenlandic and enthusiastically started on the task. After a



Prayer during evangelism

Family news

(Peter) Cora was born on the 31st of May, at 04:10. She weighed 3.3 kg and was 50 cm. We are very happy that everything went without complications and that the two ladies in the family are doing well! It was amazing to see how Joël met Cora for the first time and to see how very sweet he is with her. He understands it perfectly when people ask him in Greenlandic whether he is a big brother now. We do miss the maternity and realize the Dutch are very fortunate! We also missed the visits, because that is not what people are used to do here. We have eaten the pink and blue 'mice' (a typical Dutch tradition of celebrating a birth); even on biscuits!

Cora



Joël meets Cora



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week, 10 unanswered calls and strange excuses I had only one translator left. The content of the material was too confrontational for the other. After another three weeks, I lost my other translator while we already were behind on schedule. Suddenly I had to translate the necessary material within a short time from English into Danish. The frustrating thing was that it not only took my time and energy, but also that it was not always well understood by the participants. You can imagine that I sometimes wondered if it all was worth the effort...

And yet I could observe again after each weekly course evening that God is at work. He has personally encouraged the participants every time again when they did not want to proceed. In their time with God, He led the participants in the processing of painful memories. He has given insight into unhealthy patterns and how they can be broken. I am still amazed about what God has done through the course and into the three women, without having it been the "perfect course"!

All three of the participants said that they feel so relieved. They now know that a life of shame and living behind masks is not "normal". Of one of them even the fear of flying is gone. That inspires me to reach out to God for more, even if the way may not be a bed of roses.

Furlough

(Peter) We will come to the Netherlands and Germany from July 18th to September 21st and look very forward to make contact again with many. Our agenda is filling up already to meet people and we look forward to two weeks of vacation in the Netherlands. We have arranged two meeting moments where we would love to meet and socialize. Are you coming over?

Wednesday 24-08 19:00 Open evening at the Pentecostal church "Morgenstond" in Zoetermeer.
Sunday 28-08 12:30 Meeting after service (10:30 am) at the "Opstandingskerk" in Utrecht.

Support

(Peter) Despite the fact that all is much more expensive in Greenland than in the Netherlands, we make it with an annual income equal to when we were in the Netherlands. For everyone who has supported us financially (some even several years), thanks a lot! From the beginning of 2016 our costs have gone up because of several reasons. Could you help us with this? Monthly we need 400 Euro more. That is partly due to pension, changes in our support group and of course our recent family expansion. You may use PayPal on our website for (recurring) support. In any case, thank you!

Warm regards and hopefully we meet,

Peter, Katharina, Joël & Cora



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