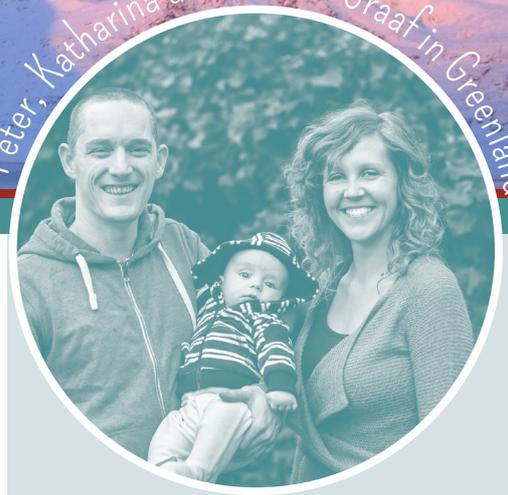




June 2015

# Greenland News

Peter, Katharina and Joël de Graaf in Greenland



Dear friends and mission partners,

**(Peter) At the time you are reading this newsletter, we probably have just arrived in the Netherlands. You will read about what has happened in Greenland until now. What about the 'big yellow house'? How is it to live here? But let's start with a beautiful testimony of what Jesus has done in someone's life.**

## A special story

(Peter) A lady who came to the Bible school told us a special story. A long time ago her parents wanted to divorce. They were desperate and went for a walk. Overlooking the ice they sat down. Would they not continue their life together? Suddenly they both saw how a rainbow appeared and the heavens seemed to open. As in a movie they watched how Jesus was born, lived on earth and also died on the cross. He even came back from the dead! And they saw how Jesus went to heaven and sits there right at this moment. Both had seen the same thing and wondered what this meant. Jesus stretched out His hand and when the woman wanted to grab it, her husband kept her back. What was this about? One thing was certain, they now believed in Jesus and decided not to divorce. Where Jesus intervenes there is reconciliation! What a message this is. I hope that everyone who reads this, also experiences this reconciliation with God. Jesus is alive!

## The big yellow house

(Peter) Our activities revolve around this message of reconciliation. To invest on a long term in this we need a house to live in and space to employ the church activities. The big yellow house which we spoke about in our former newsletters will facilitate this purpose. The project has grown larger than we initially thought. We have founded an institution in cooperation with the group of short-term missionaries, the church in Nuuk and two local Greenlanders. This institution will be in charge of the missions house. With the growth of the vision for the house, the renovation and extension grew as well. I am busy with the preparations of this plan. That went from estimating the required amount of screws to printing out the extension application in the community house (because we do not have a printer).

## Calendar

- 03.06**  
Arrival at Schiphol 11:35
- 07.06**  
Visit church 'Morgenstond', Zoetermeer - NL
- 13.06**  
Reception for friends/mission supporters in 'Opstandingskerk', Utrecht - NL
- 14.06**  
Visit church 'Opstandingskerk', Utrecht - NL
- 21.06**  
Visit church 'De Hoop', Dongen - NL
- 22.06**  
Small group meeting, Utrecht - NL
- 23.06**  
Small group meeting, Utrecht - NL
- 27.06**  
25 years celebration 'Globe Mission', Hamminkeln - DE
- 02.07**  
Visit church 'EFG', Karlsruhe - DE
- 05.07**  
Visit church 'EFG', Eberbach - DE
- 22.07**  
Return to Greenland



Drinking coffee after the service



Joël's dream: riding a 4-wheeler



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The whole project (without furnishing) will cost 140.000 Euro of which we already have 43.000 available. Would you like to help us financially with this? Or do you know somebody whom would like to support this project (for example with an interest free loan)? You can find more information on [www.lightingreenland.com](http://www.lightingreenland.com). We have postponed the start of the renovation to the start of September which gives us more time to prepare. We are very grateful to those who support us in this financially. This is possible with the same banc-account mentioned below and a new projectcode "486 mission house". Also practical help in building is very welcome. Not only do we need help in this project, but also in the Netherlands. Our Mission Support Team which is very important to us, has shrunk and there are some vacant positions. Will you pray with us that people will be found who are enthusiastic to help with our work in Greenland?

## Life in Tasiilaq

(Katharina) We live in Tasiilaq now for 4 months and there are two things that distinguish this place from where I have lived so far. The first is that the products in the supermarket are becoming scarce (there are only ships coming in between June and November). We still have enough to eat, that's not it. But it's a strange discovery that corn is the only (frozen) vegetable that is sold. The second thing has been put in a nutshell by a young lady who attends Bible school: "there's nothing to do here". I do not write this to complain, but I see how this lack of opportunities keeps people small, hopeless and supports the (alcohol)abuse. God is a God of possibilities and creativity and I look forward to see how He will set people free herein. That is His desire, setting people free. And we have seen Him do this in recent months. We are very encouraged by the growth we are seeing in the people who visited the Bible school. People happily tell us how their daily lives are being changed by God. What a privilege to be part of this!

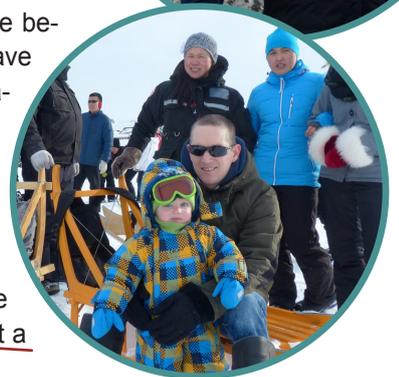
On the other hand we notice some more difficulties the last few weeks. Many of those we are closest with are sick, fewer people come to Sunday services, things do not go as expected and we are very busy with all the things that have to happen. Because of the increasing pressure we are again more aware of the importance of prayer! We are giving this increasing priority. Because we also want to pray together with the local people, we have started a prayer-meeting on Thursdays. It's not much visited, but every time I notice the power of God as we pray for Tasiilaq.

## What else is left to say?

(Peter) Soon we will be on furlough in the Netherlands and Germany. On the 13th of June we have a reception for all our friends and mission supporters and would be happy to see you there (please subscribe with [klaaske.lengton@gmail.com](mailto:klaaske.lengton@gmail.com)). On that occasion we will be able to give much more detailed report about what is going on in Greenland. We are looking forward to meeting many of you again!

*Much love, Peter, Katharina and Joël*

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