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# Greenland News

Peter, Katharina, Joël, Cora & Leni de Graaf in Greenland



Everyone who has known us since the beginning of our missionary work knows that we have kept our eyes open for a facility. With ups and downs and moments of learning that everything revolves around the relationship with Jesus, we are happy to say that we are planning the start of building a mission house from July 15th, 2020.

## Looking back

Why do we actually want a building? At the moment we are very dependent on the (im)possibilities that are here. We rent a location once every two weeks, but much more than that is not possible facility wise. With an own building, much more is possible: Youth work, work with young girls or single mothers. A safe (learning) place for children, courses and maybe a place to practice with instruments.

First school day



The tight living circumstances do not allow most people to invite youth over for a meeting or to start a prayermeeting. The mission house will offer others a place to start something that God has placed in their hearts. And it will also be to the advantage of our family when 'ministry' like pastoral care and daily preparation, no longer takes place in the living room and disturbs family life. In other words, a good base will support the work in which we can preach and live the Gospel. Finally there will be a permanent place to come into contact with the love of God: the House of Peace.

## The construction of the house

We dared to take the step to decide to start the construction of the mission house on July 15, 2020. The foundation will then have already been laid. We currently have around € 99,000 available, thanks to everyone, who has already invested in this project. Some have been doing this for years already. We need another € 100,000 before the end of March 2020 to be able to build the house next summer and are therefore looking for people who can support this project and want to give to this. Do you, or maybe someone you know, want to help us with this? Gifts for the Missionhouse can be given to the account below, subject: project 486 – missionhouse.

We also need volunteers for the construction itself. Would you like to come and help us? We need carpenters, electricians and plumbers. But also if you are not a professional, we can really use your help. Let us know if you are thinking about a possible visit and want to know more: [info@lightingreenland.com](mailto:info@lightingreenland.com). You can also find more information about building the mission house on [www.missionhouse-eastgreenland.com](http://www.missionhouse-eastgreenland.com)

## Familie Nieuws

We have returned from our furlough just in time to catch enough trout for the winter. To the delight of the kids, it is noticeably getting dark earlier and the first fall storms have already hit our house. But occasionally we still enjoy sailing and fishing. Joël got a day off school and together with Cora had great fun feeling the cod pulling on the fishing line. And Leni has learned to say "fish". At the beginning of September we had a good friend from the Netherlands visiting. He and Peter were after adventure and slept one night in a tent in the middle of nowhere.... and they caught around 35 salmon within two days. What a blessing! If you want to get an impression of how adventure in Greenland looks like you can find some videos here. <https://youtu.be/J37h4GVO0g0>.

Enjoying nature





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Autumn is coming

## A life that has been touched

When Jesus walked the earth, He touched many lives. It even says: "There are, however, many other things that Jesus did; if these were described one by one, then, I believe, the world itself could not contain the books that were written." Here too there are many stories of how God intervened in people's lives. This does not mean that people will automatically follow the Lord with dedication. It does however, show Gods compassionate heart for us.

During a Bible school evening a woman who attended told us how her face had become half-sided paralyzed. This was because someone had for days continuously threatend her violently. It had even affected one of her eyes. She could not close it anymore and the doctor had given her drops to keep her eye moist. At the end of the Bible school we took time to worship God and we interceded for this woman. During that prayer, a clear change began to occur in her face. It didn't take 10 minutes before she could blink again and some feeling came back to her face! Can you imagine how shocked this woman was when she realized that Jesus was touching her?

We are currently listening to the stories about following Jesus. The rich young man who had to sell all and give everything away so that he could follow Jesus. Zacchaeus, who gave away half of his riches and compensated others. Or that the kingdom of God is like finding a precious treasure in a field. Stories we know, in which surrender and loyalty are addressed. These stories made some people angry at first but then lead to making important decisions. Others cried, when God spoke deeply to their hearts. God gives us revelations through these stories which is wonderful, because God wants a deep relationship with the people here in Tasiilaq!



Open air service

## Children's service

(Katharina) After the worship, the children go to their own service, in the room nextdoor. We start with Greenlandic children's songs and the kids are always happy to participate. We had come to the story of Moses before the summer, but now during my preparation I got the subject of "prayer" on my heart. So we were talking about Hannah, who unrestrainedly poured out her heart to God. I thought it was great that the kids really participated when we prayed together and the next time someone even shared something that God had said to him in prayer. My prayer is that these children will learn to talk to God, clearly hear His voice and will live their lives with Him.

Warm greetings from Tasiilaq,

Peter and Thinka

Fish picknick



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