

# Making Disciples International (UK)

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Dear friends

It has been a uplifting summer of mission visitors, speaking engagements, a Swiss holiday and home grown vegetables (Jan's new hobby). However, it is now time to focus on preparations for the two mission assignments ahead.

## HOLLAND 20 September – 6 October 2018

We are in Holland 20 September – 6 October 2018. Making the best use of our motorhome, we will once again be based at De Bosrand campsite, Lieren (close by Apeldoorn). We are scheduled to meet with Judy, Wilma, Jellina, Anni, Daniel and Estie and Marius and Amanda, and Denise for individual times of sharing, encouragement and fellowship in our Lord Jesus. Judy is on home-leave from the ICEJ, Jerusalem. Wilma and Jellina are retired workers who formerly served in Israel with Near East Ministries. Anni retired from ministry in Africa. At different times Wilma and Anni came to us in Ferring for an end-of-service debriefing. Daniel and Estie are a super young couple who have just completed minister's training and are waiting for their first church post. They recently called to see us in Ferring. Marius and Amanda you will know from our many previous visits – they minister with Veritas and Child Evangelism Fellowship. Denise, married to a Dutchman, is the sister of a Worthing friend. She would like some English speaking company and spiritual encouragement. Long ago the Lord told us to "strengthen the brethren" (Luke 22:31) – it is our life-calling. Once again we are waiting on the Lord to see what "strengthening" entails on this trip. It usually has many applications!

## ISRAEL 26 November – 19 December 2018

In November, we return to Israel to specifically care for Rita Kotze as her daughter Daliet and family take off for New York, USA to greet their first newly born granddaughter. Rita has health problems and needs

practical support for the two and a half weeks they are away and we are delighted to be the ones to provide whatever is required. On their return, we will go to Jerusalem for a few days to greet some of the single workers with whom we have close relationship. We plan to host a meeting in one Jerusalem location and gather folk together. We will share more of that with you nearer the time.



Anni ter Steege on a previous visit to Holland

## KEEP PRAYING

Pray for Tracy, a South African worker ministering among the deaf and blind in Jerusalem. She is learning to trust in the midst of great persecution. Pray for Maritha, ministering in Hermanus, South Africa. She is putting her trust in the healing name of Jesus having received a diagnosis of secondary cancer. Maritha was our PA for many years and remains an inner circle friend. Pray for Corrie, a Dutch ICEJ worker in Jerusalem. Every day she sacrificially serves new Jewish immigrants in Israel – many with multiple and complex needs. Pray for Esther, working in Jerusalem, as she depends on the Lord to bring significant personal changes. Pray for Ellie, as she works very

long hours in the tough Jerusalem medical world. Pray for Gweno, ministering in Birmingham, learning to pursue the Lord through uncomfortable and seemingly untimely changes.

Pray that each knows the heart of God in decision-making and outcomes. Pray they know God's personal love and have assurance of His attentive care. He is their strength, song and salvation (Psalm 118:14).

## PERSONAL NEWS

We thank God for you all. It is a tonic to have so many praying for us. Please continue to pray for Mintie. Greater weakness and chronic back pain (under investigation) are providing spiritual application of truth! She is smiling. Continue to pray for Jan. Symptoms of emotional and nervous system weakness – the aftermath of breakdown - are teaching her how to manage stress in an informed and fruitful way. There have been some unexpected blips recently but with God's help she has quickly recognised what is happening and made necessary life-adjustments. **Isaiah 40:27-31** holds the key to stress management!

**Isaiah 40:27-31** Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. NKJV



Lowth writes: 'it has been a common and popular opinion that the eagle lives and retains his vigour to a great age; and that, beyond the common lot of other birds, he moults in his old age, and renews his feathers, and with them his youth.' A lot of feathers fly in stress ... but the Lord inspires new growth even in older age as we wait upon Him. What a wonderful thought! Anyone else suffering from patches of baldness?!

There are some practical changes happening at home in a couple of months as Mintie's new "all singing and dancing" bathroom is put in – trying to make life and mobility easier and simpler. Thank the Lord with us for a local government grant which has covered this cost. What a provision. Please pray for good timing for the work to begin, success and benefit in all these matters.

After much prayer, in January 2019 we are selling the motorhome. The challenge of walking means that Mintie needs to purchase a mobility scooter and that means the purchase of a larger capacity car, with a hoist and adaptations. The selling of the motorhome will release personal capital for the next chapter of our adventure. We are so grateful to the Lord for the five years of ministry travel and special holidays in the van – like our time in Switzerland in June this year. It has been fun.

As our frames show signs of wear and tear, our spirits grow more lively in Jesus. Sometimes it is hard to keep up with our spirits!

## THANK YOU - SINCERELY

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God's richest blessing!

Much love to you all, Jan & Mintie