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Dear Friends

What an amazing year. Our home has been remodelled with future needs in mind and we have launched a long held dream – a Disciple School in our home. We have certainly been revisiting what it means to “walk in the Spirit”. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit is within us (**1 Cor 6:19**) busy writing truth into our minds and hearts, so we have enjoyed our inner guidance system! No matter what has given rise to questions and concerns, and plenty has each day, the Holy Spirit has released wisdom and teaching to know how to “walk” and what to do. He has also brought back to our remembrance lessons we have learned previously and at times has told us things that are yet to come – we have had many a “hunch” and “unction” (**John 14:15-17, 26; John 16:12-14**).

At times of great stress, especially when our home was invaded by workmen and things have not gone to plan, the Holy Spirit has reminded us that He has the past present and future covered and we can relax and simply follow where He goes. As if that was not enough, He has helped us endure suffering (**Acts 7:55**) by giving divine power and filling us constantly with hope (**Rom 15:16**). We need never worry that this connection with God might somehow disappear because we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and His presence guarantees future glory with Jesus. Added to that He has provided all the tools for a vigorous “walking habit” – gifts of the Spirit have been given at just the right moment to help and inspire other Christian workers who have come under our momentary care (**1 Cor 12:4-27**).

Truly, we have experienced the Holy Spirit activating in us all that the blood of Jesus purchased for us on the cross. With the anointing of the Spirit within us (**1 John 2:27**) what is there to fear for 2020? What a divine Helper (**John 14:16-17**) He is and He abides in us forever – the wonderful Spirit of truth.

Discipleship School

In September – November 2019 we welcomed 19 participants into our first Discipleship School module – a basic course of discipleship examining what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. So many follow Jesus from afar, but true disciples draw close to their Saviour with strong commitment, intentional self-sacrifice and service. It was inspiring to lead 8 weeks of teaching, Biblical meditation, memorisation, small group discussion and prayer. For some it was described as life-changing, for others refreshing in the walk they already enjoy with the Lord.

Beginning **Saturday 11 January 2020, for 8 weeks**, we start a new group and we will follow a similar discipleship pattern of training. At this moment we are 16 people from many different local churches. We both find it so rewarding to impart spiritual life to others.



We are also seeing a burst of numerical growth in our **Friday discipleship group**. Recently, we have had three new ladies join us, and it is possible that 2 more will join us in January. We are beginning the New Year following Lance Lambert's teaching on "Corporate Prayer" (Intercession). How do we pray effectively together? Our nation needs us to learn!

Hospitality and pastoral care

In-between discipleship training we continue to welcome missionaries into our home for rest and debriefing.



Recently we welcomed **Donna Cole** (above) from the USA (Barnabas International). That was so special. We caught up on the news of many mutual friends on and off the mission field. From **17**

December – 1 January 2020, we welcome our dear friends **Tom and Linda Panci** (below) from YWAM Burtigny, Switzerland. The Christmas tree will go up this year and we be enjoying a proper Christmas Day meal together! How wonderful is that?

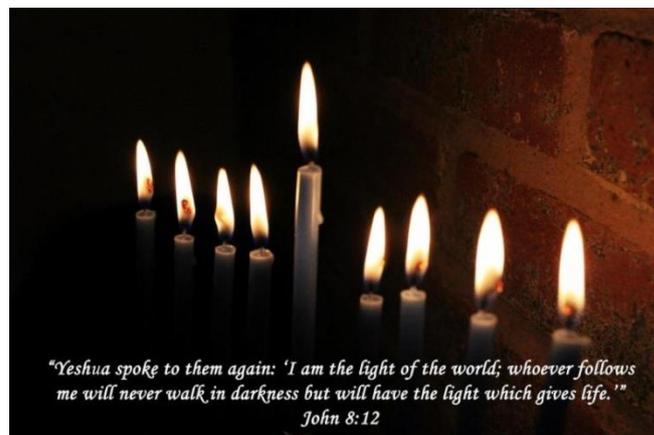


From **2 – 9 January** we welcome **Corrie van Maanen** from NEM in Jerusalem for a time of debriefing and fellowship.

Please pray

1. For **safe travels and all provision** for Tom and Linda Panci and Corrie van Maanen.

2. For the **new discipleship group joining us 11 January 2020**. For transformation of heart and mind.
3. For the **development of the Discipleship School in 2020**. What? How? When? With whom? As well as different discipleship weeks or special discipleship away days we have a sense of God's leading in introducing discipleship to people with special needs. We are in consultation and prayer with others who share the same thoughts.
4. For a possible **ministry trip to Israel in 2020**. We sense we need to go to come alongside workers in Jerusalem and the Galilee. Things are very tough. May God confirm and provide all that is needed.
5. Pray for Mintie who has a **decision-making hospital appointment** with regard to her crumbling lower spine 19 December 2019.
6. **Give thanks** with us for the wonderful year of service that we have enjoyed – for the practical changes in our home to accommodate groups – for extra help in the garden and with maintenance. We certainly don't have the resources for all this – but God does and He has supplied and will continue to do so.



Immanuel – God is indeed with us! May that simple, yet profound, truth fill your hearts with righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit this Christmas and in 2020. We are forever grateful for your love, prayers and support.

Jan and Mintie