

Making Disciples International UK – JUNE 2022

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Dear Friends

As summer kicks off, let's briefly update you with our news. We have much for which to be thankful.

It is the



30th Anniversary of our ministry of encouragement to missionaries. Look at these youngsters in 1990 (Jan left, Mintie right).

It seems unbelievable that that amount of time has passed. Some of you have partnered with us from the beginning. We have grown old together! As we have pulled out photo albums to recall the hundreds of missionaries we have been privileged to meet and serve, we kneel before God in worship. This extraordinary journey has been about Jesus – revealing His unrelenting love, care, and character. From a tiny red Fiat Fiorino van in 1992 to motorhomes and field visits, retreats for single missionaries, and debriefing and hospitality at home – God showed and led us by His way.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! NKJV

Do you remember from Jan's YWAM Paris days (1990) the angel appearing to Jan and Lori Lee on the Autoroute from Paris to Le Havre, France? Yes, the "nine-foot one" suddenly appeared from nowhere to pick up her precious cargo that had cut loose from the top of the van, replace it and disappear. There was no exit from that autoroute. He tied such perfect knots! Do you remember the angel who accompanied a fearful Jan on the train from Warsaw to Gliwice in Poland? Her first pastoral mission was to encourage a YWAM team from YWAM Lausanne on outreach. The

angel, a "man", barred the entrance to the train compartment and stayed awake to protect her while she slept. He, too, just disappeared, but not without leaving a note of the arrival time at Gliwice so Jan would know when to get off!

Do you remember Mintie having a terrible fall in Budapest whilst on assignment to encourage YWAM missionaries? She tripped, knocked herself out and broke her arm but resisted going to an Eastern European hospital. After a night's sleep and much prayer, Mintie discovered God had reset and healed the arm. Yes, it is true. It was deformed and reformed! Do you remember how we were kept free from accidents travelling in our motorhome on the potholed and manic Eastern European roads and preserved because of unwanted delays? Do you recall us driving the motorhome to Israel and how God protected us as Arabs tried to steal the wheel hubs from underneath us? Do you remember the outpourings of the Holy Spirit during the retreats? Time after time, God's divine love and power humbled the proudest and transformed the contrite of heart. Mini revivals. God's love and acceptance healed many broken hearts. Many returned to the mission field encouraged and revitalised. We continuously experienced the joy of being saved to serve Jesus – it carried us along!

These 30 years have certainly taken both out of our comfort zones into the exciting and edgy realm of faith, obedience, and trust. Once hands gripped the plough, there was no turning or holding back (Luke 9:32). We are thankful that when commanded, we got out of the boat of mediocre faith to discover that by God's grace and enabling, we, too, could walk on water. Of course, we sank a few times, learning the lesson of keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and not becoming consumed with ourselves. We are thankful that most of our ministry years were not in the "selfie era". Self-aggrandisement has to be one of the hideous sins of today.

Laying down the ministry 31 December 2022



Time is up, God has released us, and **from 31 December 2022**, we will lay down the ministry in the form we have known for 30 years. There is no retirement in

the Kingdom of God, but ageing creates capacity changes which need acknowledging and accepting. We are re-forming to a new season, ministering informally as the Holy Spirit guides us.

- **A matter of prayer.** We hope to form a new group, "Rooted", encouraging local born-again believers to activate faith in Jesus Christ through a fresh understanding of Biblical roots. We believe many Christians live weak and diluted spiritual lives, never really getting established in the faith because they lack a healthy root system in the Word. Many do not realise the richness of their Biblical inheritance (Read Romans 9-11) – understanding God's faithfulness to Israel defines and presents the love and grace of God in a new light. We are no experts, but the Holy Spirit compels us to pass on what God has revealed to help others stand firm in these end and challenging times.

Nahum 1:7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who trust in Him. NKJV

Debriefing in July

In the meantime, on **Sunday, 10 July 2022**, we welcome **Elisabeth, a missionary with YWAM Finland**, for one week of debriefing. She will stay in the annexe of our home. Please pray for fresh insight and understanding of her walk with the Lord. May she gain

a new perspective by the Spirit and God's Word and be refreshed.

Trip to Israel in September

From **6 – 27 September 2022**, *God-willing*, we will visit with workers and friends in Israel. We will have two weeks in the Galilee staying in an Airbnb apartment where we can extend hospitality to workers, and one week in Jerusalem centrally located at the Sisters of the Rosary. As part of our 30th-anniversary celebration, the trip allows Mintie to return to Israel, the Land of her first calling. In 1973 she left South Africa as a young 23-year-old to comfort the Jewish people in Israel. Now she can close that circle by revisiting the first altars of her service.

Personal news for prayer

- Mintie will return for a private consultation with a pain specialist on **Tuesday, 21 June 2022**. Sadly, the previous nerve block injections done on the NHS have not proven effective, and she is again in immense pain in her back. At times it is unbearable. Please pray for wisdom for the Consultant. Hopefully, he can do a private procedure before September, giving Mintie relief for the trip to Israel.
- Jan has decided to wait until after the Israel trip to have her left shoulder investigated. It is a remerging problem successfully operated upon previously. Please pray that the right help and advice can once again lead to a free range of movement.
- Life at home is peaceful, happy and stable, and we continue to keep Mintie safe from Covid. We go out and about but mostly keep in the open air and avoid crowded spaces. We are thankful for the miracle of our lovely home, which gives each room—what a provision of the Lord. Jan's vegetable garden is flourishing, and her attentive care means we enjoy garden-to-table freshness!

Thank you! Your love and prayers have sustained us.

Our love, **Jan and Mintie**