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Dear friends and family,

We are sure that you are also busy! It is amazing how full our agendas can get – with good, positive and necessary things. We remain very grateful to those of you the Lord uses to pray for us and support us in the bits-and-pieces we may do. Before providing you with a short update of family and ministry highlights, I would like to share with you three thoughts the Lord has used to encourage me while meditating on the book of Jeremiah in my daily quiet time.

### Food for your soul

(1) faithfulness: Humanly speaking, Jeremiah was no success story. He comes across as a lonely prophet, often misunderstood and rejected, but who persisted in communicating God's message to His people. A man of courage. Are you discouraged? Remain true to our calling! (2) dependence: he didn't presume to know what God's mind was. He did not depend on his experience and rational thinking alone. God had told him: "Call on me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (33:3). In every new situation, Jeremiah did just that. He waited for the Lord to speak. Are you always in a hurry? Take time to listen! (3) variety: I see creativity and variety in the way God communicates with Jeremiah, and in the way Jeremiah in turn communicates God's message to His people. Commonly he would *speak* (1:17), sometimes with plain words and other times with stories.



Sometimes Jeremiah was told to *write* the message down (36:2). Sometimes the message is made alive through little *dramas* or symbolic acts (like in chapters 13, 18, 24, 32). Each of us has our preferred communication style. If we are to reach all who need to hear God's message we must also be creative in our methods of communication. Our methods are like "straw". God's message is the "grain" (23:28-29). The straw carries the grain. The straw is disposable but also necessary. It is good to be creative and diverse in our communication methods – without depending on them. Like with Jeremiah, if I am to do anything worthwhile, God must empower my ministry: "I will make my words in your mouth a fire" (5:14). Your ministry also.



### Local and non-local Ministry

As a couple, we help run the marriage course in our local church for the third time. Now we are considering the possibility of being involved in hosting a parenting course. Christian principles in family life meet a real need. **Anneke** also helps with some pastoral visits and hospitality. She enjoys being a mum and grandma. **Philip** finds plenty to do in Eindhoven and further afield. Last October he enjoyed helping at a youth weekend in Aix-en-Provence in France. In





November, we travelled together as a couple to Colombia for 2 weeks. During the first half of February, Philip and Frederic Walraven visited some assemblies and a Bible school in Myanmar. Philip also speaks regularly at different assemblies here in Holland.

### Family Matters

The great recent family event was the wedding of our daughter **Elsa** to **Robert** van Hardeveld last month. They both love the Lord and now seek to please Him as a team together. **Vikki and Steven** are slowly preparing to move to Peru next November, to serve the Lord at the Diospi Suyana hospital, a modern Christian hospital high in the Andes mountains that seeks to serve the Quechua population. **Edward** enjoys playing piano and bass guitar, and is happy to use his musical talent in church meetings and youth events. At the end of March, **Julie** stopped with

her studies in Rotterdam and returned home. She is looking to take a year off to work, travel and do something useful before considering studies again. It takes courage to start something, but also to stop something. It was not an easy decision, but we all feel it was the right one. Last September we buried **Miny Lemkes**, Anneke's' mother.

She was an outgoing and positive woman for most of her life. The last few years she struggled with dementia. Such struggles teach us about life and eternity. The current debate on euthanasia becomes a real issue. She and we her family are happy that the Lord has called her home. It is good now.



### Writing and our renewed Website!

Moral issues become relative and flexible in our liberal democratic societies. If the majority agree that it is OK, then it becomes OK in practice. In time, resistance lessens and it begins to also feel OK. We look back and notice that public opinion on another moral issue has changed. This moral relativism is rapidly infiltrating Christian churches. In January Philip finished writing '**Cohabitation and Sexual Intimacy before marriage**', to be found on our website under eBooks. In order to encourage young and old to develop their own time with God and His Word every day (7 minutes), he has written a number of short A6 Booklets. The last one is titled '**Quite Time: 12 days on Spiritual Struggle**'. These are cheap to print at home and easy to put together - they are useful for youth camps or church and home study groups. To be found on our website under Devotional Booklets. Brother Abner in Colombia has been working very hard to modernize the website. The English part is now ready and other languages will follow shortly. You may explore the new material and new features at: [www.philipnunn.com/en](http://www.philipnunn.com/en). It is also mobile phone friendly. Explore and enjoy! If you are blessed by it, you may want to share the link with others.



Again, thank you for your interest and the time you have taken to read this letter. Our thanks too to those of you who regularly pray for us and support us in one way or another.

- Philip & Anneke