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Dear friends and family,

During the last few months, the life of Moses has been frequently on our minds. He is mentioned about 800 times in the Bible and in 30 of its 66 books! Clearly an impressive servant of God. He faced many challenges, first within himself, and then in leading the Lord's people. What kept this man going? Hebrews 11:27 points to his secret: "He preserved because he saw Him who is invisible". He saw Him not only on the burning bush, at the top of mount Sinai and in the Tent of Meeting. It became a daily experience. He became reliant on 'seeing' Him: "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us on from here" (Ex 33:15). In discussing this text with a Colombian brother earlier today, he pointed to the two conditions for 'seeing' the Lord, referred to in the next chapter in Hebrews: "Make every effort to live at peace with all men and to be holy" (12:14). Our relationships and lifestyle choices matter to God.



Preparing to move to Colombia: Last January Philip spent 2 weeks in Colombia, to contribute with some teaching at a week of intensive Bibles Studies in Pereira, and to explore possibilities of our return to live in Colombia. We are grateful for the number of good conversations. We are currently working



towards our leaving The Netherlands on the 12 of September and making our base in the city of Ibagué. There we hope to form part of a Christian assembly of about 40 people, and from there we hope to support the Lord's work in the region and the country.



The technicalities of change: After 16 years living in Eindhoven, we are happy to inform that the Lord has provided a buyer for our house. Within 2 weeks from now we need to clear up and hand over the keys. During this last month, Julie, our youngest daughter, has moved to a flat nearby (that will be our 'base' in NL). We see the Lord's hand in these practical matters. And yet, our first attempt to get a Colombian VISA was rejected. We are trying to collect the legal documents they are asking for. Last Friday, the letting agent for the three bedroom flat we hoped to rent in Ibagué rejected our application (we are classed as 'high risk' customers!). And at a yearly blood test, Philip's PSA values have increased and the doctor referred him to an Urology specialist to discuss the results. We are waiting for that appointment. We certainly value your prayer support in these matters. Like Moses, we are trying to 'see' Him who is invisible, also in these uncertain matters.





Closing a chapter: The last few months have also been marked with some 'goodbyes' and closures. We experience mixed feelings as we step out of different ministries. There is sadness but also the joy of anticipating new things. As a couple, we were happy to contribute at a Christian family week in Norway last June. And in the Assembly Mission ENcounter (AMEN23) in Germany in July. These were encouraging times.



Sexuality and Gender websites: While in Colombia, Philip intends to remain in some way connected to the work of the Dutch and French websites, Vernieuwd.com and Renouvelé.org. During this last half year we have produced the new testimony video of '[Bert and Linda](#)' and how they have found joy in their Mixed Orientation Marriage (MOM). In marriage, if one discovers that he or she experiences same sex attractions (SSA), the current normal advice is divorce. Through the life story of 'Bert and Linda' we seek to encourage couples to explore alternatives. Since January, we have done presentations on homosexuality and gender in a number of churches here in the Netherlands, and also during a busy weekend in Switzerland in June. The French website now has

five short videos with French subtitles. We are working on another four. If you speak French and feel called to help with this website, please get in touch with us. Interest has also been shown to translate and adapt the Dutch website for Spanish (Latino) and Portuguese (Brazilian) audiences. To make two new websites we need a team of concerned brothers and sisters.



Thank you for your interest and the time you have taken to read this letter. Our next news-letter will probably be early next year, once we have settled into life in Colombia. Our

thanks too to those of you who regularly pray for us and support us in one way or another.



- Philip & Anneke