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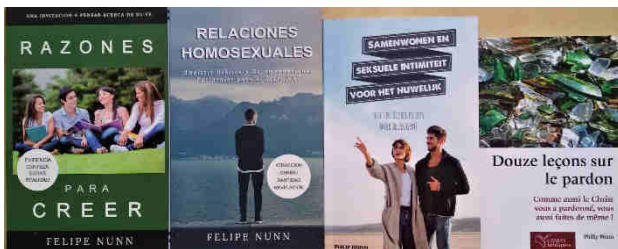
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Dear friends and family,

Hello! Perhaps it sometimes happens to you too, that part of a Bible text keeps on coming back to your mind for weeks, sometimes months. For me it has been: "Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy" (1 Cor.14:1). This last week the accent has been on the first part. If I do not truly love someone, it is unlikely that God will use me to bless him or her. First pursue love, then pursue gifts and ministry.

Family changes

Last September we celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. We are very grateful for our children and their husbands and friends. As a family we feel very blessed! **Julie** (19) is at present in Mexico following a DTS (Discipleship Training School) for 5 months. **Steven & Vikki** and our 2 granddaughters, **Leah** (2) and **Olivia** (1) have moved out of their home and are living with us until their departure to Peru on 21 November. Their goal is to serve the Lord among the Quechuas, helping at the Christian hospital *Diospi-Suyana*. If you have not heard about this hospital, it is worth looking for it on Google. We also have **Ezequiel Frontini** living with us for 6 months. He is a Christian young man from Uruguay who is studying engineering on an exchange programme here in Eindhoven. It is great to have the energy to enjoy this busy phase!



Writings and publishing

Philip's last book, 'Cohabitation and Sexual Intimacy Before Marriage', was published in Dutch 3 months ago by CPC (*Centre for Pastoral Counselling*) here in Holland, and will be published in German in the spring of next year. The goal of this book is to encourage young and old to understand, value and honour the marriage covenant. It seeks to inspire obedience and then reap the blessings of following God's design! 'Forgive as the Lord Forgave You' (12 lessons) has recently been published by *Centres Bibliques* for use in Africa, and has also been translated into



Burmese. 'Reasons to Believe' and 'Homosexual Partnerships' were published last May in Spanish in Lima Peru, and the Russian translation of 'Reasons to Believe' is currently at the printers. After much work, Philip's new website is now complete, in English, Spanish, French and German. Writing, web-work and exploring publishing possibilities is often lonely work. The occasional feedback he receives is definitely an encouragement. Philip is happy to also have other work that keeps him connected face-to-face with people.

Ministry and travels

Hospitality, being a wife, mother and grandmother together with home visits and pastoral conversations fill up **Anneke's** days. Last October she finished a 3-year Pastoral course run by CPC. It involved classes during

one Saturday a month plus reading and written assignments. Together with Philip and another 2 couples, we run for the first time a 5-evening *Parenting Course* for those which children under 11 years of age. We also enjoy our involvement with young people and the leadership team of *Meet and Discover* weekends twice a year. Philip keeps busy and stretched with the joys and challenges of being an elder in fairly large and growing assembly. He also helped a week at the *Oase* camp and taught a week at the *Gospel for Europe* Bible School, together with Jaap Noorlander, on the topic of evangelism in a Post-Modern world. In May, together with Jaap Vergouwe, he visited a number of assemblies in Peru and Bolivia. During this trip he had the opportunity to hand over some of his books to libraries of Christian seminaries and universities in La Paz and Santa Cruz. It was an intense but enjoyable 2-week trip. Perhaps you have also noticed that, when you seek to be used by God to bless and encourage others, He also blesses and encourages you! In giving we receive. We serve a good Master.



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