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which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.  
Ephesians 2:10



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## Preface

How nice of you to read our newsletter again. We are grateful for all your support and your concern, we acknowledge that God works in and through you so that we can be a blessing here. The year started with some major shifts within FCE, more about this under 'Changes'. After that we were busy organising the hostel for a group of 23 students who came for the 3 months discipleship mission training (DMT). It was a group with great diversity and once again we could witness the work of God in the lives of people.

To witness how the Holy Spirit calls people to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Lukas also enjoyed all the company and he even had some Dutch friends, children of parents who attended the training. Meanwhile it is almost time for our leave to The Netherlands! We hope to meet some of you there.

Greetings,  
Bart and Marthe



## Changes

During the last half of 2018 FCE was challenged with quite some changes that had to be made. In January 2019 we had a staff conference concerning these matters, it was a great time of fellowship. In the weeks before the conference our organization was divided in different camps on how to move forward. At the conference God restored our unity through His Word, but also humility and a willingness to admit mistakes and ask for forgiveness. It was a very special time! Our campus where teacher-, agriculture-, and community development training is presented will not continue to exist. The biggest change will be that the teacher training will be presented

via distance learning and this will be done in cooperation with other schools and training institutes. We do not suffer any direct consequences, for the DMT Foundation will continue as it is. The DMT Advanced will be adjusted, the focus will shift more and more to train disciples for cross-cultural discipleship (cross-cultural missions). We will assist with this training to a certain extent, depending on the time we will be involved in the Foundation training. Furthermore, God willing FCE will be involved in training believers who live in a strategic area within Asia. This opportunity is the fruit of years of loyal service by FCE staff in this country. Pray for Gods hand of guidance and protection and that His light may shine brightly into the darkness!

## Just to share

At the beginning of the year both of us individually were challenged by the question: where do you find your joy? Of course there is joy to be found in relationships, moments and possessions. But we also know our of experience that these same things bring pain, difficulty and dissatisfaction.

Outside of this there is a unchangeable source of joy!

*'You make known to me the path of life: you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand (Psalm 16:11, NIV). Therefore we can say: 'Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you (Psalm 73:25, NIV).*

### **Thanksgiving:**

1. Once again for a blessed course we could round off.
2. For the provision to have a time of leave in The Netherlands.
3. Marthe settled in the office. She now works here for she is able to combine it with her care for Lukas.
4. For Gods restoration of unity within FCE.

### **Prayer:**

1. Prayer outreach in Germany and The Netherlands.
2. Consequences of hurricane Idai. Pray for Charl and Annetjie, friends of FCE, who are involved in Mozambique with relief work.
3. Changes within FCE.
4. Our car has problems. The mechanic will attend to it while we are in The Netherlands. Pray that we will be able to solve it.



Students Henk and Jorine will work with MAF

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## Visit to Europe

From 10 April to 23 May we hope to be in The Netherlands (and Germany). For the first two weeks we will be involved with a prayer outreach from FCE. Seven of our colleagues will join us for this trip. Along our way to our different appointments (ex students and family of students/FCE staff) we will pray for villages and cities we pass by. Also we will share more about our prayer outreach to Poland, Czech Republic and Austria which is planned for next year, for we would like to invite you with us on that prayer outreach!

To meet the team and hear more you are welcome at the following times:

**Enschede**, 22 April between 20:00-22:00, Bekkershof 5. **Haulerwijk**, 23 April between 15:00-17:00, Slotemaker de Bruineweg 47. **Apeldoorn**, 27 April between 14:00-21:00, Homerus Straat 14. After this trip we will have our leave in The Netherlands. In Haulerwijk, as well as Enschede, we will be involved in a morning service. You are more than welcome to meet us there as well: 5 May at 09:00 or 11:00, Kerkstraat 13, Haulerwijk. 12 May 10:00, Hertmebrink 8, Enschede. And as a great conclusion of our holiday we will attend Peter and Ingrid's wedding!

## The Flying Family

We ourselves are in the preparation phase of being sent out. Part of this is to attend an international Bible school. God guided us to FCE. Looking back we now understand why He send us here. We so enjoyed all the practical ministry tools we received. There was a special appreciation from our side for the fact that with each topic the Bible was used as the foundational source of guidance. No external sources, but back to the Word. Because of that we grew in our love for the Word. All answers are to be found there. It was special to us to have a Dutch mentor in South-Africa and to learn to know Bart and Marthe better in that way.

## Family visits

During the last few months we had some family visiting us. They came to see Lukas, but also to see where we stay and work. In November grandpa and grandma Van Dijk visited, and in December Marthe her sister and aunt. We had a special time and were able to enjoy the beauty of South-Africa during these days. It is always a pleasure to receive people, so if you are around just let us know, there is always a place available to stay over.

## Afrika trip

The support group of Bart and Marthe came with an idea last year to organise a trip to Africa, nine people signed up for this trip. The purpose of this trip is to experience what FCE is doing, but also experience Africa and the different cultures, and also a strengthening of our faith. We will depart on 29 June from Schiphol via Dubai and Nairobi to Lilongwe - and then with the bus to FCE's training center in Malawi (Tekero, bordering Lake Malawi). There the organisation is involved with projects for women and children, and is also involved with the men and youth. We will join in with the daily routine, prayer times and Bible studies in the morning. Of course there will be time for recreation, to en-

joy the surroundings, visit a local market and meet the people at their homes while having a meal together. But also a visit to Livingstonia and the Nyika Plateau. On 10 July we will fly to Cape Town, there we will stay at FCE's headquarters in Wolseley. This is where Bart and Marthe are staying and working. In the same way we will join in with the daily routines and explore the surroundings. And the final part of our trip will be a three day stay in Somerset-West, close to Cape Town for three days of relaxing and sight-seeing, and on 20 July we will return home again.

Greetings,

Arie, Maria, Tabitha, Pieter, Klaas en Jetty, Ineke, Janny, en Peter