

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10



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Preface

Hello everyone,

Thank you for your concern and support. With this newsletter we would like to give you an update again. It is going well with us. This past year was really great. A few setbacks here and there, Marthe has had malaria for example. But looking back, these setbacks are overshadowed by our positive experiences and personal growth. Our mission training will end on the third of December and the same day we will depart for The Netherlands by plane. We are looking forward to spend our leave in a

house, for this year we spent a total of five months living in tents. In this newsletter we share some of our adventures, and if we meet in future we would love to share even more. In the meanwhile you can check out our webpage, we have shared some video's which give an impression of our experiences the last few months.

Greetings,
Bart and Marthe



Mission Training

July of this year we started our Mission Training at the Foundation for Cross-Cultural Education (FCE) in the middle of Zambia. This training is part of our process of joining as FCE staff. But even more, we experience that this training is a great addition to our lives as followers of Jesus. We would like to give a short overview of what we do and experience. The training started with a lesson about "calling". When thinking about our calling we think it is only for a select group of people. But we discovered that all of us are called. Firstly, called to Jesus, to know Him. Secondly, to do what He told us, to make Him known to others. Our classes were focussed on how to share the Gospel with people. From August to November we were split up in three groups of nine students to practically apply our newly received knowledge. We went to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, North Zambia and Malawi. We

spend hours in overloaded mini busses without aircon, driving over kilometers of gravel road. Our programs were always done in cooperation with local people who have a relationship with FCE. We visited schools to challenge the students that to know and follow Jesus also means to do what He taught us. This was done by using dramas and short Bible studies. We experienced that so many people in Africa know Jesus, but that they have no idea how this should transform their lifestyle! There is a lack of discipleship. And that is where we aimed our arrows at. We visited many schools and challenged the students to come and follow a Discipleship Mission Training. Furthermore we invested in one-on-one relationships, spending time at the peoples homes to share with each other and to just be there. An example of such a relationship you will find on the next page: Mama Chero.

Just to Share

In that day the Root of Jesse [Jesus] will stand as a banner for the peoples; nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious. (Jesaja 11:10)

How and where does this banner stand for the nations? Where can they see Him so that they can ask for Him? Do you also have the desire that He is lifted higher?

It is our job to lift Him higher, so that He can be seen by all the nations!

Thanksgiving:

1. Thank the Lord for the people we could meet during our training, people who are lifting the Banner.
2. Thank the Lord for our training and our personal growth.
3. Thank the Lord for His provision.
4. Thank the Lord that our entry ban to South-Africa has been cancelled.

Prayer:

1. Pray for a good ending of the training and for the students who return home after it.
2. Pray for our South-Africa visa.
3. Pray for safe travels and a blessed furlough.



Chitipa



Drama



Cooking on charcoal

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Outreach Chitipa

During our trip to Malawi we spent some time in one of the border towns, Chitipa. As usual we were warmly welcomed by friends of FCE, Chiko and his brothers. We stayed in their home and often he gave us a lift in his pick-up when we wanted to go somewhere. Chitipa is situated in northern Malawi, the Gospel reached this area only by the end of the 1800's. In that time there was a massive growth of believers and we can still see the remains of that time. There are many congregations in northern Malawi and virtually everyone has heard about Jesus, and many believe in Him.

During our visits to schools and youth groups we could experience the fruit of this evangelization, what a privilege to be in an area with such history. But next to this positive story there is a lurking danger. The Islam is actively busy from Tanzania to convert Christians in a peaceful way to their beliefs. Fifty years ago this was unthinkable, the believers were firmly rooted in Jesus. But because of different influences the faith is now becoming very shallow, Bible knowledge is basically zero. Because of that Christians are easily attracted by the false teachings of the Islam and the 'wealth' it brings.

Mama Chero

In northern Zambia we stayed a week with Mama Chero and her grandchildren. Marthe was helping with the housekeeping and Bart also helped, although that is not what is expected of a man. Especially when supper was prepared, on charcoal, we had good conversations. By asking questions about culture and religion we could challenge Mama Chero to reflect on what she believes and why she does certain things the ways she does. These conversations come natural during daily activities, when we are close the people.

Next year

In January we will start as staff member at FCE. We are really looking forward to this. Our base will be in Wolseley, South-Africa. Our task will be to help coordinate the Discipleship Mission Trainings in South-Africa, Namibia and Zambia. So we will be on the road a lot and we will be working within many different cultures. All this will be purposeful, to equip young and old to be mobilised and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Visa application

On 4 December Bart and Marthe will arrive at Schiphol airport. That day they will travel straight to The Hague, so that they can hand in their visa application early on the next day. At the moment they are busy organising and bringing together the ne-

cessary paper work, some from South-Africa, others in Zambia and a few in The Netherlands. Please pray that all the papers will come together on time. And pray that the application will be accepted immediately, and that the visa will be issued in time. For they hope to fly back to South-Africa on 10 January, to be back in time for the start (and preparations) of the course

Program in The Netherlands

We know that for most of you it will not be possible to visit the meetings we will have in The Netherlands. But please keep the meetings in prayer, that we may share what is on God's heart:

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| Church service: | 10 December, 18:30
De Schuilplaats, Hertmerbrink 8, Enschede |
| Church service: | 31 December, 10:30 (English Speaking)
International Christian Fellowship, Prinsestraat 10, Enschede |
| Open evening: | 6 January, 19:30
Bekkershof 5, Enschede |
| Church service: | 7 January, 09:00 or the youth service at 11:00
PKN Haulerwijk-Waskemeer, Kerkstraat 11, Haulerwijk |
| Prayer meeting: | 9 January, 20:00
De Schuilplaats, Hertmerbrink 8, Enschede |