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# Repairing Old Ruins

Isaiah 61:4 - Restoring the Gospel of Christ to Europe

We are going to do something a little different in this newsletter. We are going to take time to review 2001 in hope that it will give a picture of what God has done this year – and you have been a part of it all.

**Local Ministry with Levend Water -**

We supported the work in Delft in the local church on staff through administration, counseling, Cell leadership and the worship team. Most of our work here was done in the area of counseling young adults in their walk with Christ – we worked with 2 couples through pre-marriage preparation and about 3 couples who were going through difficult marriage issues. We watched as God restored and healed marriages. Our Cell Group grew and multiplied 4 times. We celebrated as several of them completed their degrees: Uta finished her studies in literature, Bettina completed her degree in architecture. Boukje, who was in the Bible classes and original cell group, completed her studies in urban planning. Several others completed water engineering degrees and returned to their home countries in England, Africa and China. What a privilege to be a part of their lives.



Sharing the gospel on the streets

**Bible Classes -**

The Bible classes equipped 5-18 students each month. Out of the students who attended, 6 nations were represented. Most of these students attend the technical university and feel they have a call on their lives to serve God. They will return to their home country after their education in Holland. Some were able to attend by assistance from us and Levend Water. We are still personally subsidizing the classes but hope that this year there will be ways to help us financially so we can continue offering this excellent training.



Taylor enjoying a dog's life

**Horizon** – This group of pastors from several cities throughout Europe is growing. Herman was with them in Ireland last spring. It is always a time to pray for and encourage one another, plan and work together. Next year the Horizon group will concentrate on working with the Dublin church in preparing for a March city-outreach.



**Permission to stay in Holland –**

We received legal permission to stay in Holland for 5 more years. This was an annual struggle since we arrived nearly four years ago requiring lengthy

paperwork and intervention from a Dutch lawyer. When we received notice to go to the immigration office for our annual review we found that the new card gives us permission to stay for another 5 years.

**Evangel Fellowship International** – Herman is now part of EFI, a fellowship of over 500 ministers. This came as a result of old and new (and renewed) ministry friendships.



**Worship** - Betsy was a part of the worship team - singing, playing guitar or leading - and wrote more songs. She taught on prayer and worship and 'adopted' a few worship leaders in Romania and Bulgaria.

**Provision** – Thank you for all of your gifts to us last year. We are grateful! And one more surprise - while in the states Betsy received a guitar as a gift. She needed

an instrument that is smaller, more portable and lighter to transport by bike. She is enjoying putting it on her back and biking to go play!

**Ministry outside of Delft and Outreach** - We did significant traveling last year. We drove to Hungary to work on staff at the Christian music

festival "SOZO". We made new friends throughout Eastern Europe and are continuing to encourage and support their work in their countries. We were a part of outreach teams in Antwerp, Belgium and Holland. Betsy coordinated the prayer teams in Holland, Belgium and Hungary. And Gabi and Betsy traveled to Romania to train a group in prayer and worship at the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Sighisoara, Romania.

**Time in the states** - We spent several weeks in the states for ministry and family celebrations in October and November. Miesje and Cam got married in October. Then we celebrated the birth of our grandson Cameron Paul Bouwhuizen with Paul, Heather and Joshua on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Cameron weighed 10lbs 6oz and measured 23" in length.

**Visitors galore!** We were privileged to host Dr. Lynn and Linda Reddick, Pastor Gene Smith, Donnie and Cindy Rogers, Karry and Pam Godwin, Tony and Lynn Wilkerson, Gabi Soltau, Randy Morgan and Pastors from Waterbury, Connecticut: Keith Stuart, James Lilly and Tim McCarty as well as other missionaries and friends as they passed through Delft.

**Someone Special** - The call to 'send more workers to the harvest' was answered by Josh Wilkerson from Grace Baptist Fellowship in Augusta. Josh came to Delft for 6 months specifically to help pave the way for outreach in Antwerp, Belgium. He helped with logistics of going into the city with prayer and outreach teams. We miss him but are rejoicing with Audrey and Josh in their upcoming wedding in February.

**Seminar** - When we returned to Holland in November we both taught in an all day seminar with our friend Wilbert Vos in Lelystad, a city in the north part of Holland. There were 33 people from 6 churches all hungry to learn more about open church principles. We continue to build relationships with our Dutch friends throughout Holland and are grateful for their partnerships in sharing the gospel in their cities.

**What's new in 2002!** While we were in the states we shared with many of you our Action Plan for 2002 and the plans are already unfolding:

**The First Quarter Plans** - Emphasis on Ireland - We will make a few short trips to Dublin, Ireland in January, February and March to begin preparation for the city outreach there that will be held in March. Betsy has been asked to coordinate the prayer team for the outreach. And she will also continue to coordinate the prayer teams to



Cameron Paul Bouwhuizen



Now this is a good looking crew! We are truly blessed.

Antwerp and in Delft. The Bible class will start up again. In February Herman will travel to Scotland to meet with Pastor Frank Harvey and connect with the CLST campus there. In March both of us will be in Ireland for the two week outreach to the city. The local work with Levend Water with counseling and outreaches here in Holland will also continue.

**European Missions Outreach**

- We look forward to meeting with the EMO Board of Directors and missionaries here in Europe in April. It will be the first time everybody will be together and we're looking forward to showing the team the city and work here.

**The EURO** - 12 European countries are getting ready for a new money system.

The EURO is uniting countries that have long been divided territorially by language and culture. We have been preparing for this for over two years and on January 1, 2002, we will no longer have Dutch, German or French currency, we will all use a common currency - the EURO. It will be interesting to see how this new one-currency system works.

We hope you all had a time of rest and reflection of the true meaning of the birth of Jesus during this season. We enjoyed quiet holidays here in Delft with our "Dutch family" and it was good. A verse that really spoke to us this Christmas was Luke 2:30-32 "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all

people; a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The words Simeon spoke as he held Jesus in the Temple as a baby still speak to us today as we reflect on his birth. This is the reason we are in the Netherlands sharing this gospel. We want to thank each of you for your prayers and support as we serve Him here together. May God richly bless you for your part in the lives of these young adults who will in turn touch

their nations with His love.

We continue to pray for His kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy to come and for His will to be done here as it is in His heart in heaven. We feel we're strategically placed here to continue praying for Europe. Thank you for your part in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the many cultures and people groups throughout Eastern & Western Europe and beyond....

With blessings,

*Herman & Betsy*



Betsy with some good friends in the States

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