

It seems like just yesterday that the Fall activities started up again! Where has the last month and a half gone?!

Terri started her internship at the mental health facility in Ede. Once again God has provided her with a Christian mentor! Maarten comes from a family heavily entrenched in ministry...even in-laws that were sent out as missionaries to the U.S.! In addition to being a great mentor they have had some good discussions with common desires for ministry within the deaf community. To top it off, one of the regular interpreting tasks that Terri has been given there is for one of the Deaf workers who is working on a bachelor's degree in social work. Henrieke is also a believer and is taking classes at a Reformed College in Zwolle. (She is also interested in joining the Sign Language Bible work group next year once she is through school) So about half of Terri's interpreting work for the internship is spent in classrooms at a Christian college! Do keep praying for the internship. The level of interpreting is pretty high and it is a challenge.

Last week we were invited for dinner at Pieter and Bobbi Jo's house. Many of you have followed our relationship with them for the last 3 years. Bobbi Jo is attending Bible study regularly and is growing in her faith. Pieter still has not committed his life to the Lord, but he and Chris have had good conversations about Christ. As dinner was put on the table the question of saying grace arose. Usually when we have eaten together it has either been at our house or in a restaurant. Then Chris usually simply says grace. This time it was at Pieter and Bobbi Jo's and we didn't want to take over the role of host from them. When the question arose at the table, Pieter very quickly closed his eyes and said a two sentence prayer. We were all in shock, Pieter no less than anyone else! He quickly said, 'Wow! That is the first time I've ever done that!' Bobbi Jo commented that his parents say grace every night, but Pieter pointed out that it was formula prayers and this was spontaneous prayer. Do keep praying for him to give his life to Christ. He and Chris are having dinner together on the 23rd and it will give them another chance to talk.

Speaking of October 23, GEM is calling for a day of prayer for Europe with the goal of having 10,000 people praying worldwide. On the 23rd there will be a website active with pictures from various countries. The site will be located at:

<http://www.gemission.org/Pray/Strategic.asp> Will you join us in praying on that day?

On May 18 our church held a baptism service in which Leonie was baptized. (She was the gal who's story resembles that of the Ethiopian Eunuch. Her baptism pictures are still on our website <http://www.thechapmans.nl/EVKphotos.html>) Chris has been looking for a couple of new people to join the PowerPoint team at church, and two weeks ago she expressed enthusiastic interest in joining the team. Last Sunday she sat with Jeremy and Terri to observe how it is run. This Friday she will be meeting with Chris to go over some basics and get her started. She was so excited that she had already gotten PowerPoint installed on her computer and had played around with setting up her first song! Praise God for new believers who are eager to serve!

In August at GEM's annual conference Terri and GEM co-workers in Romania discussed the idea of creating a Yahoo group for people who are working in cross-cultural settings

with people with disabilities/limitations. They got a group page set up and Terri helped by designing a front page picture (see <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/exceptionalpeopleministries/?yguid=225935305>). The idea is to provide a forum for missionaries/cross cultural workers in this very specialized field. The next step is to send invitations to join to the contacts that we currently have and then see how God uses the group to share ideas, pray for one another, etc.

We mentioned in our last e-mail that Chris would be taking on more responsibilities with Equip. One of those tasks is taking over the registration at leadership training conferences. His first opportunity to do that was the bilingual (English/Dutch) conference weekend in Amsterdam in October. He'll be handling the registrations at the Dutch conference in Zwolle in November. Praise God for opportunities to serve and assist in the area of leadership development in Holland!

The Dutch Sign Language Bible group is continuing to make headway. The proposed statutes that Terri and Kasper put together were slightly revised and then approved at the last meeting of the work group. Marja knew someone in her church who is a notaris (a person in Holland who handles the filing of formal legal documents). He has offered to give our group a significant discount to formally set up our foundation! We have another group member who is offering to donate the money to pay for it! Tomorrow night (14 October) the work group will be holding an on-line meeting via Windows Messenger. One of the goals is to definitively choose the initial board of directors for the foundation. Terri had been asked at the last meeting to consider becoming the treasurer (one of the 3 legally required positions for a foundation). In doing so she'd be the only hearing person on the board. Our original thought was that the board should be composed of all Deaf people, but Terri's fellow work group members (mostly Deaf) have asked her to please consider taking this position. They don't have a problem with the fact that she is hearing or non-Dutch! :-) Pray for the meeting tomorrow night. Once the statutes are formally filed by a notaris, the foundation will need to apply for status with the Dutch tax department so that donations are tax deductible. Terri has already spoken to someone at the tax department and was given the first steps that will need to be taken. pray for this process to continue to go smoothly. The project website has a prayer/praise request page which has just been updated with the latest requests. www.bijbelngt.nl (click on the English flag in the top right corner for the English pages.)

We are also in the process of publicizing our annual Christmas outreach services. We have already gone through our first batch of 50 personal invitations for the English language service on December 7. We had a second batch of 50 printed and our international cell members were reaching for more last Tuesday night! We know of several not-yet-believing friends who have confirmed that they will be coming. One international group has listed the service as a primary group activity for December! Pray as the invites go out that God will draw those whom He wants to attend this service. We will begin hanging up posters around town and sending our press releases in November. Chris was also just asked to handle sending out the press releases for the Dutch Christmas Eve service. That information should be getting to him soon as well.

We ask you to pray as well for the finalization of plans for an outreach in Polish on December 5. We would really like to make good use of the worship band from Poland that is coming to help with the English language service. Chris made contact again with the person who had said he'd arrange a location for the Polish outreach to discover that he had 'passed it on' to someone else. When Chris got that person on the phone he had no idea he was now 'responsible' for it! Gratefully as he and Chris talked, he got enthusiastic about the opportunity for an outreach among the many Polish speakers in this area. He is going to work on some details and get back with us. Do pray that all the details will work out soon. We want to get some publicity translated into Polish and made available no later than the beginning of November.

Praise God for the way He is at work here! Thank you for being a part of it!

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Dutch culture tidbit: Instead of sharing a Dutch idiom with you this time, we thought we'd share a culture tidbit. When Terri started with her internship, she was sent to the 'Facilities' office to get issued a key to the building and office doors. While there, she was given a brochure on the services that this department offers. One of the things listed was 'Company bikes'. Now, in the US you're more than familiar with "company cars" but 'company bikes' is a new one from an American perspective! This is the Dutch version! They actually have a set of bikes that can be borrowed by people who need to go somewhere on company business! And, yes, Terri's key fits the bike cage! This just goes along with the sign we've seen in a local auto dealer pointing customers to where they can get 'loaner bikes' while their car is being repaired!

To see our list of Dutch idioms and expressions check out that page of our website:
www.thechapmans.nl/idioms.html

Praise & Prayer:

- Praise God for Leonie's enthusiasm to be involved in the PowerPoint ministry
- Praise God for Chris' ability to serve with Equip as they provide leadership training
- Praise God for the new Yahoo group for missionaries to exceptional people and pray that God will draw people to the group who will be able to minister to and with one another
- Praise God for the progress of the Dutch Sign Language Bible group

- Pray for the meeting of the Dutch Sign Language Bible group on Tuesday night and for the important decisions that need to get made
- Praise God for Pieter's first spontaneous prayer! Pray that he will take the more important step of giving his life to Christ.
- Praise God for the Christian mentor and work environment that He has given Terri for her internship.
- Praise God for the people who have already committed to come to the English language Christmas service on December 7
- Pray for both the English and Dutch Christmas services to be glorifying to God and to draw people who need to hear the message
- Pray for the details to work out for a Polish outreach on December 5.
- Join us on October 23 for a Day of Prayer for Europe
<http://www.gemission.org/Pray/Strategic.asp>

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