



Newsletter 103, Dec 2024

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Dear friends & family,

Since our last newsletter, it has not been quiet at the WEC office. In September we had almost weekly conversations with people who were interested in going out with WEC. There was also a short orientation for a couple who started working at Cornerstone. And in October there was a Trek orientation for no less than 6 people, for those who go out with WEC for less than 2 years. At the beginning of November, we had a prayer day of WEC. Some missionaries on furlough shared about their work and so we could pray for it together.



On November 14th, at the WEC meeting at Cornerstone, Harriët and Alvaro Yanez were elected as our new 'Branch leaders' for a period of 4 years. They hope to take over the leadership from the interim leaders from January 1st. After a period of almost 1.5 years without branch leaders, we hope that stability and peace can now return to our team and to the whole of WEC Netherlands.

Alpha Emmeloord

Until a few years ago, the Alpha course was organised every spring by our congregation, in cooperation with a number of other churches. This has come to a standstill for a number of

years, partly due to the merger. Now we have picked it up again. We will start January 22nd. We now have 10 participants and hope for at least 20. We are grateful for the fine core group and people that have already agreed to cooperate. Pray for more participants and helpers. We also pray that even more people from our own church will sign up.

Kezia

From September this year, the training for my new role as the WEC International MK Consultant (IMKC) began. This means that in WEC I am responsible for the care of the mission kids. I will advise those who send people out into WEC from their support branches. Worldwide, there are about 1900 active WEC missionaries working in +/- 90 countries and from 80 different countries. Most support branches have someone who is responsible for the care of the children. I will be in regular contact with them to exchange resources and experiences that can help us in the care of our mission kids. As of January 1st, I will take over the role of IMKC from Steve and Gill Bryant, who have done this for 21 years (!). Pray for the handover and the formation of a steering group that can help me in this new task.



I am also still active in the care of missionaries in the Netherlands. On November 11th, we had a meeting for TCK consultants of different mission



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Praise God that our WEC magazine with a new layout is received well. Pray that many will read it and be challenged to become involved in mission.

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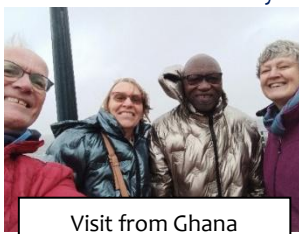


Praise points:

- For a good handover time for Kezia's new task
- for the Alpha course that we are allowed to organise.
- That WEC NL has leaders again
- that our children and grandchild are doing well

Prayer Points:

- For a good start for Kezia's new task and the formation of a steering group
- For conversations with interested people and more people to be sent out, both long term and short term
- For the Alpha course that starts in January.



Visit from Ghana



Visit from colleagues

organisations. We shared the resources that we use in the preparation for families who are going to go into mission.

WEC has developed a nice workbook for this. The Dutch translation was in need of an update. The date of November 11th was a good deadline for me to finish and publish it.



In February we will organise another Ready Set Go training online, for parents who go into the mission with their children, see www.family2mission.nl



Alex

This year we have invested more time in 'social media'. Nowadays, when people are looking for possibilities for missions, they increasingly turn to the internet.

The first months we started posting 3 times a week on different media. At first we saw little response, but this autumn the reactions poured in.

Since then, we have been talking to various young people about how they could help us to improve our presence on social media. After the Pentecost conference called 'Opwekking', we were encouraged by the number of people who wanted to talk to us further about the possibilities of going out. We have already had many conversations with interested parties. *Pray with us for wisdom regarding the next steps regarding communication and for the conversations we have with interested people.*

Internationally I am busy setting up a

database for photos, videos etc for all of WEC International. A mega job for which we desperately need your prayers.

Our family

The coming year will most likely be a festive year for all three of our children. Jesse and Chi Jan hope to get married in May. Talitha hopes to finish her studies by the end of January and Naomi by the end of June. Three great reasons for a party. Our 15-month-old grandson Oliver



is a pleasure to visit. Always a cheerful smile and a healthy appetite. We babysit him for a day every week. He gives us great joy. A large number of our friends and acquaintances had health problems or even died in 2024, a few of our own age. All the more grateful we are for every day that has been given to us. To God be the glory!

We wish you a very blessed Christmas and an inspiring 2025!

Blessings,

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