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FAMILY ON A MISSION



Dear reader,

We are a family on a mission! By this newsletter we would like to inform you on what our Lord Jesus is doing in our lives and around us. Our hope and prayer is that it will bless and encourage you to know and enjoy Him, and to be part of each other's journey with Him.

We, Johannes and Jiska, are married since 2012 and have 4 children; Evangelina, Jenoah, David and Micha, and... one on the way!

Even before we married, we both felt God calling us for His purpose. The Lord put a longing in our hearts for missions, first in our home country, the Netherlands, as well as abroad.

Our desire is to obey the Great Commission, teaching all peoples and making them disciples of Jesus.

We believe that whatever we do in missions, we do it as a family, teaching our kids in His ways and in Kingdom life.

CHURCH PLANT

Since early 2021 we opened our home for a house fellowship group. Together with a small group of lovers of Jesus we met with each other weekly to “break the bread together,” sharing the Word of God with each other and worshipping Jesus. Since mid-2022 we officially planted the church calling it King’s Church.

As a church, the Lord gave us a burden to intensely seek the Lord’s Presence in weekly prayer meetings and services, worship nights, interceding for the church in the Netherlands, and justice issues. Our vision is to be a place of Jesus’s Presence where anyone can draw near to Him in worship, and to evangelize the lost. We have the privilege of leading this church with 2 other missionary families, Daniel and Els Joustra and Matthias and Marlisa Glastra. We are also very blessed to see the excitement of a church plant among the children of our families. They are very much involved and the Lord uses them!



VISIT FROM DR. PETERS, MISS TOBI, AND THE PRICERS

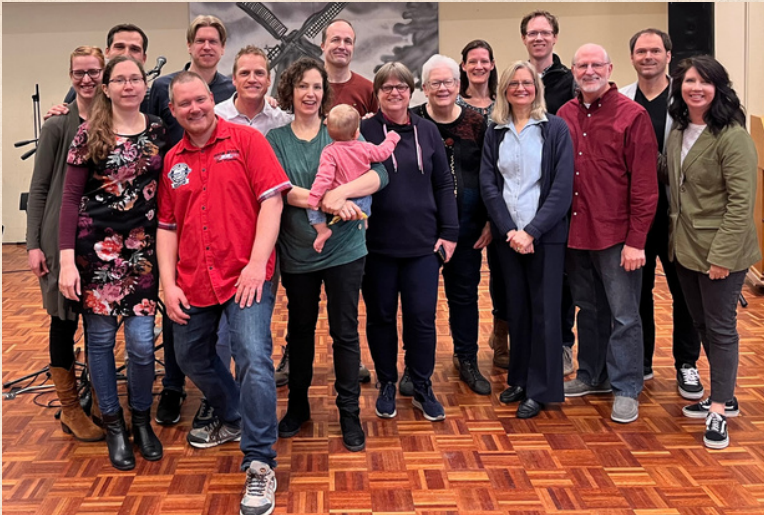
In August 2022 FIRE International (our missions agency) directors Dr. Peters and his wife Tobi visited us in the Netherlands. It was a very blessed time of much needed fellowship, encouragement, and powerful meetings. One special meeting turned to be the official start of King’s Church.



TEACHING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

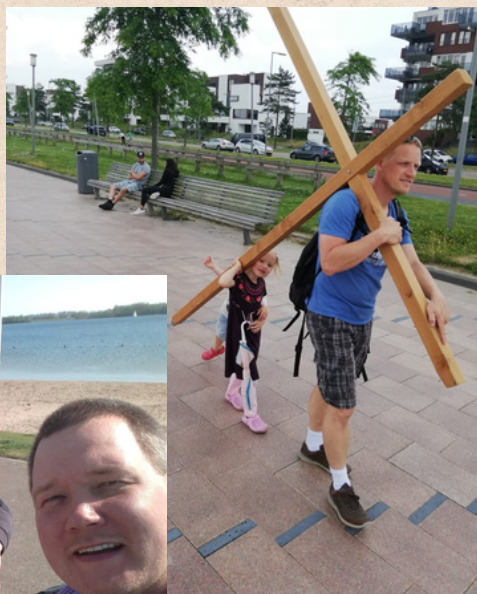
In January, Johannes had the opportunity to teach 6 nights on prayer and intercession at the Justice House of Prayer (JHOP) in The Hague, the Netherland’s government city. We were able to teach this for very hungry people as a class of FIRE International School of Ministry, from which Johannes graduated in 2017.

Last April they came again, with two other missionaries, Andy and Karyn Pricer, who serve in Mexico. What a blast we had! The Holy Spirit moved powerfully in the meetings.



EVANGELISM

As much as we can, we go out to share the Gospel of Jesus on the streets with people from King's Church. Most of the time using a big wooden cross. It creates curiosity and great conversations and opportunities to pray for people. Our kids also love to join these outreaches.



VISITING PARAGUAY



In March this year, Johannes visited very good friends in Paraguay. Jacob and Nataly who live there as missionaries, together with their two sons. It was an amazing week of much encouragement, visiting projects, walking through the slums, evangelizing, visiting families who are being supported, joining a family evangelism event, and preaching in churches.

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CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

On Saturday July the 2nd we had our first "King's Kids Party" as a church. An outreach for children in which they can encounter Jesus through worship, testimony and prayer, and have lots of fun together through games and sports. The kids loved it and were touched by the Lord. Our desire is to do this about 4 times a year as an outreach to other children and families in the neighborhood, to give them an opportunity to come to Jesus and get to know Him better.



As for now we are waiting for another baby to come any moment. As a family we love to be part of our local church body (King's Church) and build together a place for Jesus where the lost and hurt can meet Jesus, and His followers can mature. Also our desire is to help and support others on (and to get on) the mission field. Missions is our passion and there are also more opportunities coming to short term missions oversees for ourselves. We are praying for Gods guidance in these things. But one thing is sure, we believe that whatever we do for the Lord, we do it as a family!

Thank you very much for your interest, support and prayer!

Much love,
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