

Dear Family and friends:

This open letter is a "minibiography" of our lives, but also a challenge to continue this path with us until the end (Ps.119: 32-33).

The story is told by Iris with personal additions from Janny.

This is a season to look back, in order to be able to move forward. In doing so we have seen God's faithfulness and blessing in our lives.

We sometimes say to each other that all "the pieces of the puzzle" we discover in His Word begin to fit together. An amazingly beautiful image becomes visible. It gives us insight into how our lives fit in that picture.

Years ago there was a quiz on the Dutch TV called "Get the Picture". With this letter we hope you will also "get the picture" that is coming forth through the testimony of our lives.



## Thankful

We are grateful to all people who have helped and supported us in so many ways over the years. When we look back, it is a miracle that we have been able to do all the things that the Father has commanded us. We believe in His provision, but without your Help we would not have been able to receive His provision. I remember a book by John Piper in which he said that there are only three kinds of Christians:

**The sent and the senders!** And the disobedient! Thankfully, we are part of the first and blessed by those who sent us. We always remember what David said: **We share alike, those who go to battle and those who stay behind with the equipment.** Or in other words, those who are doing the equipping. (cf. 1 Sam.30:24 & Eph.4:12).

We are thankful that Dik Warner has been co-chairman for 20 years of the foundation which was set up by us in 1982.

We are thankful that the foundation in the Netherlands and its members have been supporting us for almost 40 years. They have been "senders", who also released us spiritually to fulfil the instructions of the Father.



# STICHTING IRIAN JAYA ZENDING

NAAM EN ZETEL. \_\_\_\_\_  
Artikel 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
1. De stichting draagt de naam STICHTING IRIAN JAYA ZENDING.  
2. Zij heeft haar zetel te Rotterdam.

Artikel 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
1. De stichting heeft ten doel het zendingswerk van de beide oprichtsters van de stichting in de provincie Irian Jaya (Nieuw-Guinea), maar ook elders, te steunen en bevorderen, alles in de ruimste zin.  
- Zij tracht dit doel te bereiken door:  
- de oprichtsters uit te zenden naar provincie Irian Jaya (Nieuw-Guinea)  
- de oprichtsters van de wereld waar door hen zendingswerk ver-  
of naar andere delen van de wereld waar door hen zendingswerk ver-  
richt kon worden;  
- hen in de gelegenheid te stellen alle daarvoor vereiste hulpmiddelen aan te schaffen en opleidingen te volgen;  
- het uitgeven van een periodiek waarin onder andere de activiteiten van de stichting en haar oprichtsters worden vermeld;



## IRJA NEWS

Bestuurder (s):

Naam  
Geboortedatum  
Adres

Infunctietreding  
Titel  
Bevoegdheid

:Bouwman, Iris .....  
:21-06-1952 .....  
:Silo di Efrain jl. Yoka, Waena 99358 Irian  
:Jaya, Indonesie .....  
:22-06-1982 .....  
:Voorzitter .....  
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zie statuten)

## The Foundation

We started as **Irian Jaya Mission Foundation**, also known as **IrJa**, which refers to the first letters of our names, but is also became the abbreviation of Irian Jaya province after New Guinea was transferred to Indonesia. The name Irian showed something of the tensions between the Netherlands and Indonesia, because of the colonial domination, where also the Papuans have become the victim of.

The origin of **the name Irian** comes from the language, which is spoken in Biak, but the name gained political significance in the takeover of Indonesia: **Ikut (follow) Republik Indonesia Anti Nederland.**

It is amazing that just in the time that we were preparing in Papua to be "sent back" from the ends of the earth to Israel, **the name Papua** was put back into use. Now there is a province of Papua and a province of West Papua. So, the time came to change the name of the foundation.



## Looking backwards

We want to look back today, on the one hand to see what the Holy Spirit has already written on the letter of our lives, but also to be open to what more He wants to write. This comparison was made by Paul and has always been one of our favorite texts (1 Cor.3:3). In the meantime, our life has become a long epistle.

We made a choice to look back at a number of important moments in our lives. By looking back, you also know how to move forward.

A few years ago, Iris was invited to speak at a conference in Israel.

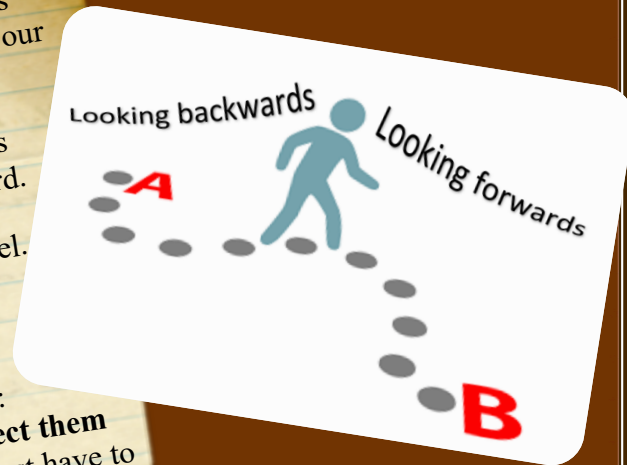
*Iris:*

"I was asked to speak about important moments in the history of Israel that are decisive for today. I added: "And for the future! This reminded me of a comment by Steve Jobs (Apple):

**"You cannot connect the dots forward. You can only connect them backwards."** In other words, in order to move forward, you first have to look backwards.

We would like to look back to be able to move forward (even at our age). There still is a more excellent way.

*(That way is described by Paul in 1 Cor.12:31 and continues into the beautiful chapter (15) on the Resurrection, the glory that lies before us.)*



## The Highway

It seems that road has become a highway. “**It rushes toward the end**”, Habakkuk (2:3) wrote long ago. In that context, the Father said, “once again the Chaldeans will come”. This was part of all the “once mores”, we have been teaching about extensively.

Maybe that was the moment when we lost some of you. The problem is, once you are on the highway, you cannot just turn around. You have to drive until there is an exit, where you can leave the highway.

For us, this happened in the Netherlands and in Europe. Three years ago, we took a slower parallel road, to spend time with some of you. We didn’t know at the time it would be a goodbye, perhaps also a challenge to join us at that highway.

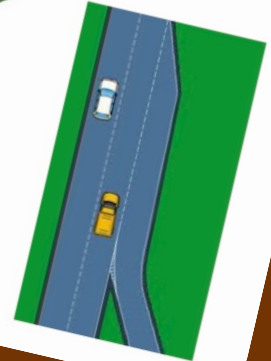
We know that we should not leave in haste, but we are regularly reminded of Isaiah 52:11, where it says: “**Depart, Depart!**”

We see the LORD (YHVH) before us, and the God (Elohim) of Israel behind us, still adding people to His family.

The LORD will go before us .....



The God of Israel will be our rearguard  
(Is.52:11-12)



## How it began

Iris:

My life started in the womb of a loving mother who looked forward to my arrival.

But my heavenly Father also looked forward to my arrival. He knew my shapeless beginning.

*"Therefore, I praise You, because I am wonderfully prepared, wonderful are your works. **My soul knows that very well!***

*"(Psalm 139:13-16)*

The words about a prophet were later confirmed in my heart:

*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart - I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."* (Jeremiah 1:5)

Only now I know why I can relate so much to the prophet Jeremiah, with chapter 31 the centre of my calling.

Even at my birth there was a battle over my life. I arrived prematurely and unexpectedly. My father helped me breathe, and with a tap on my behind, I was welcomed into this world.



## How it began

*Janny:*

Two months after the war, I was born a healthy baby. But then the problems and struggles for my life began. My mother unfortunately did not have breast milk. I could not tolerate ordinary milk, they called me a ruminant. Five months after my birth I was still two ounces below my birth weight. My parents were desperate. Fortunately, our doctor found a solution. There was a woman in the village, who had a newborn baby and so much breast milk that she willing to share with me. My Father was allowed to pick up a container of breast milk every day. So actually, I had two mothers, a mother who gave birth to me and a mother who gave milk to me. She saved my life and soon I was able to eat solid food.

Years later I got to know the daughter of my "milk mother." Her husband became chairman of the Irian Jaya Mission Foundation. They stood with us when we left for Irian Jaya the first time.

This story reminds us of Gen.38: 8-11 when Jacob's "milk mother" died and he learned to trust El-Shaddai, which literally means the God of "the two breasts"!

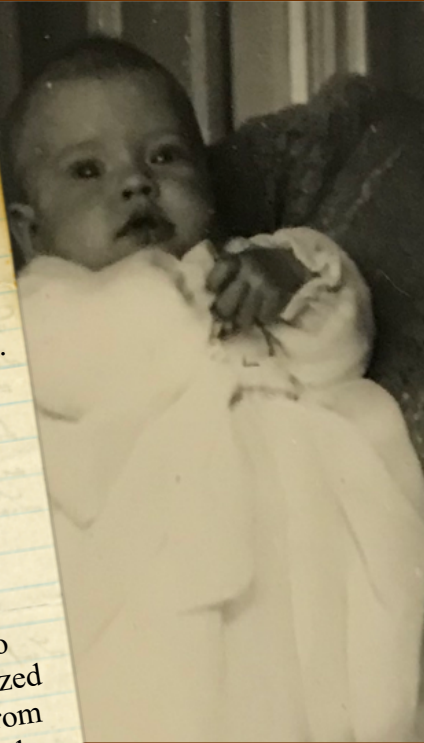


## Baptism

We were both baptized as babies and grateful that we were dedicated to the Father in this way and that our parents promised to educate us in the faith.

*Iris:*  
I remember when my youngest brother was baptized my parents were asked to stand up to promise that they would raise him in the faith. I also stood up and wanted to say "yes", just like my parents. My father pushed me down with his hand, to make me sit again. He did not understand how seriously I was already listening to the word of God.

Infant baptism has led both of us to confession of our faith, and eventually into baptism by emersion. We were both baptized in 1978 in Israel, in the sea near Haifa. From then on, we began to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as Peter says so beautifully.  
(2 Pet. 3:18)



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit





**Fear and Battles**  
From a little girl with curls,  
I grew up to a toddler who  
regularly experienced  
spiritual battles. There were  
nights when I slept in my  
crib, hands stretched out to  
me in the dark, trying to  
choke me. That was very  
frightening. But during those  
troubled nights, my father sat  
down next to my crib, and  
every time I woke up, and  
saw him, I was comforted.  
My father was there, I could  
continue to sleep peacefully.  
That father's image had a  
great influence on the image  
that I developed of my  
heavenly Father.



## Not understood

Yet my earthly father did not understand the calling that lay on my life. When I was 11 years old, I tried to tell my parents about the words that I heard the Holy Spirit speak in me.

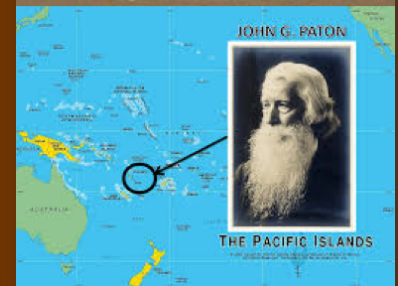
As a result of the mission stories we read every Monday morning in the sixth grade, I had given my life to the Lord. I was captivated by the story of John Paton, who became a missionary among the cannibals in what is now called Vanuatu but was named after the Scottish Hebrides. Scotland is the country where Janny and I got to know each other. Looking back now, we can see the dots that were being connected. We literally visited those connecting places during a more recent visit to Vanuatu and Scotland. John Paton's story played a decisive role in the further unfolding of my calling. I simply said: *"If he was willing to bring the gospel to such a land, then I will also go to such places"*.

This was confirmed by the Lord through the first part of Mat.24:14. ***"This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world."*** As I read further, I understood that thereafter the end will come. The Father then added the following words: ***"You will see the end come, and you will see that Israel will play an important role in the end times"***. I did not yet understand what that would mean for me. I only understood that in the first instance I had to prepare myself to become a missionary. When I told that to my father during one of our family dinners, he laughed and said: Iris will go to the "niggers". This humiliated me and led me to hide these words and revelation to myself for a long time. Yet I was determined to show that God had spoken.



## MISSIONARY PATRIARCH

*The True Story of  
John G. Paton*



## Confession of Faith

From childhood I already had a desire to study the Bible. Two years after understanding my calling (later I discovered more about what it means to be "chosen"), I found an invitation between old newspapers. I asked my father, why this invitation that was addressed to me, was put between the old newspapers? My father told me that it was an invitation to attend catechism classes but said that I was too young for these classes. I asked him, what does catechism mean? He told me it was a Bible Study led by the Minister in preparation for your confirmation. I responded and said: "That's exactly what I want, to study the Bible and confess my faith in God!"

Four years later, when I was 17, I made a formal confession of my Faith as a confirmation of my baptism. I was hesitant about becoming a member of the church. I told the Minister I wanted to make a confession and tell people why I believe that I am called to become a missionary, but I wasn't sure whether the Reformed Church was the right church for me. He persuaded me to join the church, because he said, you have to see it as a family, everyone has a family that he or she belongs to. He was quite right, only he did not know which family that actually is. We also discovered that much later. I asked the pastor whether he could speak from Isaiah 6:8 with the theme: **"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"** "I asked if I could explain why I said, **"Here I am, send me!"** I did not know the term "to give a testimony", but it was the first time I shared my testimony before the congregation. I also asked if we could make the confirmation questions more personal. That was also allowed. It became a very special service. Never before had there been such a confirmation service.



## Disappointment

After my confirmation, I fell into a hole. I was a member of the church now, going faithfully to the services, was involved in the youth group, but I was missing something. So, I went back to the pastor and asked if we could continue the Bible studies. I missed the catechism classes. He sent me to the youth leader whom I asked the same question. He said, "Bible Study?" He promised to think about it. Maybe he did think about it, but I never heard back from him.

My disappointment in the church began soon after my confirmation. However, I am very thankful for everything I learned in the Dutch Reformed Church. Before we left the Netherlands for good, we gave thanks to the Father for He laid a good foundation for our faith in this church. So, the expression to leave for "good" has a deeper meaning than leaving forever. However, this foundation has been shaken on many occasions during our life and walk with God.

Maybe at the end of this "letter" you will understand how much stronger this foundation has become (cf. Eph.2:19-22).  
In what we have attained through the confirmation of our faith, we have continued to walk accordingly as suggested by Paul. (cf. Phil. 3:16) However, we have since learned so much more about that walk (Halacha).



## Heart and life

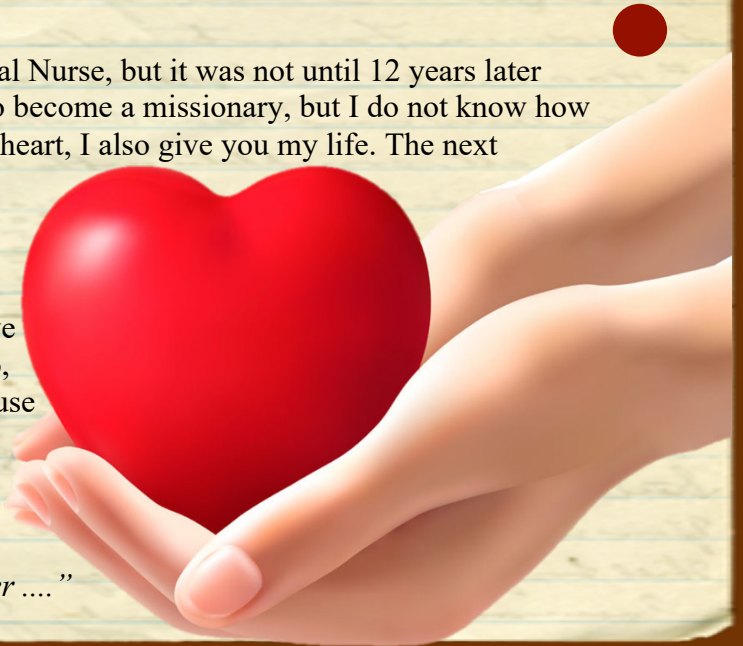
For Janny, that journey might have been less clear at the beginning, but there are two defining moments in her life that she wants to share with you. They have to do with not only giving your heart to the Lord, but also your life.

*Janny:*

In 1963 I worked in a nursing home in the Netherlands when I made a Confession of my Faith in the Reformed Church. For me that was a big step and I remember that the Minister said, you now confirm the promise your parents made when you were baptized. For me it was a confirmation that I had given my heart to the Lord. The desire to learn more from Him and to enter the mission field began to grow.

Because of this step I started training as a General Nurse, but it was not until 12 years later when I said to the Lord, You know that I want to become a missionary, but I do not know how to become one. Here, you can have not only my heart, I also give you my life. The next morning I received a phone call from a mission organization, which I had already contacted before, but never heard from. I was asked if I would like to go to Kenya for a certain period of time. It came at a moment I was ready to move to another house. All my things were packed. So, I put everything into my car and drove to the house of my parents to let them know I was not moving to a new house but moving to Kenya. This unexpected departure was quite a shock for them. I can still hear my mother say:

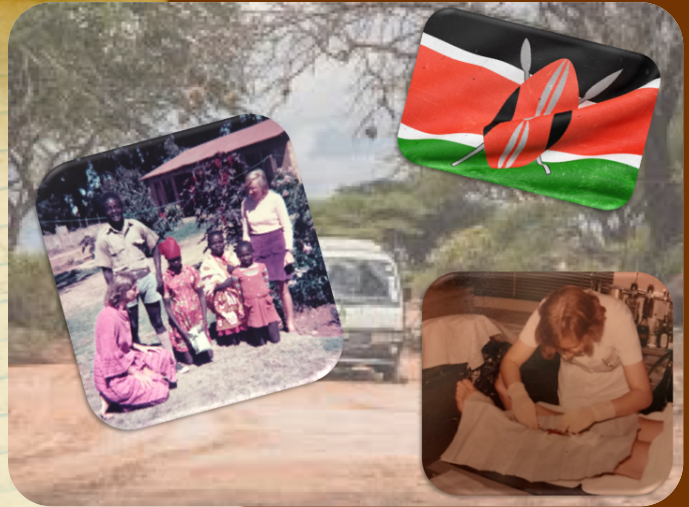
*"I have a big heart for missions, but my daughter ...."*



## From Africa to Scotland (Janny)

Within three weeks I was in Kenya and learned a lot. Especially when I was told that I was actually not suitable for missionary work. I usually do not take initiative, I am more a follower. But I know how to act in an emergency. This became clear when I had to take responsibility over the hospital, when some of my colleagues became sick or had to return home because of a family emergency. I had to run the entire hospital on my own together with the local staff. Then I experienced such a deep relationship with the Lord, because I could only trust Him. It became evident I could handle responsibility. The mission organization asked me if I could stay on for two years, and after this experience do midwifery training in Scotland.

I told the Lord that I was happy to go to Scotland, but I also would like to learn more about studying His word as a basis for my future work as a missionary. That is when I met Iris. We understood that we were heading in the same direction. When she told me that she would go to a Bible school after the midwifery training, I asked if I could join her because I also wanted to learn more about His Word.



## Further preparation

*Iris:*

Like Janny, I went into nursing to prepare for the first phase of my calling: to be sent to the ends of the earth. But my greatest wish was to go to Israel first, because I knew that in the last phase of my life Israel would play an important role.

So when I finished my training as a nurse, I made plans to travel to Israel. It was not a "just a trip" (some of you know what I mean by this). However, it was actually just planned as a trip from the program of a Christian Travel Agency. All things were ready, my suitcases were packed ..... War broke out! Israel was attacked on the Day of Atonement (1973). At first, they experienced many adversities, followed by major breakthroughs and miracles. But for me it meant: Trip canceled. Incomprehensible. Father, what now?

Here began my lesson to learn to hand over my agenda to the Father. Now we write our appointments and plans in pencil in our diary. Easier to change!

The Father did indeed have other plans, because a few months later I left for Israel for three months to work in a kibbutz. An amazing experience, but also a good preparation for a future missionary. Not that Israel would agree, but the great Sender does! His plans are perfect, even we can only now connect the dots. We later discovered that Janny was there almost at the same time I was in Israel, with the same organization, only in another kibbutz.



## From Africa to Scotland (Iris)

Gradually our paths began to come together. Janny left for Kenya, where she learned a lot.

*Iris:*

I also got the chance to go to Africa. I was allowed to participate in a trip from an Institute for Development Cooperation, which was funded by a philanthropist from Bergen in the Netherlands. I traveled via Kenya to Zambia but did not meet Janny yet. In a shorter period than Janny, I learned a lot.

After the preparation in Kitwe we were divided in teams. I ended up at an outpost in South Zambia, where a Dutch missionary couple worked: the Krisifoe family. The husband was a Papuan from Dutch New Guinea! Speaking of "connecting the dots". Everything fits and is connected to each other, because a powerful Hand that leads our lives. We can also see this in His word. And what you have seen once you can no longer make unseen. The shadow of God's plan in our lives is visible because God shines on it with the reality of His light!

After Africa, Janny and I met in Scotland. I had gone there before, on advice of the Dutch Mission Council. They wanted to send me to Ghana. But I felt like a stranger within the Reformed Church. My experience with God was so different. I had the feeling that I was not understood. I did not know then that I would experience this much more often. Now I can smile, when someone who has never met us, says "*When I hear about those two ladies, they give me the creeps.*"





## Scotland

Before I left for Scotland, I stood before God and struck the wall with my fist and said, if You do not reveal yourself to me now, then stop it. I will go to Scotland to do the midwifery training, but if I do not get to know You better, I will not continue on this path.

Looking back, that was the first time I hit "the rock". It is now more than forty years later; a lot of water has come from "the rock". But now we stand as it were before the "Promised Land". I am seeing the end come. The kingdoms of this world will become His Kingdom. *(In the midst of this Pandemic you might not see it, but we do, and we hope you see it too.)*

Because of becoming closer to the fulfilment of all His promises, we can no longer hit "the rock". The time has come to speak to "the rock". But that first time long ago, the Father responded with a stream of blessing.

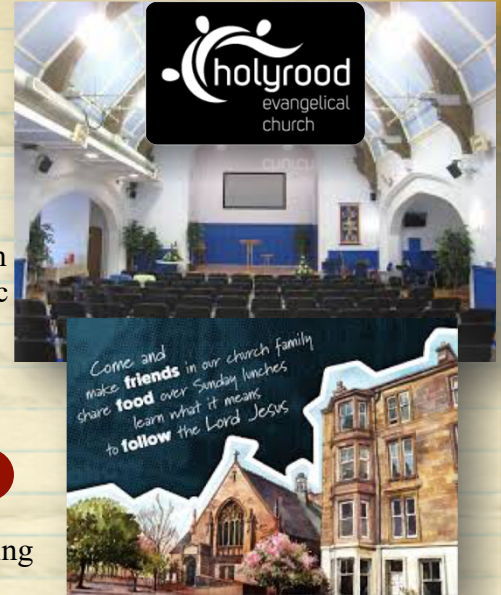
There in Scotland our first time of "refreshment" began. I arrived in an "evangelical" Church of Scotland. The teaching was great. There was singing from the heart, perhaps no worship with raised hands, but this was what I needed. Every week on Saturday evening missionaries were prayed for. Later on, for years, they have been praying for us too. I met many missionaries from all over the world. I learned about Bible schools, institutes where you could be further prepared to enter into missions. I got in touch with all kinds of faith missions and met Janny, who came to the same church, even though she was training as a midwife in another hospital.



## Connecting the dots

Because of connecting the past with the present, it might be good to tell you that our visit to Scotland three years ago (perhaps also a form of closing this period), we had another opportunity to visit Holyrood. It was very difficult to find them, because the congregation, not the church, had moved to another building. For years they had been loyal to the Church of Scotland. Within this church three large congregations were created in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh. The last one was called Holyrood Abbey, where we were members during our training as midwives. Although we grew spiritually and had certain experiences, which perhaps did not fit the tradition of this Scottish Church, we always kept in contact with this congregation. After a new minister came, the relationship diluted. That is why we did not know that these three large congregations had left the Church of Scotland because of the discussion about gender equality and the admission of LGBT people into the ministry. Everything they had invested in the historic buildings of this denomination, they had to leave behind, no compensation was paid. It was a shocking situation in the history of the Church of Scotland. But it was a privilege to see how soon these congregations obtained their own building and continued as "living stones" to build His Kingdom.

Spiritually we may have grown apart, but we can each build on the same foundation in the place He has appointed to us. The reception was heartwarming when we stepped into the new building of the Holyrood Evangelical Church just before the start of the service. Heads turned around, and we heard a whisper, "*Janny and Iris ....*" The minister, who has been leading the congregation after we left greeted us warmly. He remembered us. After the traditional service, which we enjoyed tremendously especially because we were able to sing those beautiful old hymns, that we sometimes miss in the places where we worship, we were embraced and greeted by many old acquaintances. Even though we have not been able to maintain close contact with everyone, there are relationships that have eternal value and continue in His Kingdom.



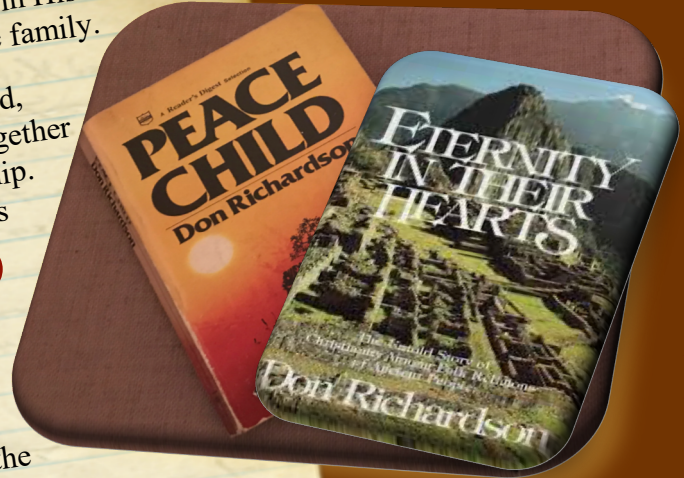
## Faith mission

In Scotland we met the missionary organization RBMU (Regions Beyond Missionary Union), which you might know from the book "Peace Child". Don Richardson worked as a missionary with RBMU. His book "Eternity in their hearts" has helped us to discover the "seed principle" of God in His Word, so that we now understand better how He is going to reunite the family.

It might be nice to mention that we met Don's brother, David, in Jerusalem years later. He works in Christ Church and, together with his Australian wife, he leads the Mount Zion Fellowship. Even in Jerusalem we were able to talk about what God has done in Papua.

There are many more connections, but there is no time to connect all the dots together, because there are so many. It fills us with awe when we see how God connects His family with one another. Everything happens with a purpose and it is a privilege to be able to see it, even in the greater perspective of His plan.

As you might know, "Peace Child" took place in former Dutch New Guinea, which was already called Irian Jaya by then. In the stories of the missionaries of RBMU, I recognized the history of John Paton. The Father took us to a larger island than the islands of Vanuatu, but to the same area in the South Pacific, which still plays a role in our lives today.

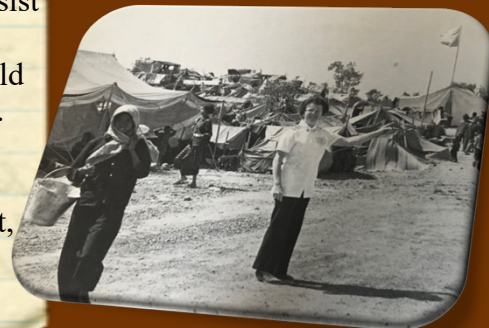


## Refugee Camp

During our Bible school training an unexpected call came forth for nurses to go to Thailand, because many refugees from Cambodia had crossed the border. Immediate medical help was needed. We decided independently from one another that we had to sign up for this medical team. The Father especially emphasized that it would also be a time of learning.

In addition to all the special experiences in the camp, about which we kept a diary, something happened, which clearly showed that God is the one who connects the "dots".

When we arrived in the refugee camp, it was a big chaos. The Cambodians had been brought from the border with trucks to a large dry rice field, where tents were being set up. We were put to work in those tents. The first days we were separating the living from the dead. We worked together with Eva den Hartog, a well-known Dutch major in the Salvation Army. As a real major she took charge of the situation and brought order in the chaos. I was employed in the admission tent. There, the most serious patients were brought in and it was determined to which department (tent) they had to be referred to. I had to assist the team of doctors that worked there. These doctors came from ....., maybe you can guess: Israel! What an efficient team. They came with a military field hospital and you could see that they had experience in emergency situations. Only this was different. I remember one of the Israeli doctors saying to me: "This is worse than what our people experienced during the Holocaust, because this is what their own people did to them." I can hardly imagine that, although we heard a lot of gruesome stories and saw drawings of what the Cambodians have endured.



## Experiences in the Refugee Camp

We were on night duty in the camp when the Israeli team of Doctors entered Janny's tent and checking all the patients. She was right behind the Doctor, when suddenly there was a huge explosion. She grabbed the doctor by the shoulders and said what is this? Oh, he said laconically, that's just a hand grenade. Iris, who was working on a different ward, came running quickly to see what was going on.

*Iris:*

We were inexperienced, compared to the Israeli doctors. We still had to learn a lot, also in Papua. I remembered what the Father said when we left, "It is not about the work you do for Me, but about the work I can do in you."

*Janny:*

In Thailand I saw how we complemented each other. After I had read a book about the situation in Papua, I told the Lord, you cannot send Iris there alone. Then the Lord said to me, why do not you go with her ....

At the end of our time in Thailand we had the opportunity to visit Papua and when I got off the plane I knew, this is the land where the Lord called me.

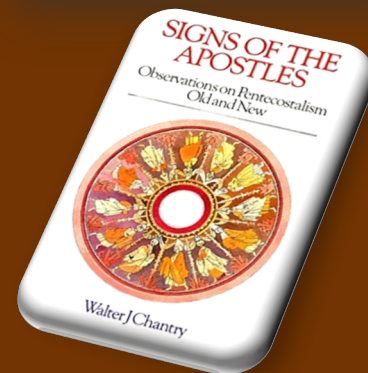


## Turned down

Although we really wanted to join RBMU, the Father had a different plan. In Scotland we were approached by a wise man, who was married to a friend of ours. He spoke to us about being filled with the Holy Spirit. We understood that believers thought very differently about the role of the Holy Spirit. When we applied to RBMU to be sent to Irian Jaya, we were told that we were not allowed to speak in tongues, because they regarded this as a one-time manifestation of God's Spirit in the apostolic era, and not for this time. We were accepted as missionaries with RBMU under a condition that we were not to be filled with the Holy Spirit. If we were to speak in tongues, we had to make this known and our missionary status would be reconsidered. So, when Jim spoke of the Holy Spirit, we were a bit on guard, but what he said appealed to us. He said, if you will be sent to a dark place like Papua, then you really need the power of the Holy Spirit. There will be times when you can only pray in tongues.

*Iris:*

That brought me back to my solitary spiritual walk as a child. There were times when I used a "foreign language", mostly in singing. I didn't know anything about worshipping in the Spirit. It was like a hiding place in the Spirit for me until my mother said, you are big enough now, you do not have to use a fantasy language anymore. She did not understand what that language actually meant to me. I only discovered this later when that language came back to me. Although my mother did follow our way closely, she did not understand what speaking in tongues meant. However, she defended me when an aunt told her, "*I heard that Iris speaks in tongues. That is from the devil!*" My mother replied, "*I believe that Iris would never do anything that comes from the devil.*"



## Papua

Papua or then Irian Jaya is perhaps the biggest dot or combination of dots in our past, which we are still connected with in the present.

We can only quote a few highlights of that time, although there were also a lot of struggles. Literally sometimes, between the different clans. You may still remember the story that arrows were flying to and fro. However, when we began to pray in tongues, an arrow that was shot was redirected by an invisible hand and landed in a tree. When the warrior quickly put another arrow on his bow, it broke in half, right between his hands. The children immediately recognized what was happening: "This is what God does, when you call out to Him." When the fight did not stop, and the warrior wanted to take a big machete, Iris stepped between the two warriors and spoke to the demon in the attacker to stop him. They were so shocked that they put down their bow and arrows. That was a special moment and the beginning of a change among the Bauzies.



**Another moment** was the reaction to something we had done at the beginning of our stay with the Bauzies. We had celebrated communion on every corner of the area that was cleared in the jungle to build a village. We took bread and wine and marked the four corners of that place by putting some bread in a little hole we made and poured some wine over it and then buried it. You could say, these were the first "blood markers" that we applied. We symbolically put the blood of Yeshua (Jesus) at the doorposts of the village. We took authority over the area we entered to proclaim the gospel and wanted to live in peace with the people.

From that moment on something started to change in the spiritual world. Everyone who came to the village we prayed for, we laid hands on them and prophesied over their lives, although they did not understand the language we were using. In all kinds of frightening situations and tensions that arose, we prayed regularly in tongues. We began to see that the Spirit speaks all languages and penetrates into the heart of man, even before their minds can comprehend it. We saw it among the Bauzies, but we also experienced it regularly in our own lives.

The confirmation of how powerful the work of the Holy Spirit can be, came about a year after we started in Neiao. Janny was working with a few women in the school that we were building. They tried to explain to Janny that when airplanes flew over, they had asked whether the Creator God would also send them messengers. Then we came, two white women! I remember how they smelled at us and tried to wipe the white from our skin. In their experience we were smelly, and it seemed as if we were smeared with white dust. But because we had given them food, we became their mothers. One of the older women told us that evil spirits lived everywhere (she used a word that means bad - feidi) and pointed to the area of the village. But when you came, they all fled into the jungle.



We now better understand why Jim told us earlier that we really needed the power of the Holy Spirit. Partly because of these experiences and many other things that we have been allowed to learn, we believe that we may be somewhat prepared for the things that are going to happen, now that we are seeing the end come.



The Father said at the beginning of our ministry to the Bauzies, “*Prepare them for My coming, prepare them for My glory*”. In a simple way, with the help of coloring books and felt figures, we explained something about the first coming of Yeshua, and how He will return in the same way as He had gone to His Father in heaven. When a few days later clouds came down and covered the valley, the Bauzies called out and asked: “*Is He coming today?*”



Another highlight was that we could take Paulus to Israel.

**Who is Paulus?** He was about eleven years old when we met him at the first contact with the Bauzies. He stood out because of his intelligence and desire to examine everything. He never actually left our side, he helped us with the language and went everywhere with us, together with his brother, who was called Dukasi.



We saw in him a potential leader, this was also the reason, that when he was older, we asked his family if we could take him to town. There, with the help of Kezia, whom we have not yet introduced, but most of you might know, he learned Indonesian and learned to read and write: A young adult man, who actually completed a whole school education in one year! After that he was able to go to the Bible school in the city.



After a period of being back in his village, we prepared Paulus to go on a journey from Papua to Israel. To apply for a passport and visa, we first had to provide a birth certificate. That was not so easy, because none of the Bauzies were officially registered as Indonesian citizens. Until recently, they did not know that they lived in Papua and were part of Indonesia, let alone of the rest of this world. Paulus was the first of his clan, who traveled to town. In addition, we did not know exactly how old he was, so we guessed his birth year and we gave him the birthdate of Janny. As a surname we used the clan name of his father, so he is now called Paulus Ekia. With the birth certificate a passport could be applied for and the journey to Israel could begin.

Nearly 50 Papuans participated in that first trip. Paulus was the "**first fruit**" of our ministry. We were able to dedicate him to the Lord on the Temple Mount (cf. Isa. 66:19-21).

The journey took place in the context of the World Christian Gathering of Indigenous People in Jerusalem, followed by the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles, during which the Papuans were allowed to do various prophetic deeds, including **bringing Gold to the Temple Institute**, which Rabbi Yehuda Glick received. A special musical was performed by the Papuans at the border with Bozrah and later also in Jerusalem, about which we wrote extensively in our newsletters and spoke about during the lessons we taught about the Master Plan of God.



The Papuans also walked in the **Jerusalem March** and were in many ways a prophetic sign for Judah.

When Paulus returned to his village with the photographs, we had given him of his special journey to Israel, he had plenty to tell his people. But one of the things that was most powerful was the fact that he could explain that **Jerusalem is a real place** that not only exists in stories in the Bible but can also be visited toady. In this you see that often the spiritual world is seen as a shadow of our physical world, or a dream world Aboriginal people would say. However, the physical world we live in is the shadow of the spiritual world of God's Kingdom, which as Yeshua says is near and even within us.

Because of the revival that followed our ministry to the Bauzies, opportunities arose to share the **message about the role of Israel**. For the Bauzies that was only the beginning of entering into a world that they did not yet know. For the generations of believers who have emerged since the beginning of the proclamation of the Gospel in Papua in 1855, a time of revival began, as foretold in Acts 3:19-21.



Maybe it's a good to reflect on a piece of history, which also became a dot for us in the "connecting of the dots". The first missionaries, who settled in then called Dutch New Guinea, were Ottow and Geissler, who left the Netherlands on the long journey by boat to the unreached areas of Papua. **The gospel that was proclaimed from Jerusalem reached the end of the earth!** Ottow and Geissler landed on the island of Mansinam, just off the coast of Manokwari which is in the Bird's Head of Papua. This moment is commemorated with a monument on that island, which we also visited regularly. The last time, August 2017, we were received by the governor of West Papua.

*Iris:*  
We knew him from when in 2007 the **Israel-Papua Bridge** was established, and the Papuans began to see how "dots" were being connected in their lives as the understanding of the Master Plan of God began to unfold further. He was district leader (bupati) in Manokwari. In a special open-air meeting in the stadium, we had the opportunity to bless various political and spiritual leaders of Papua. To my amazement I uttered the following prophetic words over Bapak Mandacan and said: *"Here stands the future president of Papua"*. It was a miracle that I was not immediately arrested for political incitement and support of the Papua Merdeka (Independence) movement in Papua. But I knew that it was a prophetic word about a man who is used in a special way at this time, but of which I also know that how he now lives will determine his place in the Kingdom of God on earth. Something that the Father increasingly makes clear to us, also for our own lives.





This Bapak Mandacan is not yet president, but is now governor of West Papua, the highest administrative position under the central Indonesian government in Jakarta. He welcomed us back to Mansinam where we symbolically knelt at the same place where the first missionaries knelt. However, we turned in the direction of Jerusalem, from where the gospel came and has now been proclaimed throughout the world. The words of Yeshua, recorded in Matthew 24:14, have almost been fulfilled. We see the end coming, therefore the Papuans also have to turn their eyes towards Jerusalem, because when darkness will cover the earth, His light will shine on Zion.



## Revival

In 1990 the Lord already prepared me for this time of revival, which started four years later. That was the first time I was taken to heaven in the spirit. In the throne room I saw Yeshua getting up from the place He was seated at the right hand of the **Father**



It is a moment that I will never forget and that continues to influence my life. The Father pointed to what I saw. Yeshua was dressed in a royal robe, and when He rose, I saw that the movement on the hem of His mantle created wind. The Father then spoke and said:

*"Iris, My son is getting ready to return to earth. The movement that you now see in heaven will be felt like a new wind of My spirit on earth. After that, but that time has not yet come, My son will raise His voice in heaven and as awesome things will begin to happen on earth."*

Immediately after this particular experience of what I saw in heaven, I learned that Jack Hayford had seen an almost identical vision, in which not wind but anointing was emphasized. As Yeshua arose from His throne drops of anointing oil started to flow down from His robe (cf.Ps.133:2). In a similar experience, James McKeever another prophet we knew at the time saw that Yeshua was taking steps down from before the throne. Children in Papua confirmed this because they saw that the feet of Yeshua were almost touching the earth.

I am grateful for these confirmations. Since the revival, the Father has regularly reminded me of His word that His son will soon utter His voice in heaven.

The announced revival began in Canada and became known as the much discussed and criticized Toronto Blessing. We later had the privilege to personally meet John and Carol Arnott, whom the Father used in this revival, and to conduct a number of meetings with them in Papua. They came to Papua because their lives changed drastically at a first visit to Papua, which eventually led to the Father's Blessing, as they would rather describe this revival.

By the release of that anointing in Toronto and the blowing of the wind of the Holy Spirit, the fire of revival was also lit in Papua. We were used to take that fire with us, even before John and Carol came to visit after the revival had already begun.

It started with a small group of children, all around 11 years old. They came to our home, where we prayed for them. The Spirit fell on them, or you could say they were slain by the Spirit. Because of what they experienced, they brought more children for prayer. Sometimes they were waiting for us at our doorstep. They were longing for a touch from God. At that time, we started a 40 day fast, because we wanted this revival to be His and we dedicated ourselves completely to the Lord.

The most special moments were when the children started to prophesy and were taken to heaven on another occasion. We could hear and see what was happening in the spiritual world they were taken to. Four of them were often in the spirit at the same time. They would lay on the ground, but were taken away by angels to heaven, which they described as Paradise.

We now realize that Paradise is a place and the Kingdom a state of justice and peace. Perhaps that is why Yeshua said to the criminal on the cross, who asked to remember him in His Kingdom: "Today I say to you, you will be with Me in Paradise".



We heard the children talking to each other during that meeting in Paradise. They knew that they were there in the spirit. That was evident from the conversation that Arris, one of the children, had with Muhammad, whom he recognized as the prophet. During his stay in Paradise, Yeshua took him to all kinds of places. As he walked past an impressive door, Arris asked what was behind it. Yeshua really did not want to open that door, because He said, the people who are tortured by the eternal separation of My Father are behind that door. Arris insisted on seeing that place anyway. He told us that when that door opened, he heard the screams of the people, felt the heat and smelled the stench of scorching flesh. Then he suddenly he saw the prophet there, wondering what Mohammed was doing there. Mohammed spoke to him and asked Arris to come closer. That was the moment when he said, that is impossible, I am here in the spirit. It is amazing how this 11-year-old boy knew this. Mohammed asked him when he would return to earth, to tell his people that he had deceived them and to warn them. This made a deep impression on Arris. After that he returned to heaven several times, where Yeshua showed him special things, including the Book of Life, where he could also read his own name. He also saw other books written in Hebrew, and although Yeshua apparently spoke to him in Indonesian, He also spoke in Hebrew. That is when Arris said, *"You know I do not understand Hebrew"*, Yeshua answered and said, *"Yes, this is still hidden from you."*

Apart from Arris, there were an additional number of children who were taken away by angels. The Dutch Evangelical Broadcasting Company has made two documentaries about these experiences for a children's program called "The Miracle".

For us it was a time of "We stood there and watched how the spirit touched hundreds of children, but also adults". People came to faith without even having to make "an altar call". Teaching was only needed after the Spirit touched the people. This revival went across all denominations. A great and effectual door was opened, which we could later use to teach about His plan with Israel (cf. 1 Cor.16:9).



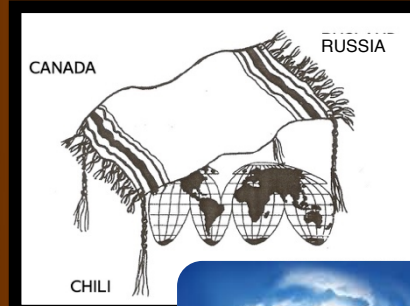
## Open Heaven

It was indeed a time of an “open heaven”. We ourselves were also regularly touched by the Holy Spirit, and at one of those moments, I saw four angels coming towards me. They picked up a "tallit" (prayer shawl) and stretched it out over the earth. I saw that sticks were being placed in the ground at the four corners of the earth, to which the "tallit" was attached and formed a "chuppah" (a canopy). I saw Jerusalem in the centre under the "chuppah". On the corner of the earth where I found myself, I saw the stick change into a ladder, on which angels went up from earth to heaven and came back again. It was like what we experienced during the revival....

The Father spoke to me and said: "The gospel has been proclaimed from Jerusalem into all the world. The time has come to return to Jerusalem. I want you to turn around at this corner of the earth and literally return to Jerusalem to bridge the nations with Israel. Mission will never be the same. A reversal has come."

Today we are talking about the Return. On 26 September 2020 a National and Global day of Repentance was held with the theme the Return. “Teshuva” is the Hebrew word for return. Over 25 years ago the Father already began to speak to us about this return.

The fulfillment of those words still took some time, but the preparation had begun. During the turn of the century, we were allowed to cross this "bridge" for the first time to connect the "dots" between the ends of the earth and Jerusalem. It was also the time that we began to “occupy” the Land. During the euphoria of the Oslo Accords, the Country was open, and we were able to travel the Land as Abraham did. We were able to visit places like Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron. Not long after our visit the second intifada began. Afterwards it became difficult to visit the so-called occupied territories. The question remains who is the occupier?

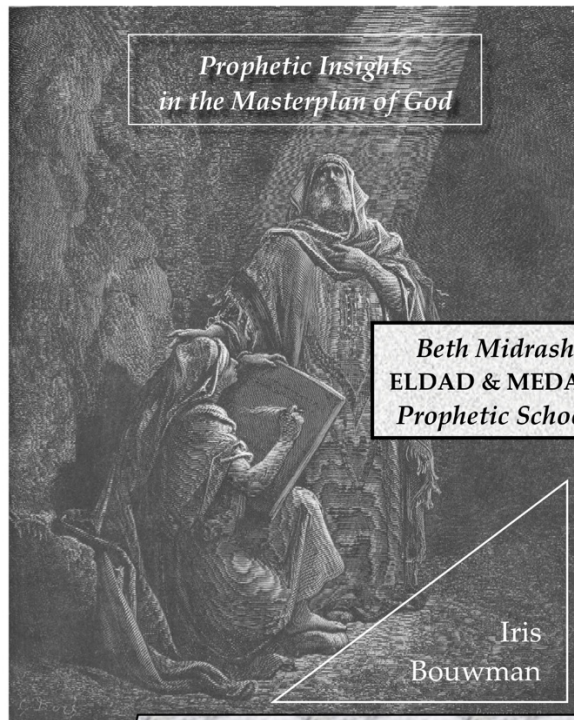


## Master plan

It took until the Feast of Tabernacles in 2003 before we could be sent from Papua, the end of the earth, to settle in Jerusalem. At that time, we had plenty of opportunity to teach about the Master Plan of God: His purpose with people and places, and ultimately the restoration of His Kingdom on earth. For a long time only a gospel of grace has been preached, but now people began to realize that it is a message about the Kingdom. The disciples expected that Yeshua would restore the Kingdom to Israel after His resurrection (Acts 1:6). They did not understand that this gospel of the Kingdom had to be preached first into all the world, then the end will come and then Israel will again play an important role in His plan.

The church that took over the role of Israel, with all its consequences, must wake up. A book such as "Wake Up" confirms what was already known, but now only begins to be understood by a larger audience. Are we just an audience, people who only warm the pews on Sunday? Or do we really want to be involved in His plan? I have been teaching about this for years.

I have always called it the Master Plan of God. If you understand this Plan, you begin to worship Him in Spirit and Truth, but you also long to become involved in His plan. That was His desire for us from the Beginning. On the seventh day of creation, He completed the work He had made (Gen.2:2). The word for "work" used here is the Hebrew word "melachah". This means craftsmanship or masterpiece. The root of this word is "lach", meaning to walk or go somewhere. The Jewish people derived the word "halacha" from it, which expresses their "walk" with God. It is also the root of the word "malach", where words like King, Queen and Kingdom are derived from. There is also a connection with the word for angel or messenger, or the message itself. So, in other words, the whole creation is not only a masterpiece, but also a message!



The Masterplan of God unfolds

1. *The Genealogy of the Masterplan*
2. *The Geography of the Masterplan*
3. *The Kingdom of God*

The Restoration of all things

## The sixth and the seventh day

God (Elohim) completed His masterpiece on the seventh day, then He stopped working. Literally it says that He "Sabbathed"(ceased working). From this verb we get the noun Sabbath. It does not say that He rested. That word in Hebrew is later associated with the Sabbath (Ex.20:11).

We know from the words of Yeshua that the Father is still working. He said, *"My Father has been working until now, and I too am working (John 5:17)."* You could say that just as we do after the Sabbath, He went back to work. He has not yet been able to bring us and the creation into His rest (Heb.4:9).

Actually, in God's plan of salvation we are still in the sixth day. Something went wrong after God completed His work. From that moment on God came up with a "recovery plan" so that His masterpiece can be restored and completed. Israel plays an important role in this, as an example of the restoration of all things. The Jews knew that they failed in that role, only a small remnant of Israel remained, hoping for the coming of the Messiah. An even smaller remnant understood that Yeshua is the Messiah, but as mentioned earlier, they also had to learn that the Kingdom could not yet be restored to Israel without us. We also read about this in the letter to the Hebrews (11:40). Maybe a letter written to the Hebrew Roots believers at that day, which also applies to us today. Peter and Paul both speak about the mystery of the restoration of all things. Peter understood that Yeshua should remain in heaven until the time of the restoration of all things. However, in the meantime (2000 years) there would come times of "refreshing", which we also experienced in Papua (Acts 3:19-21).





## Restoration

We are still in the recovery or restoration phase; the work is not yet complete. Yeshua did come to redeem us, but creation is still waiting to be set free from the bondage of corruption (Rom.8:19-23). Maybe that's why He said to the disciples, *"I look forward to drinking this cup with you in My Kingdom"*. Where is His Kingdom? Here on earth! This is evident from all His teaching about the Kingdom and from the prayer that He taught us. You can only drink from the fruit of the vine here on earth. He will come back to finish the work of His Father as the last Adam. Where we have failed, we may reign with Him in His Kingdom, not in heaven but on the earth, with a resurrected body. We believe that we are being prepared for that task. One of the words that the Father spoke to me long ago, keeps coming back to us at this time: *"Iris, how you live today, will determine your place in My Kingdom"*.

We are now in transition from the sixth to the seventh day in God's calendar. Keeping the Sabbath is an exercise or a preparation for that ultimate Sabbath that is coming. In fact, all the holidays of YHVH are repetitive exercises to understand His plan.

It has always amazed me that people who return to their Hebrew roots begin to keep Sabbath and celebrate the Feasts, even though they might not yet understand the importance of the restoration of the family. Elohim's plan started with a family and continues with the family. Our family name is Israel!

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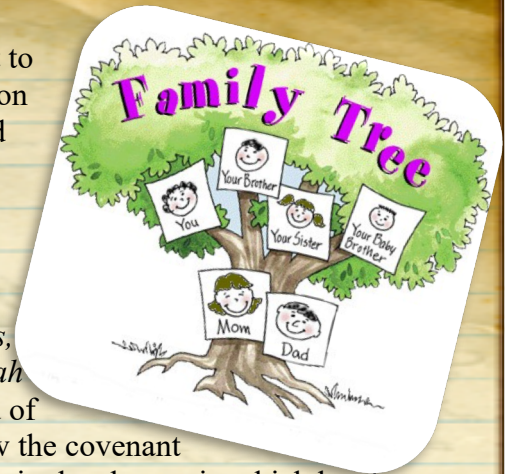
## The Family

It started with Adam, in which the family was hidden. When Eve was brought to Adam, they could become one and multiply. The Torah begins with the creation of a family, where a foundation is laid for our relationship with each other and with God.

If we continue to follow history, we see that two branches come forth in this Family Tree. This is the mystery of Judah and Ephraim that is being revealed today. Since we started teaching about this mystery, we have often been criticized and misunderstood. Some people have said: *"Oh yes, Janny and Iris, they believe in Judah and Ephraim."* I always say: *"We do not believe in Judah and Ephraim, but in the role, they play in God's plan."* We believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is also our God, because Yeshua came to renew the covenant that He made with these fathers of our faith. Jeremiah already spoke about this in the chapter in which he also says that Ephraim will be made known to himself or will come to understand who he is (Jer.31:19). In that same chapter you can learn much more about Ephraim and the house of Israel, which has been sown among the nations. But in the end God will make a new covenant with the house of Judah **and** the house of Israel.

Paul writes about this restoration of the family, especially in his letter to the Romans and to the believers at Ephesus. Like Peter in his letters, he quotes Hosea, which is the clearest book in the Old Testament, that tells us about our broken relationship within the family. Hosea is a picture of Yeshua, who accepts His adulterous bride. Jeremiah indicates the reason why she was sent away with a letter of divorce and why Yeshua had to die not only to atone for our sins, but also to be able to accept us again as His bride.

Once you have reached this insight, you can no longer make it unseen. Actually, the opposite happens, you start to see it everywhere in the Word and that's when everything begins to fit. The great masterpiece becomes visible, the dots of His plan are being connected and therefore we can also look forward. Now comes the hardest part to make clear to you. Maybe that's why we first had to look back into our lives. There are still some "dots" that we need to connect for you.



One more time I will shake not only the earth, but heaven too. (Hebr.12:26)



**The 4 corners of the earth**  
One of the things we had to do shortly after we were sent out to Jerusalem was to travel to the four corners of the earth to proclaim that the gospel has been preached in all the world and that we should direct our eyes back to Jerusalem.

This brought us to the ends of the earth, where we received a message from the Father which we had to proclaim on each corner of the earth. Because He began each message with:  
"One more time I will ...."  
we called those messages:  
"THE ONE MORE TIMES".

One of those words was: "One more time I will make a way in the wilderness". He added:  
"I want to meet you in the desert, because I'm on the way Myself. I have lived in tents among the nations for almost 2000 years, I now desire to return to My permanent dwelling place here on earth, which I gave up because of you."  
That led us to move from Jerusalem to the desert.



## Purpose of our life in Israel

We have never "just" lived" anywhere" in Israel. We were privileged to live in the City of David for the first 8 years, at the foot of the Temple Mount and near the Old City, where we walked every day as if we were walking through the arteries of His heart. That is how the Father described it. Here He also showed us His love for the place He has chosen for His name.

- After we understood that, He called us to the desert. He said: *"I have shown you My love for the place that I have chosen for My name. Now I want to meet you in the desert. The place where I speak (midbar=desert, medaber=speak)"*.



He did so indeed and shared His heart with us about His desire to also make "aliyah" and return to Jerusalem, the place where He will provide peace. He has already done so through the sacrifice of Yeshua, but His return will bring salvation to the earth, for when His judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9). There will be another meeting in the desert that will lead to the moment that He will set His feet on the Mount of Olives.





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**A place of residence**

We have been able to "live" in Israel for almost 14 years. I have to be careful when using the word "living". Precisely because we have been suspected of living in Israel illegally. We were not allowed back into the land on 27 April 2017. On the one hand we understand that as so-called tourists we came to Israel very regularly as if we were staying there permanently. In addition, there was also the fear that we would influence Judah through our faith in Yeshua. We didn't come to Israel to "evangelize", we came to learn more about the roots of our faith with a longing to be restored to His family. We are like "prodigal sons" who have found their way back home. Yeshua led us back to the Father. Only our older brother is not so happy with our return, for a good reason because we haven't treated him very well, to say the least. We still seem to live in two different houses, both expecting the Messiah to come (back).

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## Expecting the Messiah

In the two houses of Israel, we see that the expectation of the soon coming of the Messiah is increasing. A dear orthodox Jewish friend said not so long ago: "Iris, sometimes I hope that He (Yeshua) really is the One." He could say this because the image of how we have seen Jesus has changed. That is why we started calling Him by His Jewish name. He is no longer that foreign king who reigned in Egypt like Joseph, who was not recognized by his brothers.

Gradually Judah begins to realize that Messiah Ben Yosef, who must come first according to the Jewish tradition, may well be the Messiah whom we have called Jesus for so long. The thought of two Messiahs is almost heresy for Christians. Yet Jews see two examples of Messiah in the Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible), one from the posterity of Joseph and one from the descendants of the house of David, the tribe of Judah. We think we know the latter, but we need to put much more emphasis on the image of Joseph. Our Messiah has become a stranger to Judah, He rules outside the Promised Land and we are like prodigal sons, who need to return to the Father. We are consciously or unconsciously descendants of Joseph, who had two sons, who were accepted by Jacob as their own sons. Manasseh means to forget. Joseph said at his birth that he could now forget his father's house. That is exactly what we have done. Manasseh was a firstborn, and he became a great nation. You can compare him to the church that was the "first born" of the New Covenant. Yet the birthright really belongs to Ephraim. The Father deeply yearns for him (Jer.31:20). When we come to realize who we are, we can release the Messiah Ben Yosef, whom we have held captive in the doctrines of our religion from which we came forth, so that Judah can begin to see that same Messiah is also the son of David.



## Trip to Rome

This was the reason for our trip to Rome four years ago, no matter how strange it sounds to "release the Messiah (Christ)" from His imprisonment in Rome, where the foundation was laid for the development of Christianity during the time of Constantine. Actually, we were challenged by the Messianic Rabbi, Ithzak Shapira, who came to Rome for a conference with the theme: "The Messiah in the gate of Rome, in the gate of Bozrah". He compared, like all Jews do, Rome and Christianity with Edom and therefore with Esau. Bozrah is a place in Edom. It means "sheepfold", but the question is indeed, do we hold Jesus captive in our own sheepfold or do we let Him gather us into His sheepfold? That is also the place where we will become one flock. (cf. Micah 2:12-13 & John 10:16)

In Rome we prayed in different places and performed certain prophetic assignments. We did so in part with the small Messianic community in Italy, who had come to Rome for that purpose.

Because of the spiritual connection between Rome and Edom, we have often prayed at the border with Jordan, where we could see the lights of modern Bozrah (Buseira) in the mountains of Edom. We did not live far from the border. Those were our appointed times with the Father in the desert. We have learned a lot while living in Hatzeva, which means quarry, a place where we were being chiseled to become living stones for His dwelling place.



## Journey during the 10 days of Awe

We had many visitors who came to spend time with us and learn more about the Master Plan of God. This led to a prophetic journey through the desert during the 10 days of Awe in 2017.

The Father had already spoken to us about a meeting in the desert and gave us instructions about a prophetic journey during the 10 Days of Awe (The days from Rosh Hashana to Yom Kippur) cf. Lev.23:24-28.

## Ten Awesome Days



At that time, we did not know that we ourselves could not lead that journey. But from this we have learned that we do not always have to be present ourselves when God does things that He has revealed to us. He can also use others for an assignment that He gives us. It is His plan and not our plan. And for that particular plan, He had already prepared two couples to lead the journey, both in practical and spiritual terms.

Eventually 10 people took part in this trip, exactly a "minyan". We were able to be present in the Spirit and join the prayers during those ten days and complete the number 12, symbolically representing all the tribes of Israel. We had peace about remaining in the "rear guard". We were still present in spirit, as Paul also writes about: *"For even though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit - rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your trust in Messiah (Col.2:5)."* That order and steadfastness was evident in that special group.

## The valley of Achor

Despite our joy over the order and unity in the group, there was also a moment of confusion. That became apparent at the Valley of Achor. That is precisely the meaning of the word "achor", and also reflects something of the meaning of the word "achor", and also valley is symbolic for the Door of Hope through which He will lead us to meet Him. It is the place where we will be accepted as His bride forever (cf. Hosea 2:14-23).

The return of Ephraim as a bride and the meeting with Judah, also as a bride, is expressed in various ways in the books of Hosea and Jeremiah. It begins with a time of repentance and confession of the sins of Ephraim, which have accumulated throughout history (Hosea 13:12-13). But the time has come for Ephraim to repent, as described in the final chapter of Hosea, and about which we can also read in the aforementioned 31st chapter of Jeremiah. I think that if we really start to realize who we are and will confess the arrogance and pride of Ephraim (as the church, but also in connection to our colonial past), the larger family of the God of Israel will be able to be restored (Isa. 11:10-13).

This trip was also compared with a kind of "dress rehearsal". We have learned things, both in the vanguard and in the rearguard, which help us better prepare for the "grand finale", also called the great and awesome Day of the LORD (YHVH).

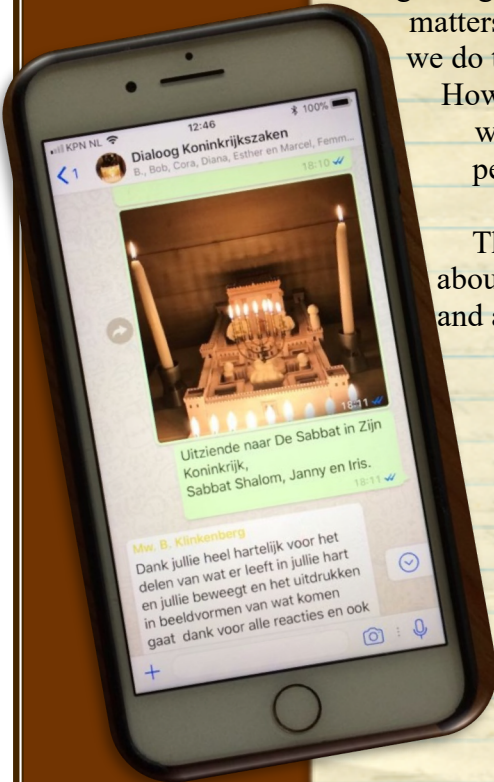


## Dialogue about Kingdom Matters

Because the Spirit reveals many things and the anointing teaches us regarding all things (1 John 2:27), we would like to discuss these matters of His kingdom with others in dialogue. Nowadays we do this through Zoom meetings or in WhatsApp groups.

However, we consider moving these groups to Signal, which seems to be a more protected option. On a personal level we also communicate by email via our [dialogue@judahandephraim.net](mailto:dialogue@judahandephraim.net) account.

There are different possibilities to be in dialogue, about Kingdom Matters, because the Kingdom matters and about Family Matters, because His Family matters in Repentance and Reconciliation as a Royal Priesthood of intercessors.



## Listening Carefully to His instructions

We have been carefully listening to the Father's instructions. We have been reminded of Moses, Who was not allowed to enter the Promised Land, Because he struck the rock instead of speaking to it. It seemed a very heavy punishment in our eyes, or a simple mistake. We identified with it, because we were no longer allowed to return to Israel. It made us aware that in this time, we cannot "just" assume that what we used to do is still acceptable today. Actually, we do need to ask every time, "Did you really say that we should speak to the rock?" We might have had to ask, "Did you really say that we had to apply for a visa extension to remain in Israel?" Or was it our own idea as it were to "test the waters" of the Ministry of the Interior in Israel, hoping to get permission to stay? The opposite happened the door to Israel closed!

We learned even more from the family of Moses, following what happened to Aaron's two sons. They brought strange fire before the Lord. They did something that God did not command them to do (Lev.10:1).

Listening to

*The Voice of God*

We realize that we should have listened more carefully to His instructions and "not just accept" that He had spoken or do what others thought what the right thing was to do.

This has led us to look back into our lives, seeing how He has been connecting the dots in our lives, even from our early beginnings and in that context, we have been able to move forward.

# Ends of the Earth



## Back to the ends of the earth

We have been at peace that we cannot return to Israel, although we hope that we will be admitted again for shorter visits in the future. Considering the situation today with all the restrictions because of COVID-19, it doesn't seem possible in the near future. But even before the outbreak of Corona, the Father directed us to return to the area where we once started. It seems very strange to return to the end of the earth. However, the circumstances are different now, a connection has been made with Jerusalem. We also have a relationship with Judah in the Land. We left our "tent pin" in the Land. We have spent the last two and a half year in the area of which the Father has said, "This is your mandate in My Kingdom". Not all of you are aware of this, because this letter is meant to explain to you why we moved to Australia for an appointed season. It is the largest continent in the center of our so-called mandate. It is surrounded by all kinds of small island states in the Pacific of which we have until now only been able to visit a few. Papua is situated above Australia in the shape of a Bird of Paradise.

A number of years ago we were instructed to seal the "Southland of the Holy Spirit", as Australia is often called, for His Kingdom. This was a very special trip, coinciding with 40 days of fasting and prayer during which 40 beautiful testimonies of Aboriginal leaders came out. We were able to meet many of them. It was followed up by a National Sabbath held in the heartland of Australia in 2017, through which the Father began to speak to us in regard to our departure from Europe. So, Alice Springs became the place where we have lived the past two years and only prepare for another departure.

## Return to Papua

However, due to Corona we were not able to leave Australia, but we were able to stay in the Northern Territory, which has been the safest place and an almost completely free zone regarding COVID-19.

So, why return to Papua now? First of all we cannot stay in Australia indefinitely. Secondly, the Father has told us to never return to Europe again. He directed us in a very detailed way how to leave the Netherlands and Europe. (*We might need to write another letter about that journey.*) At the time we didn't realize that our visits to some of you in Norway, Scotland and England, special trips to Germany and Italy, even Jordan, were already a preparation for our having to leave Europe. We treasure our visits with you and are sorry it has taken so long to write this open letter to you. So many changes have taken place in our lives, new ministry opportunities opened up, but also the signs of the end the Father spoke about so long ago began to happen.

Many years ago the Lord showed me that Papua might be our hiding place at the time. Because the Father said to me when I was eleven years old: "You will see it come", I always thought that I would live until Yeshua returns. But maybe there will be a difference between seeing it come and be part of it to the very end. One thing we will be better looked after in Papua than anywhere else in the world, in spite of Corona. Our "children" in Papua have always said, we will take care of you when you are old and can no longer travel. We are not sure if we must first return to Papua. We will be part of the change that will take place at the First Resurrection. We who live today, will determine our place in His Kingdom.



## Reden om terug te keren naar Papua

Er is nog een reden om terug te keren naar Papua, waar de Vader lang geleden wel eens over gesproken heeft. Hij liet me zien dat Papua in de eindtijd wel eens onze schuilplaats zou kunnen zijn. Omdat de Vader, toen ik elf jaar oud was, tegen mij zei, je zult het einde zien komen, heb ik altijd gedacht dat ik zou blijven leven totdat Yeshua terugkomt. Maar misschien is er toch een verschil tussen zien komen en dit tot het einde meemaken. We hebben wel het gevoel dat we ons voor moeten bereiden, op de tijd die komt of we nu in Papua zullen zijn of in Israël. Maar een ding is zeker, we zullen in Papua beter verzorgd zijn dan waar ook. Onze "kinderen" in Papua hebben altijd gezegd, we zullen voor jullie zorgen, als je oud bent en niet meer kunt reizen. We weten niet zeker of we eerst nog tot stof moeten wederkeren of dat we deel zullen hebben aan de verandering die plaats vindt bij de eerste opstanding. Hoe dan ook, we geloven in de opstanding en weten dat we ons moeten voorbereiden op onze taak in Zijn Koninkrijk. Ons leven houdt niet op, maar gaat door. Maar we weten dat als we ouder worden er een thuis is voor ons in Papua. Kinderen en kleinkinderen zijn er al bezig om het huis van Kezia en Victor uit te breiden met twee kamers voor oma Janny en oma Iris. Dokter Isak zal daar om te beginnen ook gaan wonen, en hij heeft al beloofd dat als het nodig is hij voor 24 uur verpleging zal zorgen. We zullen dus betere verzorging hebben dan in Nederland, omdat onze (hemelse) verzekering alleen geldig is in Papua!



## Twee tijdelijke woningen

Aan het begin van ons leven, hebben we gehoor gegeven aan de roeping om Yeshua te volgen. We hebben huis, broers, zussen, vader en moeder verlaten, maar daarvoor in de plaats honderdvoudig teruggekregen (Mark.10:29-30). Overal ter wereld hebben we voor kortere of langere tijd onderdak gekregen. Op dit moment hebben we twee tijdelijke "woonplaatsen". We huren nog steeds onze units in Hatzeva en we betalen tijdelijk huur voor een vakantiehuisje in Krachtighuizen. Die naam geeft eigenlijk al aan, dat we meerdere "huizen" hebben op dit moment. Zoals altijd wanneer wij in de winter in Nederland zijn, bidden we om sneeuw. Ook deze keer heeft de Vader ons gebed verhoord.

Deze tijd heeft alles te maken met de vervulling van Zijn roeping over ons leven. De voortzetting van onze rol in Zijn Koninkrijk is duidelijk geworden, daarom gaan we verhuizen naar "ons einde van de aarde". Maar ook de rol van Israël, waar Hij zo lang geleden over sprak, begint tot vervulling te komen. Daarom zal die band altijd blijven bestaan, of we daar nu wel of niet mogen "wonen".

Omdat iemand tegen ons gezegd heeft, dat dit misschien wel de laatste keer is dat wij in Nederland zijn, ervaren we deze tijd als een afscheid. Maar dit hoeft geen afscheid van jullie te zijn. Je bent altijd welkom in Australië of Papua. In Australië moet nog een "krachtig huis" gevonden worden. Tijdelijk onderdak hebben we daar al, dus we hopen rond augustus te kunnen vertrekken. Voor die tijd zouden we zoveel mogelijk persoonlijk afscheid van jullie willen nemen. Als je een bezoekje van ons op prijs stelt, laat het dan weten. Je bent hier in Krachtighuizen ook van harte welkom. En wil je meer horen over het verder ontvouwen van Gods plan, en ook anderen daar bij betrekken, kan je ons uitnodigen voor een spreekbeurt.



## Krachtighuizen



## Tentpin in Israël

Ondanks dat er weinig kans is dat wij zelf voor langere tijd naar Israël kunnen terugkeren, geloven we niet dat wij onze "tentpin" daar moeten verwijderen. Nog voordat we wisten dat we Israël niet meer binnen mochten, sprak de Vader al over het verplaatsen van onze "tentpin" van Hatzeva naar de bergen van Efraïm. Het ziet er niet naar uit dat we dit zelf kunnen doen, maar dat hoeft ook niet, want we geloven dat de Vader een andere bedoeling heeft. Dat is misschien ook de reden dat we "niet zomaar" ons meubilair en huisraad mogen verkopen of weggeven. ●

Hatzeva betekent "steengroeve". Het is een plaats waar de Vader de ruwe randjes van ons heeft afgebeiteld, zodat we een meer passende (levende) steen in Zijn huis kunnen worden. We zijn nu in een overgangsfase, waarbij we jullie nodig hebben, maar beter gezegd jullie bij willen betrekken. Omdat we zelf niet meer in Hatzeva mogen wonen, kunnen onze units gebruikt worden door diegenen, die ons ondersteunen. Misschien wil je ook wel eens even tijd in de woestijn doorbrengen. Dat is de plaats waar God spreekt, en in de "steengroeve" misschien nog wat werk aan je wil doen.

Hoe vreemd het ook klinkt, hoewel wij zelf niet meer in Israël kunnen "wonen", wil de Vader wel dat wij verhuizen. Die verhuizing heeft te maken met Zijn plan om een plaats te creëren, waar de verlorenen zonen van het Huis van Israël naar terug kunnen keren, ook al kunnen zij niet permanent in het Land wonen. ●



## De opgang van Efraïm

Zoals de Vader verlangt om door Zijn zoon “aliyah” te maken, verlangt Hij niet alleen naar de terugkeer van Juda, maar ook naar de opgang van Efraïm. Dat is wat het woord “aliyah” betekent. Daarvan afgeleid komt het woord “Ma’ale Efrayim”, dat de opgang of hoogte van Efraïm betekent. Er bestaat letterlijk zo’n hoogte in Samaria, waar een plaats met die naam gebouwd is. Vandaar kan je naar de bergen van Efraïm rijden, waar ook Silo ligt en de hoofdstad van Samaria, Ariel. ●

Maar voordat Efraïm aan die opgang kan beginnen, zal Efraïm uit de rivier tevoorschijn moeten komen. Toen de Israëlieten het Beloofde Land binnengingen, liet Jozua twaalf stenen achter in de Jordaan. De andere twaalf werden meegenomen naar de legerplaats in Gilgal. Deze geschiedenis heeft voor ons bevestigd, dat er twaalf stammen verenigd zijn in Juda, en zoals het nu lijkt er ook twaalf verborgen zijn in Efraïm.

Op die plaats bij de Jordaan hebben we al eens eerder een profetische daad gedaan met een zeer gemêleerde groep van twaalf personen uit de volken. Helaas was er veel verdeeldheid onder de groep, die toen symbolisch als Efraïm uit de rivier opkwam. Dit liet ons zien dat we als gelovigen uit de volken nog wel tijd moeten doorbrengen in “de steengroeve”. Het was wel bijzonder dat er bij die eerste groep twee orthodoxe Joden als getuigen waren. De een was Hanoch, uit de stam Juda, de ander was Mickey, uit de stam Benjamin. ●

Tijdens de 10 Ontzagwekkende dagen, heeft “de minjan” daar opnieuw een profetische daad gedaan. Tot de verbazing van Juda groeit “de opgang” van Efraïm. Zij zeggen vaak: “Ik had nooit gedacht dat Efraïm uit de kerk tevoorschijn zou komen”. We komen misschien wel uit de kerk, maar het is opwekking, en het zijn de tijden van verfrissing, die ertoe geleid hebben dat we uit de rivier tevoorschijn komen. Zoals wij hebben mogen ervaren heeft deze opwekking (Wake Up) geleid tot een verlangen naar het herstel van alle dingen. Dus ook naar het herstel van de familie. ●



## Verplaatsen van onze tentpin in Israel

Nadat “de minjan” de twaalf stenen met de namen van alle twaalf stammen uit het water hebben doen opkomen, hebben ze deze meegenomen naar Ma’ale Efrayim. Daar plaatsten ze de stenen tussen stenen, die Juda rond een olijfboom had neergelegd bij de ingang van de nederzetting. Als teken van deze daad nam Denise een takje van deze olijfboom voor ons mee. Dat was de bevestiging dat de tijd is aangebroken voor de opgang van Efraïm, en dat er een familiehuis moet komen, waar regelmatig gelovigen uit de volken tijd zullen doorbrengen bij “de olijfboom” van Juda.

Wij kunnen dit huis natuurlijk niet zelf onderhouden. We geloven dat door dit samen te doen, de eenheid onder Efraïm zal groeien en verdiept worden. Daarom willen we hierbij betrokken blijven, zelfs vanaf onze hoek van de aarde. Wij willen die “opgang” blijven stimuleren, en misschien via een Familie WhatsApp elkaar blijven aanmoedigen. Maar dit kan alleen als jullie zelf ook verantwoording nemen voor een “tentpin”.



## Meerdere tentpinnen nodig

Toen wij erover nadachten, hoe wij de huur zouden kunnen blijven betalen in Hatzeva, en als het moment daar is als familie te verhuizen naar Ma'ale Efrayim, dachten we 12 - 24 mensen nodig te hebben, die € 50 per maand kunnen bijdragen. Deze mensen kunnen dan ook minimaal twee weken per jaar in het familiehuis doorbrengen, of in overleg met de anderen zelfs langer. Om dit zichtbaar te maken, bestelden we 24 tentpinnen, maar door een onduidelijkheid op de website ontvingen we er 144! ●

Dat was misschien de bedoeling van de Vader, omdat niet iedereen in staat is € 50 bij te dragen. Daarom dagen we jullie uit om letterlijk een tentpin aan ons te vragen, en maandelijks bij te dragen wat in jullie vermogen ligt. (Een machtiging van onze Stichting is bijgevoegd bij deze brief.) Wij zullen jullie dan de tentpin toesturen, en bidden dat dit als teken jullie herinnert aan je relatie met zowel het Volk als het Land. Het zal voor iedereen, in overleg, mogelijk zijn tijd door te brengen in het familiehuis. Op dit moment geldt dit al voor Hatzeva. Het is de bedoeling dat we dit als “familie” doen.

Dit doet me denken aan verschillende teksten, die we misschien juist in dit “familiehuis” tot uiting kunnen laten komen:

***“En de menigte van hen, die tot het geloof gekomen waren, was een van hart en ziel ..... Zij hadden alles gemeenschappelijk.”*** (Hand.4:32) ●

Wij willen onze hele inboedel in Israël aan dit huis geven, zodat het als een (tijdelijke) woning kan worden voor ons allen. Mag blijken dat het nieuwe gebod dat Yeshua ons gegeven heeft daardoor zichtbaar zal worden:

***“Een nieuw gebod geef Ik u, dat gij elkander liefhebt ..... Hieraan zullen allen weten, dat jullie Mijn discipelen zijn, als jullie liefde hebt onder elkander.”*** (Joh.13:34-35)

En voor ons is daar altijd de troost en bemoediging:

***“Want al zijn wij lichamelijk afwezig, toch zijn wij in de geest bij jullie en zien met blijdschap de orde, die bij jullie heerst, en de hechtheid van uw geloof in de Messias!”***  
(Col.2:5)

Zegen en shalom, Janny en Iris

Je kunt deze machtiging opsturen naar het adres van de stichting of meteen naar onze penningmeester:  
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