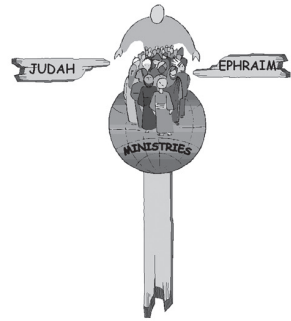


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Dear family and friends,

After a busy summer we have returned to Jerusalem. Although the situation in Israel isn't to be compared with the Garden of Eden, Jerusalem is still been seen as the place of the paradise. We have left the "Garden" temporary and we are, just as Adam to the east, gone to the Orient. Happily we didn't feel that disoriented like Adam and Eve must have felt, after they were driven out of the Garden. We came back to paradise, where we even were greeted with paradisebirds. But is Papua really so paradiselike as her natural beauty? Despite the busy program we have visited beautiful places and we even could enjoy some of her tropical beaches. We have met many people and heard the story of a people that looks for freedom and independence to find back her identity. God sent us with a message to this people. Now is the time to disciple the people of Papua so they can become a part of God's plan with the nations (Matt.28:19). In this letter we will explain to you how God involves Papua in His plan.

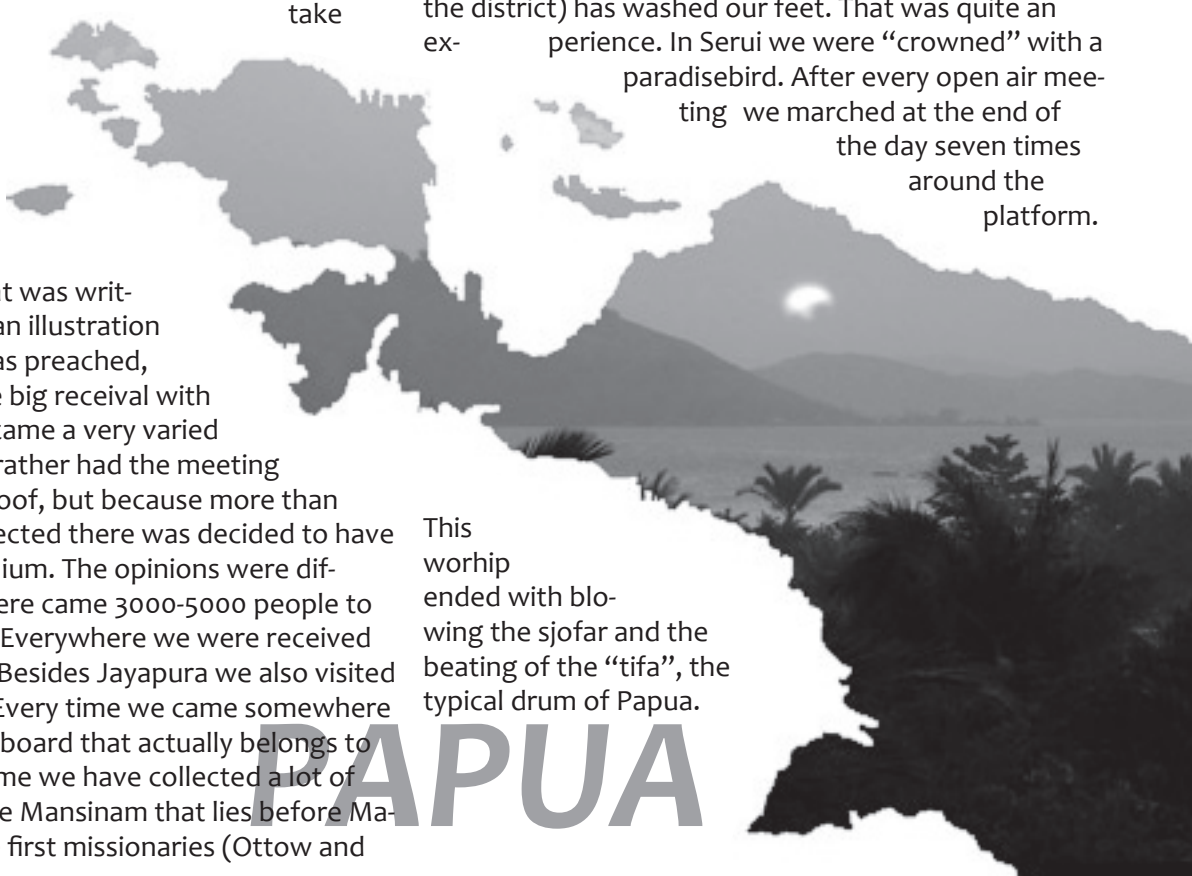
## ARRIVAL IN PARADISE

Because we came as official speakers we were received in a nice manner. The first meeting was at 07-07-07 in Jayapura and was a real "sabbat", a day to stop for a while and to take time to listen to what God has to say. The people were already from 9 o'clock in the stadium and the meeting lasted till late afternoon. Also because of the play that was written by Pieter Visser as an illustration of the message that was preached, but also because of the big reception with dance and music, it became a very varied program. Personally Iris rather had the meeting in a sportplace with a roof, but because more than 5000 people were expected there was decided to have the meeting in the stadium. The opinions were different, but we think there came 3000-5000 people to the open air meetings. Everywhere we were received with dance and music. Besides Jayapura we also visited Manokwari and Serui. Every time we came somewhere we had to step in a big board that actually belongs to a dowry. In the meantime we have collected a lot of these boards. At the isle Mansinam that lies before Manokwari and where the first missionaries (Ottow and

Geisler) came in Papua in 1858, we were welcomed in the same manner, but this time we were "anointed" with sand. At another place our feet were washed with fluttermilk. In Manokwari the Bupati (head of the district) has washed our feet. That was quite an experience. In Serui we were "crowned" with a paradisebird. After every open air meeting we marched at the end of the day seven times around the platform.

This worship ended with blowing the sjo far and the beating of the "tifa", the typical drum of Papua.

# PAPUA



Reception at the airport

Among the official committee in Jayapura



### THE ENEMY IN PARADISE

Despite the paradysical surrounding and the joy in the presence of the Lord the enemy tried to bring disturbance in the "Paradise". When we came in Jakare we didn't know that our request to speak about the relationship between Israel and Papua was responsible for a lot of talk. Mama Ibo, as she is been called by us, represents the concerns/interests of the Papuan people in Jakarta. She has to speak up a lot of times in situations where the humanrights in Papua are transgressed. A difficult position and because of that she finds herself a lot of times in lifethreatening situaties. Mama Ibo is part of a committee "Jembatan Israel Papua (JIP), what stands for "Bridge between Israel and Papua". This committee was founded for the special meetings because of 777, but now it still exists as a permanent organisation to teach about Israel and to improve the relationship between Israel and Papua. Mama Ibo was already being watched by the national security service, but now also because of her relationship with Israel. Our visit happened to be at the same time as a planned visit of a committee of the UN that wants to adjudge the situation in Papua again after the socalled autonomy was given to Papua by Jakarta, didn't bring the expected result. So we came in the land in a very tensed situation, with a very controversial message and a word for the governor. Happily we didn't know anything and met Mama Ibo in an innocent way at the airport in Jakarta and traveled together with her to Jayapura. Just the day right before our departure we heard that men of the Intel (National Securty service) were commisioned to stop us and to depart us to Singapore. But they came too late, the plane was gone alreay. At our arrival in Jayapura Mama Ibo and the committee received all kinds of threatening phonocalls (we knew that), but be decided in prayer just to go on. We had namely all permission that was necessary to keep these meetings in Papua, only from Jakarta they tried to stop us. The boy who has arranged our papers there, was even kept in jail a few days. This Arnold we have met right before our departure from Papua. Happily everything was already calmed down in Jakarta and all meetings in Papua had already taken place. It is good not to become too "high-profile", just because of the security, not only for us but also for the people we work with. Of course this can not be an obstacle for the prophetic word that has to be preached in Papua. But we have experienced that when we follow the Lord honestly, He will protect us and make way for us to fulfil our task.



*A homage with paradisebirds*



*Our feet are being washed*



*Official reception*



*The dramateam*



*We are welcomed by the dancers*



## THE SOUND OF GOD IN THE GARDEN

Adam and Eve were familiar with God. They heard Him as He walked through the Garden in the cold of the evening breeze. When we are honest and born again believers we don't have to be afraid when we hear the "sound" of God. Just like God spoke to Jeremiah, He also speaks to Papua: For I know which thoughts I have about you, says the word of the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of distress, to give you a hopeful future." (Jer. 29:11)

Never there was a prophetic meeting in the open air in Papua. But the Lord spoke a clear word for Papua as a nation. Through Iris He spoke about the end of "the times of the heathen" and God's meaning with the nations. Although Papua has no recognition as a nation in the Republic Indonesia, God sees her as a nation. But just like Israel, a people is first being chosen, then sanctified/set apart and just then a people/nation of God. In Hebrew as in Indonesian this is better understood because there are two words for "people. The more personal word "am", in opposition to "goy" (this is often being used for non Jews), is in Indonesian "umat" which comes very close to the Hebrew word, whereby the difference becomes more clear. To tell the truth the situation of Papua as a people is alarming. Because of ongoing suppression, inferior treatment and little hope for the future, the alcohol abuse is growing, this brings more violence in the houses and a harsh treatment of the police and the army. Every kind of resistance or even a sincere showing of the desires of the people, is being suppressed in a hard way. The number of political murders is growing and people just disappear. People like Mama Ibo and Dr. Rica, who both fight very active for the human rights in Papua, are on the black list and can not just stay for a night in an hotel, because everywhere can be "quiet people" who give orders for poisoning or causing an accident. In an airplane they can't eat the meals because in this way people are already poisoned. Our friend Benny Giay is because of this reason (it was impossible to have a normal way of life for him and his family) moved to Australia where he could get a good job. Because of this it was so encouraging for the Papuan people to hear a message about God's plan with them as a people/nation in the context of His plan with Israel. Besides the message out of the letter to the Ephesians about our part of the citizenship of Israel (Eph. 2:12-13 & 3:5), we have also spoken about our responsibility to comfort Israel and speak to the heart of Jerusalem (Isa. 40:1-2). Through prayer and prophetic speaking Papua can be used to bless Israel and who blesses Israel will be blessed himself (Gen. 12:3). Besides this we have

challenged the people, but also their leaders, to give their tenths to Israel. With his shall be fulfilled what is prophesied through Isayah (60:5) and Zachariah (6:15), the richness of the nations shall be brought to Jerusalem and out of the far lands will come people to help with the building of the temple.

## THE BRIDGE TO PARADISE

In the past there was a bridge that connected the East Gate of the templeplace with the Olivemountain. Over this bridge came pilgrims to the temple to worship God. Out of this house of prayer came the commission to go out to reach the whole world with the gospel. Here the first apostles received the power of the Holy Spirit and the gospel went from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. This gospel of the Kingdom is preached into the whole world and now the end shall come (Matt. 24:14). God spoke this already to Iris when she was a girl 11 years of age. He also said that she would see the end come and that Israel will play a big role in this. Now we are seeing this being fulfilled, even in Papua. The "bridge" whereover the gospel came to Papua is now being restored. The Papuan people are going over this bridge to become a witness in Israel and to partake of the Feast of tabernacles, but also in prayer this bridge is used to intercede for Israel. Through this "bridge" gifts are also given to Israel. Partly because of this Papua is involved in God's plan



to bring restoration and to work together at the restoration of all things. The earth has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth, this you also see, that's why we all wait in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed (Rom. 8:19-22).

## THE COMMISSION TO REIGN

In the beginning man was commissioned to subject the earth and to rule over her (Gen. 1:28). But without

The Papua's themselves take care of our protection

Among the people



Gods help the earth will be destroyed. Even leaders of government who won't recognize God into their lives are appointed by God (Rom.13:1) and shall have to admit that the Most High has the power over human rulership and that He gives this to whom He wants (Dan. 4:32b).

We are convinced that the governor of Papua has been appointed by God. Two years ago Iris received a prophetic word about this and not yet long ago Bas Suebu has been chosen officially as governor for Papua. We hoped that we could bless him this time personally and we took a prayercloak, bread and wine from Israel with us. Unfortunately he wasn't present at the big meeting at 07-07-07 and the invitation to be at our goodbye meeting he also had to cancel. Three times he had the opportunity to be blessed. He has sent a delegate who received the "tallit"(prayercloak), the bread and wine. This time there also was a prophetic remark. Although leaders are appointed by God, he also has the right to take this leadership from them when they are not doing His will. Sometimes the people want their leader to resign. This also is the case in Israel. Shortly before our departure to Papua in Israel there was a demonstration against Ehud Olmert, premier of Israel. He received a "red cart" with the request to leave the field. We took such a cart with us from Israel and it was very applicable that we warned Bas Suebu in the football stadium that God will give him a red cart when he won't act to the will and plan of God. In the last meeting before our departure, where he also couldn't come at the last moment, the Lord gave him another warning. This time the Lord spoke about the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel (Zach.4:10). Zerubbabel was allowed to fulfill the building of the temple, but God will decide whether Bas Suebu will fulfill his mission as a governor. We don't know if there will come a third warning. In any case he has missed the blessing. In his place the Lord gave us two other government-leaders to bless. Both will play a big role in the future development in Papua, also in relation to Israel. The name of the Bupati (head of district) in Manokwari is Domingus Mandacan. He is very popular with the people and has accomplished a lot in his city. He dealt with the alcohol abuse in the city very strict and now alcohol is forbidden in Manokwari. There are no homeless people anymore on the street and the appearance of the city is very clean and orderly. This is a big difference with Jayapura. He is a sincere Christian and sent already a few years 30 pastors to Israel. We gave him a "tallit"(prayercloak) and we prayed for him. When Iris prayed for him something curious happened, because the Lord suddenly said



Reception parade in Serui



Bupati Daud Soleman



Prophetic message for Papua

One of the Bupati's receives prayer underneath the 'tallit'

Bidden One of the Bupati's receives prayer underneath the 'tallit'

Representation of the arrival of the first missionaries



to her: 'here stands the future president of Papua'. She was a bit frightened by this because this was quite a very directed political message. Happily she didn't speak these words right away in the open. Still she felt that the Lord wanted to explain this. But how was this possible without being "political". She didn't realise at that moment that there were "quiet people" in the public and that the whole meeting was life broadcasted on the radio. But the Lord started to show something of His perspective. The Lord sees the governments in a different way that we do. We only see the worldly systems, but for the Lord there was standing "the president" of Papua, whom represents the people in a right way. The Jewish politician Benjamin Disraeli from England wrote in 1875: "The world is being governed by other people, than those that are visible". The American president Theodore Roosevelt added: "Behind the visible government there is an invisible government on the throne, that doesn't owe the people loyalty and account." We see that this "invisible government" also practise power in Papua and possible also has Bas Suebu in her grasp. Against his we see that God shows us He is also preparing an invisible government and this will reign in His Kingdom. Most of us are not aware of this, but we all are being prepared to take a place in the Kingdom of God, not only spiritual, but later also in the natural when He establishes His Kingdom on earth.

The Lord showed us that Domingus Mandacan will play a big role for Papua in this. God has seen that He can use him. Besides him the Lord brought us into contact with another Bupati, the head of district in Serui. We also prayed for him in the same manner as for Domingus Mandacan. Daud Betawi will be the first Bupati who comes to the Feast of Tabernacles this year. He brings his own "tent", because he wants to bring first an offering himself before he spurs on to this officially. From the school of prophets in Serui arose the first "prophetic group", as they call themselves. Daud has encouraged them to do this. The group consists the 200 partakers of the school of prophets and they come together at sabbat in the house of the Bupati. Iris wrote a little booklet in Indonesian about the feasting of the sabbat, both in the family and in the church. These materials are being spread in Papua. We have known the Bupati of Serui now more as a friend. We gave him a shofar as a symbol of the first prophetic noise that spreads out of Serui. It is very fascinating that in the time of the Netherlands Serui was chosen as the place where the future leaders of Papua were trained. Most of the government leaders today had their training in Serui. Serui is also called the "kitchen" of the gospel because the evangelists

were trained there also. Both in the natural and in the spiritual Serui has brought forth the leaders of this time.

## A LAST VISIT TO PARADISE

In the past (already 20 years ago) we also started in Serui, and out of there we headed for Waropen and after that still further to the inlands at the Bauzi people. It was just like we this time finished a phase and now we will start in Papua on a different level. Maybe it only was a little bit nostalgia, but for a closing of our time in Serui, we also visited Waropen for two days. For Victor and Kezia it was nice to see where we someday have started. For Pieter it was also an adventure to visit a new district. In this way he gets the opportunity to see a lot of Papua. The Bupati offered us his motorboat so we could go in two days back and forth quickly. That was quite a different thing compared to crossing the sea in our days with this boat of the natives with an outboard motor. We have endured many storms on sea and, as some of you maybe still know, we even capsized one time. This ofcourse was now again part of our talks, especially because the sea this time was also very rough. Happily we had een good steersman, but now and then it was a bit frightening as we were "flying" above the waves. Kezia really was terrified and Yeshurun felt asleep exhausted. Just like the time we capsized before the coast, we now also spent the night in Ureifasei. But this gave us the opportunity to visit the people that were saved in the past. The alarm was sounded then and the "kapala desa" (head of the village) came with his community to pick us up out of the sea and to save as many things from the destructive power from the sea as possible. The "kepala desa" also was the pastor of a little Pentecostal church. The day we now arrived just the first stone was being laid of his new churchbuilding. After more than twenty years the church was grown enormously and also the village was grown to become the capitalcity of the new district "Waropen". The Bupati of Waropen we also still knew from our first time with YPPM. Despite we didn't have special meetings in Waropen, we had the opportunity to pray for Ones Ramandei, the brother of Jan Ramandei, who took care of our visa in the past. After we had spent the night in Ureifasei the storm was over and we went over a smooth sea to Koweda, where we visited a lot of old acquaintances, for example our first "pembantu" (servantgirl) Barsa, who became in the mean time an old married woman. She was very seized with emotion to see us and we were glad that because of the many gifts we received, we

Praisemarche in Manokwari



School of prophets in Manokwari



School of prophets in Serui



were able to bless her also. She lives in very miserable conditions and her body looked sick and exhausted. We have prayed with her and she hopes that when we come back to Serui, we let her know so she can come to follow the lessons. We were gladly surprised that the evangelist, Edward Woisiri, whom we have led to the Lord in the past, was still alive. Despite his old age (73) he is still full of life and full of the Lord. He works with the then just reached peoplegroups from the hills behind Koweda, like the Kofei and the Sauri-Sirami, with whom we have worked our first two years before we left to the Bauzi's. Unfortunately Fufu, one of our first "students" was not in the village, but we have met his wife. This time we could drive to the village with a truck because there was build a road in the meantime. There wasn't much traffic because the road is bad. But slowly there is improvement. Amazingly a part of the home we used to live in, was still standing. The rest was already fallen down, but our bedroom and living-room were still there. So we took a few nostalgic pictures. At the end of the day we went across a very smooth sea back to Serui, where we stopped shortly before the coast on a beautiful tropical isle to swim. That was a nice closing of our time in Papua.

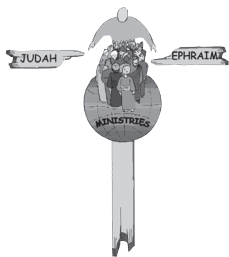
## FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH BACK TO JERUSALEM

So now we are back in Jerusalem, where we will welcome this month a delegation from Papua. About this we will write in a next newsletter. Jerusalem is a source of inspiration for us, the place, but also the people we know and work with. Out of this source Iris keeps on writing and preparing teachingmaterial so the next time she will be in the Netherlands and the year after that hopefully in Papua, she is able to teach.

Pray for us in Jerusalem!

With love and God bless you,

*Janny and Iris.*



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