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IN THE NETHERLANDS



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Dear Pastor and Church,

Dutch Proverb:

"Visitors always bring joy; it's either when they come, or when they go."

It is always a pleasure to report what God has been doing in the work here. The severe cold of February is behind us. But what is *severe* cold in a moderate climate? God did send us **two "angels unawares"** who did not even wear a coat during 10°F temperatures. After an eight week stay with a missionary in Moscow they came to visit us, because of some visa complications. Their problems became our blessing! They came and helped us in every way possible. What a "visitors-joy"!

They worked inside in our building. We talked about a lot of subjects and also mentioned that in The Netherlands 10% of the population is Muslim. On Sunday both young men gave their testimony and preached. The Sunday PM message (in English) was on "Seek and ye shall find". That evening God brought in **two lost visitors** (W+N) who had checked out our website www.bbgvelp.nl (in Dutch) and came to check us out. Most remarkable! One visitor had come to really seek and the other had come to disturb by degrading the Word of God, praising another god who has no son, and by expressly denouncing the Deity of Christ. We pray for these two lost visitors and ask you to join us. We do lock the church doors now at every service and when the bell rings, the visitors are greeted by a special team. Most certainly we are not afraid; just try to be very careful. The one verbally aggressive lost visitor has calmed down considerably. **Pr 15:1** "A soft answer turneth away wrath ..." We have seen them now return together as well as individually a number of times and so far they have been quiet during the preaching. God is at work in their hearts. Pray they will be attracted to the Love of God and His forgiveness in Christ Jesus.

In our previous letter we mentioned that God opened doors of opportunity and that we see opposition. We were offered weekly two hours of radio time at a local radio station, *free of charge*. We need enough men and women to help and meet this challenge. So far, not enough help and some other obstacles as well. Please pray.

Then we would ask you to pray for a special couple, A+B. We have known them for many years. Eight years ago their daughter (29) died and that loss is still with them every day. We have had excellent visits and open conversation. During the last visit we sensed they are starting to see that one must make a decision to trust Jesus as Savior.

In closing this letter we are thrilled to mention that our grandson in FL led his friend to the Lord. Great blessing to see kids and grandkids go on for the Lord.

Serving Him with gladness,
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