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Dear brothers and sisters,

I start to write this newsletter as I'm traveling by train through the Netherlands. I feel blessed. I am enjoying this time in the Netherlands. Meeting people, encouraging and being encouraged, watched how the Lord is tirelessly working with His Bride. Also, this year I can tell how my heart is beginning to rest more in the Father's love. At the same time, it's a period of preparation for my travels to India in a week and the ministry in Amsterdam this Fall. More about that in this newsletter.



In the Netherlands

Suddenly I've spend almost a month in the Netherlands already. I'm so enjoying it! It feels more relaxed this year. More time with my family, especially, and less time involved with ministry and prayer on festivals and the like. Also, this year I'm not going back to my regular daily rhythm after my stay in Holland, so I don't feel the draw of wanting to go to Kansas City just to go back to the safety of life as usual. My intention was to spend every morning with the Lord in prayer and the Word, but reality is that it often doesn't work out that well. Sometimes I have no clue what other things I did during all those hours... However, I feel His presence and rest often throughout the day. He leads and plans my life so well! Regularly I'm having unexpected meetings. Once, someone send me an e-mail and the name of one person stood out to me. A little bit later this particular man contacted me to meet sometimes. Another time I had two evenings with nothing scheduled and exactly those two evenings I could meet with some of my supporters and we had an encouraging time together. It turned out to be exactly the right evening for them. I really enjoyed what God did in my yearly visit to my dentist. Not only did I not have any cavities this time – a miracle by itself ☺ - but she also suddenly said that I didn't need two crowns anymore! So we replaced some old fillings,

I am so curious for what God is going to do – through my weakness - to see Jesus glorified in India!

Amsterdam – The Tabernacle

I spend five days in Amsterdam with Youth with a Mission to get acquainted with the people and organisation that I'll be working with this Fall and to do some preparations. This visit made it more real to me. I'm really looking forward to it! I love it that I'll get to pioneer with night and day prayer and worship for the Lord in my own country! It is a great and beautiful challenge to start and co-lead the [Intercersory Missionary Internship \(IMI\)](#). But luckily there are capable people that I can serve with together. I have gotten more of a burden for Amsterdam, the Red Light district and the European continent. At this moment the staff consists of eight people. We hope to have another five at least to start the NightWatch with, together with the [IMI internship](#).



India!

I am currently busy preparing for the upcoming India trip. I can't wait to go! I feel weak in a good way. It is so much and so big that I obviously can't do it in my own strength and that helps me to really lean on the Lord for every detail, believing that He will take care of every ticket, permit, appointment etc. and that I will be able to share the things that He has been putting in my heart over the past few years. I have a strong desire to love, serve, encourage, equip and share the Gospel wherever I go. I want to see houses of prayer start all over India... At the same time, I don't know yet how to share in a good and clear way the message that has grown in my heart. At times I got intimidated by the fear that I would end up in front of groups of people that stare at me with expectation and that I would have nothing to say. That only indicates that these months I will have many opportunities to grow. I love it that I'm getting chances to learn more and deeper what it means to be led by the Spirit! I am so curious for what God is going to do – through me! To see people find life and healing, to see His Word run swiftly, to see Jesus glorified in India!





Left to right: Prayer room in Tabernacle; Queens day in Amsterdam; family time! 1st page: Amsterdam by day and night, family weekend

Itinerary for India

With the available space I can only give you the general itinerary in small print. In the attachment you have it full scale, together with a little map. *Suggestion: print and hang it in a visible spot to pray for it the coming months!*

- 1) *May 27 – July 7:* In and around Siliguri, a strategic gateway into North East India, Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet (China) and Bangladesh. I'll stay with my friends **Erik and Naresh** in their ministry center. Prayer, training pastors, preaching and training in prayer in the region, in Nepal, the Bhutanese border and Nagaland (North East). I also hope to meet **David** from Myanmar there.
- 2) *July 8 – 14:* Calcutta with **Bekah Sabatini**. She is ministering to kids and youth that live on the street, in slums and one of the railroad stations (Howrah).
- 3) *July 14 – 31:* Traveling with **Karuna Sagar**. throughout the state of Orissa (church planting among Kuvi tribe, 120 churches & training pastors in house of prayer stuff) and preaching in (unsaved) villages in the state of Andhra Pradesh, including Nellore for training to start a 24/7 house of prayer.
- 4) *August 1 – 9:* City of Chennai/state of Tamil Nadu with **Manimozhi Devan**. Training, preaching and encouragement of pastors in churches and church planting network and for houses of prayer in five places around Chennai.

How can you be involved?

I would be so happy if we all could be involved in (a part of) the trips to India and Amsterdam. It's very simple.

1. **Adopt one area** from the list above and **pray** specifically for it the coming weeks. It's so cool to see specific answers through what God is going to do in 'your' area! Or pray for every step of the list.

What moves me?

Why do I work in IHOP-KC, travel to the Netherlands, to India, to Amsterdam and back to IHOP-KC? What moves me is the desire to be a friend of the Bridegroom and to do what I can to equip the Bride (worldwide Church) in order for her to be in love with Jesus, alive and holy, longing for His return, worshiping and interceding and going into the highways and byways to invite others, that the Great Commission might be fulfilled. My focus is Houses of Prayer, places in which prayer, equipping and missions come together: 1) Night and day worship of God 'as it is in heaven' – in the process we become more like Him 2) Intercession changes the spiritual climate of cities and nations, resulting in revival and a great harvest 3) Training and equipping to go out and spread the Gospel.

2. **Invest** in one area that speaks to you by giving a financial gift that I can invest strategically in the work that our brothers and sisters are doing in that region. Most leaders and small churches that I will visit are poor. A few hundred euro's or dollars will increase the possibilities to reach more people enormously!
3. **Stay updated** through my [website](#), where I will regularly post updates and [new pictures](#).

Apart from the blessing of a much lower dentist bill I have gotten specific donations for the plane ticket and travel expenses in India. So everything you give can go directly to Christians and missions in India, Myanmar and Nepal. Just let me know what your donation is for.

Praise and prayer

- Praise God for His great leadership, for the peace in my heart and the people that He is touching.
- Pray for the coming months in India! That God's Word will run swiftly and be glorified. That people will be changed. Also for growth and protection for myself in the many days of traveling.
- Traveling details, especially a permit for Nagaland, where I hope to meet David from Myanmar!

Grace and peace be with you all!

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