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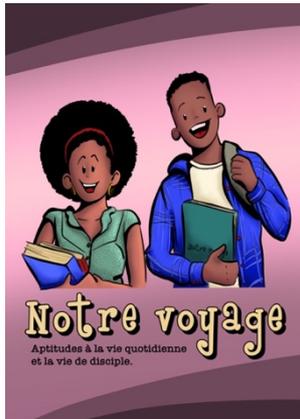
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Proverbs 3: 6 → “Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

Dear prayer friends,

Do you remember the last newsletter in which I wrote that I sat in the garden with a book in the sun? Well, as you can see from the photo here, after that first week the weather changed and it became COLD, just above freezing! It was raining, snowing and even hail fell and for someone who comes from a warm (say 38 degrees Celsius) climate, that is NOT nice. Now I was not allowed to leave my temporary residence for ten days anyway, so it was not bad, but still, I would have preferred to repeat those two sunny days and sit in the garden.

The cold weather continued and did have the advantage that I could fully dedicate myself to translating the book for the youth, and that was completed in the time I was in The Netherlands. After my quarantine, despite the restrictions that were still in place, I was able to go to church. It was very nice to see people this way. The cell group also continued, and there I could share things from my work. During one of the services, I asked Sara Lindenhols, the wife of our pastor and, how should I put it, a talented artist, if she could correct some of



the drawings from the youth book. The pictures were accompanied by English text, which could not simply be removed, and were therefore inconvenient. This was also the case with the cover page, which was also in the previous newsletter. She said yes. And so, I was very curious to see how she would draw, because she had said that she would use all her talents. And she did. She really did a good job! (See the front page on the left, which by the way cannot be copied just like that, because it is copyrighted!!!) Her Instagram account is available here:

<https://www.instagram.com/saralindhols>

Now that I am back in Adi (since 4 June), I have set up a team to check the French, and they all are very happy with her work. And, with the book. We have just started the checking work of the French (one day a week on Saturdays – the picture is minus two participants), but they all have a copy in English and in French, and so they started reading it. The aim is still to have it printed before the start of the next school year and to introduce it in some schools.



The children of Bethsaida have been going back to school since March. The school year continues until September due to the closure of schools in January and February. They are going for it. Bondela, who started in March as an observer at a garage in Ingbokolo, has been accepted for training. Much earlier than anticipated, he would only start in September. He is enthusiastic and eager to learn, and these are qualities that are appreciated.

This year we have six children that are in the last year of primary school and have to do their exams. Will you pray with us that they will do well? Would you also pray for the situation in Oicha? Rebels are still active there. Despite that, the schools continue and Timothée still enjoys school. He finished the first semester as number one of his class.



Plans have been made with Ayila and Margaret to evaluate the content of the workshops 'Channels of Hope' and adjust if necessary. After the end of the school year, we have been invited to organize a 'Channels of Hope' workshop in the church district of Mahagi, and also to include a session with the youth. Perhaps we can also introduce the book for the youth there? That should be ready by then.

So, I have plenty of plans for the coming months. Please pray with me that I will be able to realize them.

To return to my time in The Netherlands. I went for a check-up at the Leiden Hospital, and everything was fine!!! Praise the Lord. I don't have to come back for a check-up, and I am completely cancer free. I have also been vaccinated against corona. In the week before I left, I could get my second Pfizer. And that is a good thing. When I came back, a patient with corona had been admitted to the hospital. And now we see more patients in the hospital with corona complaints. We did have a vaccination campaign with Astra-Zeneca last week. There was a lot of interest in it. The first two to be vaccinated were the Kakwa chief and the doctor of the health zone.



Please pray that new vaccines will soon be available to vaccinate more people?

Thanks, and prayers:

Thanks that I can be back in Adi,
Thanks for Sara Lindenhols and the drawings she made,
Thanks for the team that will help me correct the French,
Pray that the book will be ready for printing by the beginning of September,
Pray against corona and for vaccinations,
Pray for the planning of the workshops in Mahagi,
Pray for the children of Bethsaida.

God's richest blessing,

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