



Psalm 122:6

***“Pray for peace in Jerusalem.
May all who love this city prosper.”***

Dear prayer friends,

Many greetings from The Netherlands, where I arrived on March 11 by plane from Entebbe. Why then a picture of Jerusalem on this page? You will hear that later in this letter.

Where do I start? After the Christmas letter I have not written at all. I was just too busy. Maybe I should just follow the months a bit. But first of all I like to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support!

January

This month focused on Bethsaida and the birth of Yedidya.
January 3 and 4 we have organized a retreat for Bethsaida. Almost all the children were present and we did have a good time together, with a Bible meditation and sharing information from ‘Our Journey’. Also Ayila and Atiye had bought clothes on a market for the children and we divided those. We were surprised how much the children have grown.

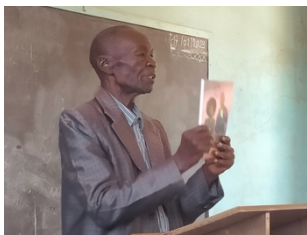


And then Yedidya. Third daughter of Emmanuel and Yunaki. Emmanuel is one of the pastors who is very much involved in the program. They are almost neighbors and Yunaki was due on January 9. Emmanuel left for Bunia mid-January and the baby was not yet born. He had just arrived there when he called me that one of his other daughters was sick and could I take her to the hospital? I did. She spent a week there with malaria and after that was better. Saturday January 28, participating in a prayer meeting of the Women of the Good News, I called Yunaki just before the meeting was supposed to start and she told me that she had gone to the maternity. After prayers I went there and stayed with her. Yedidya was born by C-section because of a transverse position but she was a healthy baby of almost 4 kilograms. Her brother and two sisters were very proud the first time they saw her.



February

Had its focus on the annual report 2022. Unfortunately, I have not yet finished it. The wedding of one of my gardeners and all the preparations for my trip to The Netherlands also occupied my thoughts.



We also organized a meeting with several school pastors who are using 'Our Journey' in the religion course they give at school. They are excited about the course and say that they lack time for the teaching of it and that they are looking for other ways as well to use the book.



March

Departure to The Netherlands to arrive there on March 11. It was great to see my parents again. During a week's holiday I did have an epileptic insult on March 20. All of them have been within two weeks of arrival in The Netherlands so I think that its triggers are fatigue, a big difference in temperature and the many stimuli in The Netherlands. I have been to a neurologist, and an EKG was done. All is well! Need to rest first after arrival in The Netherlands next year.

April

After the insult I slowed down. I had wanted to research organizations to make contact for financial support but didn't do that yet. It will be one of the things I will do after getting back in Adi, and then I will make time to visit these organizations personally next year.

Israël



April 26 a group of people from my home church, me included, left for a visit to Israel for 9 days. We had two good guides; a fun group and we have seen an awful lot. In Jerusalem it was cold, but the contrary in Galilee. Some visits, like following the last day of Jesus and Yad Vashem, made a strong impression. On the wall we sang peace to Jerusalem. Also floating in the Dead Sea was quite an experience. I still must sort out all the photo's (and those are a lot, of myself and of fellow travelers).

Mei

Early on May 5 we returned from Israel. And now I am busy packing my suitcases. I will leave May 15.

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Many thanks,

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