

Peter & Kelly on The Way

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We have been in the Netherlands now for over two months in Peter's hometown of Groningen. Peter's mother has very generously given over to us her lovely house as the edge of a park for the duration of our 4-month stay – such a blessing! Lukas, now officially school age, is enrolled in a local Dutch school a 5 minute bike-ride from us. He is enjoying the friends as well as learning to read and write, even though it is a second language experience for him. Emmet goes to a pre-school at the same school two mornings a week and both boys are making great strides in their Dutch language ability. Danai just turned one and is walking, saying a few words and exploring his world. Peter is enjoying (more than he expected to) being back in his home culture and the ease with which he can connect and communicate with people. For Kelly, it is another cross-cultural experience as she has never actually lived the round of daily life in the Netherlands before. We are all enjoying the connections with family and friends that we are able to have in this season. It is a privilege to share our stories and experiences of life in Thailand over the past 4 years, in both smaller and larger scale meetings. As we give words to our experiences, our own vision is being developed, our love for the people we have gotten to know is growing as we tell (and hear) their stories, and we are becoming more aware of God at work.

We are also more aware of the spiritual warfare that goes hand in hand with testifying of Jesus and His work. Almost every time before we speak or meet with people, whether official or informal, we have experienced various physical symptoms, extra friction in family relationships, and tangled communication among other things. In Thailand we expected spiritual warfare and we sought protection in prayer, but we have been somewhat surprised by how constant and disruptive the warfare is during our home assignment. The blindfold fell off around the time of the OMF day here at end of September that we were a part of. Before, during and after we had such a different experience of peace and grace and strength-in-weakness under pressured circumstances where we were protected from the trouble we anticipated. Suddenly we realised that it was because of all the prayer surrounding that event. Again we were made aware of how powerful and relevant prayer support is. Actually there was an element of reproof over how little we have sought prayer support in the past months as well as reaffirmation of what a palpable difference prayer makes. Please pray for protection from the wiles of the enemy as we give testimony of Jesus and continue contributing to His Kingdom.

In November we are “missionaries of the month” in our Dutch home church, with an information afternoon presentation on 4 November as well as having the opportunity to share our work in a powerpoint presentation and table display every Sunday this month before and after the services. We are hoping to stir up prayer for Thailand, our Thai friends and God's work in Thailand. Alongside these more ministry-oriented goings on, we are aware that there is much awaiting our attention in the realm of personal growth, individually as well as in our marriage and family life. We would like to invest some time in these things but sometimes it is difficult to know how and where to begin. Our plates are full! Thank you again for walking this journey with us.

With much love and God's blessings,

Peter & Kelly + Lukas + Emmet + Danai



Dutch beech tree forest

Pray with us:

For good use of our time here in the Netherlands and meetings with people and groups.

For Lukas learning to read and write in Dutch at school.

For Emmet's health which is still being sorted out with regards to food allergies.

For our information afternoon 4 November at our Dutch home church in Groningen, and for Peter as he represents OMF at a missions fair in Drachten in the morning.

For Kelly as she fits into Dutch life.

For God's protection from all the schemes of the enemy.

For Danai as he often gets agitated during car rides.

For our team in Lampang to reassemble over the coming half year.

Praise with us:

For safe, blessed travel!

For a good autumn term break with just the five of us.

For the generosity of so many people who have given us things during our stay.

For valuable times together with family and friends.

For opportunities to share about what God is doing in Lampang, Thailand.

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