

*"I didn't search for it.
It's happened to me..."*



Dear family and friends,

It's our great desire to reach out to vulnerable and lonely people in our neighborhood and show them the love of Jesus. Coming in contact with those people is already a challenge in itself. Because how do you get in contact with someone who never opens the front door? And how can you build sustainable relationships in that situation?

Buddies and living rooms

In our search for the way we can achieve this target audience we last summer contacted the welfare organization of the local municipality. Those contacts eventually have led to the start of a buddy project in our community.

Since October Martha visits Griet on a weekly basis. She lives in a strong social isolation. Her children take care of the weekly groceries and take out the trash bin so that she never leaves the house. But Martha is still welcome to join with her to play games on the living room table. Recently she even laughs every now and then... And a small beam of the Kingdom becomes visible then in that room.

We are also been asked to help to set up a living room project in our village. The intention is to create a room with the appearance of a cozy living room, meant for those who are missing this in their own living place. We hope that all preps will run fluently, so we can open the living room door before Christmas.

Biennial 2016

Early april we went to Croatia for a week. We are partners of the mission organization ECM. Every two years it holds his International Conference for all missionary workers in the ECM-network. With over 450 participants the Biennial of this year was an important moment of equipment and reflection. Having a week of meeting, refueling and reflection strengthened us and gave us new inspiration. It also confirmed us to continue on the way on which we had put a few exploratory steps.

We also had fine meetings with many fellow missionaries who we are coaching in so-called huddles. This huddles always takes place via the computer, but we now had the opportunity to meet them in real live.

Celebrations

Every first and third Sunday of the month we hold a celebration in which we invite people who (for whatever reason) are not attending church services. The attendees mostly are exploring answers on life issues and are attracted by the interactive nature of the celebrations.

On the first Sunday of the month we hold an easy accessible celebration we call "the meeting". We shape this by listening to a (secular) song as a basis for speaking about things which are important for them. Sometimes we add some creative stuff to the celebrations. Without any exception we always have



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AMOMARTHA & DRAIJER IN BUTTENPOST

Buitenpost Longs for connection

"Our desire is to come in connection with those who are looking for answers to their questions of life and for whom a church as a place for answers isn't an option (anymore)."

very good and deep conversations, ending up with the lunch which is a common part of the celebration. And often then we have deep face-to-face chats on which we can bring Hope.

On the third Sunday of the month we hold 'the Deepening'. According to the name, the Bible is then opened and we go more in-depth with the participants. Often the participants are seekers or young believers with whom we have the most beautiful and intense conversations. On the Sunday before Easter we explained the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus for us as Christians. When we asked all participants if they were aware of that, one of them for the first time testified for a choice for Jesus.



Pentecost celebration



Creative methods



Contribution to an inspirational evening about a social experiment in our village

People of peace

We are grateful for all the activities to which we, whether or not in a broader context, are participating. It looks perhaps like we're just do a lot of volunteering. Jesus says in Matthew 5:13 that we are the salt in this world. At that time salt had an antiseptic function and was therefore rubbed into the meat. It's a beautiful image. Because then the salt may not be visible anymore, but will be up to its purpose. The meeting with our target audience gives us the opportunity to look for the 'people of peace', as Jesus mentioned to the 72 that he sent out in Luke 10:6.

Prayerpoints:

- Thank Him for all the blessings that we experience in all the things we do.
- Pray for insight and wisdom for the people in whom we invest, so we are able to guide them in the growth of their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray that God may provide in all we need for every day.
- Pray for expansion of our circle of friends, so that we will be able to continue this work.

But seek the welfare of the city (...) and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Jeremiah 29:7)

We are grateful for how all things are going. Grateful for those moments that we may stand next to someone who surrenders his or her life to Jesus. And we give all the glory to God and his Spirit when it is later explained: "I didn't search for it. It's happened to me..."

Finance

We are also very grateful to the group of friends who support us in a generous way. You guys make it possible that we can continue with our beautiful work! Thank you very much for your support. And if you are not (yet) belonging to this group, we hope and pray that by this newsletter you may rise to the challenge to support us and becoming also a part of our mission in Buitenpost. You will find all details in the Colophon below.

Thank you so much for your involvement!

Amo en Martha

COLOFON

Amo and Martha Draijer, founders of Butterfly, focus on discipleship and church planting in the Buitenpost area of the Dutch province of Friesland.

Amo and Martha are financially dependent on gifts. You can support them by making a donation to the bankaccount of Stichting ECM-Nederland. IBAN: NL02 INGB 0000254997 (BIC/SWIFT: INGBNL2A) citing "Fund Butterfly"

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