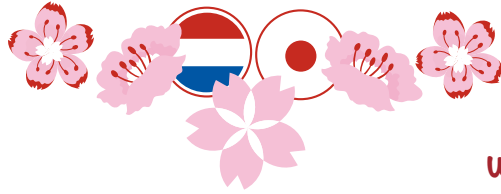


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NOW AND LATER

A lot has happened in the past few weeks. I have had the first two chemo/immunotherapy courses. The new reality of illness and dealing with its discomforts is becoming more normal. Together with the home front team, I will continue to look to the future.

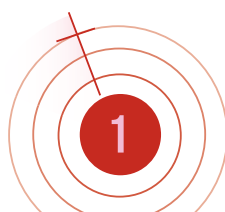
The first chemo/immunotherapy was nerve racking because I had no idea what to expect. I was on an IV for six hours, luckily with a friend beside me, and after that I had few side effects. The second time, three weeks later, lasted four hours. In the days that followed I had a lot more physical discomfort as a result of the chemo. It remains to be seen how I will endure the other courses. If all goes well, I will have four more combined chemo/immunotherapy courses and two more single immunotherapy courses in January. Then I will have a scan to see whether the cancer is gone. The physician is hopeful about that.

Even when the cancer is gone, I can't leave immediately. Further recovery will take some time; it is unclear exactly how long. In the meantime, the ambition to go to Japan remains, an ambition that OMF wholeheartedly supports.

We hope that everyone who supports Project Deshima will continue to do so. It has been agreed with OMF that a fixed, small part of the money collected for my stay in Japan will be used for my monthly expenses in the Netherlands. We would appreciate it that anyone who supports financially would continue to do so. If you prefer to freeze your contribution until my departure to Japan, please contact OMF.

In the meantime, we continue to prayerfully connect to God. On October 12 we hope to hold another prayer meeting for Project Deshima. We start at 7:30 PM in the Kruiskerk in Dordrecht, Vrieseweg 64. Welcome!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming amount of cards, emails, text messages and visits. I feel carried by you. I will keep you informed of all developments in the near future. The newsletter will appear slightly less often: every two months instead of monthly.



JAPAN: INTERESTING NEWS



There have been several Japanese issues that have been covered by the press in recent weeks.

For example, there was the state funeral of Shinzo Abe, the former prime minister who was assassinated in July. Many Japanese thought the costs (over 10 million euros) were out of all proportion. Or what about the decision of the Japanese government to stop using... floppy disks! Who would have thought they still existed in a country like Japan.

There was another report that made the headlines: The Japanese government has launched a campaign to encourage young people to drink more alcohol. In Japan, alcohol is very much part of the business culture, in which an important part of the work is done after work in the office, in cafes and bars. Drinking a lot is normal.

Or rather: was normal. Young people no longer want to drink so much and are reducing their drinking. This affects the amount of liquor sold – and the excise taxes that flow into the

Japanese treasury. In order to raise these excise taxes, a campaign has been launched to encourage young people to drink more. Bizarre in our eyes. But perhaps also hopeful that young people have the guts to make different choices than are expected of them. Who knows how open their eyes are to the Gospel!



PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

Give praise for the good medical care I receive.

Pray that the side effects of chemotherapy will be limited.

Pray that through the treatment I will recover quickly and completely.

Pray that I can leave for Japan as soon as possible.

Pray for the missionaries who are already in Japan or will soon be. Pray that they can show God's light there.

Pray for the young Japanese who want to make different choices than the generations before them. Pray that they will experience God's presence in their lives.

