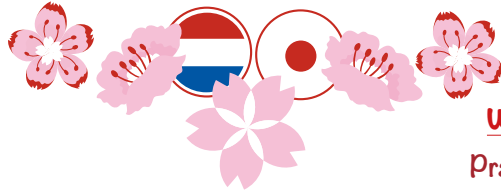


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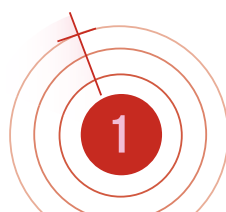
On March 6th we heard the great news that the cancer seems to be completely gone. In fact, according to the physician I had had the best possible response to the chemotherapy and there was no sign of any damage in my body from the metastases.

It was such good news that it took me a while to actually believe it. I have been inundated with hundreds of congratulations in the hours and days since. I'm so thankful that seven months after I found out I had cancer I heard it's gone again. I have felt supported by the Lord and by a lot of prayer: no matter how tough the treatment was, I was able to keep doing many things and had fewer physical problems than others have to deal with. I am also grateful for all the care I have received from friends and acquaintances in recent months. While I was writing this newsletter, I heard that a former colleague and

a sweet lady from church have died of cancer. I am very aware that things could have turned out differently for me too.

Despite the good news, we still have to take into account that bad news is still possible. If a few malignant cells have stayed behind in my body, they were not visible on the PET scan I had after the treatment, but those cells will divide so quickly that they will soon become visible in upcoming scans. Of course we assume that the good news will remain good, but it is wise to take all possibilities into account.

I will have the first control scans (every three months) in the Netherlands. It's too early to leave for Japan. I'm in remission, but not yet completely healed: the chemo has done so much damage to my body that I often feel weaker now than during the treatment. But that will of course get better. And then... Japan!



JAPAN: WHEN?



At the moment, the plan is to leave for Japan in May 2024.

Taking a year to fully recover from chemotherapy is realistic.

Unfortunately, I feel more and more how much the treatment has taken out of me. In the hospital I was told that many people who are in the same phase as me and who have a regular job now go and drink a cup of coffee at work or work for two hours. That shook me up about what I can or cannot do.

So I still have more than a year to spend in the Netherlands. Fortunately, I found a room on a floor that I share with another woman. I hope to rent that room from mid-April.

In the beginning I will have to take it easy, but when my energy returns I hope to take up communication work for OMF and, hopefully, to find a temporary job. It remains to be seen how quickly this will all work out. Will you pray for it?



PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

Give thanks for the hugely successful treatment.

Thank the Lord for the new living space.

Bid voor de nabestaanden van de mensen die zijn overleden aan kanker.

Pray for the loved ones of the two acquaintances who have died of cancer.

Pray for wisdom as I prepare for the coming year.

Pray for a healthy balance between rest and activity.

Pray for the missionaries serving in Japan.

Pray that I will be able to go to Japan next year.

