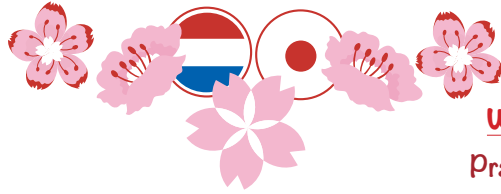


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NO TO SITTING STILL, YES TO TAKING SOME REST

It's time to catch up about this year that I (unfortunately) have to spend in the Netherlands. Luckily I have plenty to do. Actually, the message is that sometimes I should do a little less!

Since March I have been back with my former employer, where I have a contract until the end of the year. I only work two days a week, but I was shocked at how much energy it cost me in the beginning. It was a harsh confrontation with the after-effects of chemotherapy.

Fortunately, I had a check-up at the hospital during the first month at work. The doctor was able to reassure me: the pain and fatigue are quite normal. She indicated that things will probably get better soon. But she did say that I would only have the chance to recuperate properly once. She explained that I have to test my limits, but not go over them too often. By

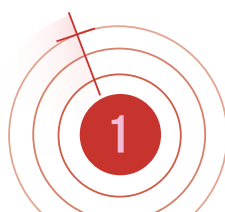
doing too much now, I run the risk of not being able to return to the maximum energy level that is possible for me. I was slightly shocked by those words. So I am being more careful and have had to cancel some appointments.

Of course I still do things; doing nothing would also be unhealthy. In the week running up to Easter there was a short devotional every day in my church, and I had the opportunity to do the one on Monday. During a weekend about vocation, organized by Jozua Alblasterdam church, I was given the chance to briefly tell something about my experiences. By the way, it was wonderful to see how many people attended the conference!



I also have some very special news: if all goes well, a novel I have written will be published in the autumn.

This has been a wish of mine for a long time, and I have always promised myself that if I had to stay in the Netherlands in 2024, I would do my best for publication. It is a detective novel, in which our faith plays a role. I will keep you informed of developments. Of course, it will be in Dutch. Sorry about that!





JAPAN: WE HAVE A DATE (AGAIN)!

The candidate coordinator of OMF Netherlands has told me that I have been registered for the orientation course in Singapore that starts on February 12. So we can countdown again! After that course I can travel on to Japan, which means I will arrive there somewhere between March 8 and 10.

It is very nice to have a concrete date again, although after all the changes recently I hardly dare to believe that it will go ahead this time. Of course, I don't indulge that thought too much. I am busy with preparations again, and have, among other things, obtained a large stack of books from the library about the country. I will also continue to try to master the language better.

I want to use the nine months I have left in the Netherlands to say goodbye to friends in a good way. In the coming months I'll think about how I'm going to approach that!

PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

Give thanks that we have a departure date we can work towards.

Thank the Lord that there are plenty of things to do in the Netherlands too. Pray that I will make good choices between what I do and what I do not do.

Pray for my energy to increase.

Pray for all arrangements surrounding my book.
Pray that it will be a blessing to people.

Pray for OMF's Mission Event, which will be held on June 8. Pray that it will inspire people.

