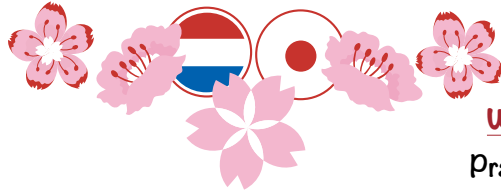


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DOWN WITH FATIGUE!

I find it a bit boring to keep writing about fatigue. Sorry to do it again, because the fatigue is not over yet. Fortunately, there is also nicer news: my book will be launched on October 26!

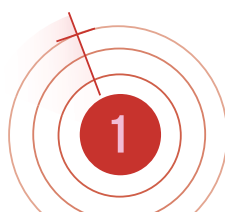
My occupational therapist recently pointed out to me that my fatigue is similar to what people experience who have post-covid complaints. That was a hard pill to swallow, especially because it makes it even more unclear how long it will take to recover. I had a conversation with my GP, who referred me to a physiotherapist. That process has only just started.

Of course, I have also been reading a lot about post-covid, where it seems that, especially in the beginning, you should exert yourself as little as possible for a good recovery. I try to stick to that. I notice that with less exercise I do indeed feel (somewhat) better. It is very much against my

feelings to take it so easy. But when I do more, my body protests strongly.

In the meantime, there is still that great desire to go to Japan. This new setback seems to be the straw that breaks the camel's back after all the delays that have already occurred. I am seeking God's will in this entire process. I recently attended an intercession group, where I was prayed for, but where we also extensively prayed for Japan.

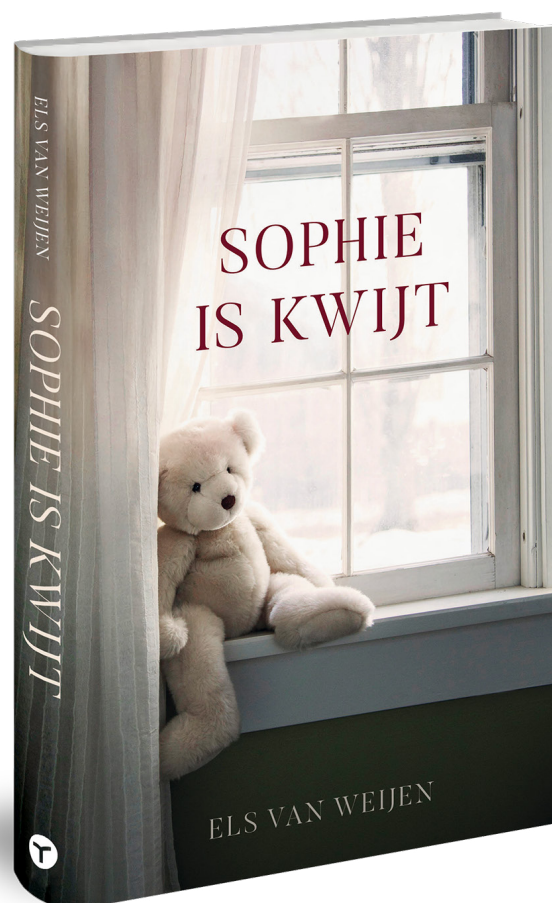
I have agreed with my contact person at OMF that I will let them know at the end of the year whether I can go to the OC (orientation course) in Singapore, in July 2025, and then to Japan. I will of course keep you informed as well. In addition, on behalf of the home front team, I would like to ask all donors once again to pause their donations until my departure. We are grateful for all donations, but July next year is the earliest date on which I will leave and until then I am not allowed to use the money.



BOOK LAUNCH

The publication of my detective story, *Sophie is Kwijt*, is getting closer. The realization of this dream is one of the things that has kept me going lately. I wrote the first version of the book six years ago. In the midst of chemo, fatigue and delays, I thought at one point: 'If I have to stay in the Netherlands in 2024, I will try to find a publisher.' I am grateful that I succeeded and that this dream is already becoming a reality.

There will be a book launch on Saturday, October 26. It will take place from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Kruiskerk (my church), Vrieseweg 64 in Dordrecht. You are most welcome! Though I am guessing that most readers of the English newsletter will be too far away to attend. There will be beautiful music by Antine Alderliesten, who is part of my home front team, publisher Theo Veldhuis will speak and I hope to read a piece from the book and tell something about the reasons why I wrote it.



PRAISE AND PRAYERS POINTS

Please pray that it will become clear why there are so many delays in the plans for Japan and what is the right way to deal with them.

Pray for the missionaries in Japan. Pray for breakthroughs in the important work they are doing.

Pray for perseverance for me. Sometimes I get discouraged by the seemingly endless delays. Thank you for the publication of my novel. It is a dream come true.

Give thanks to God for the publication of my novel. It is a dream come true.

Pray that the book will touch people, entertain them, but also make them think.

