



Dear Praying Friends,

February 2024

Suriname  
SOUTH AMERICA

We are excited to write to you again to report that God is blessing our family and our ministry. We are confident that this is due to the constant prayers that you offer on our behalf. We were so encouraged by the many special Christmas cards and Christmas gifts. Also in January, we received many kind birthday wishes. Faith had her second birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>! Thank you to all those who gave a special offering! You are an encouragement!

### Language

As we entered the New Year we remain focused on learning Dutch. Today will be our last lesson in the level 2 course. This is the second 6 week intensive course we have taken. We will soon be starting the 3<sup>rd</sup>. While we still have much to learn and still struggle with communicating as we would like we look back over the last 4 months and remember how far we have come! We can hold simple conversations in Dutch and we understand much of what it said at church or in the store. We appreciate your continued prayers as we continue our study of Dutch.

### Evangelism

It was so encouraging to see Immanuel Baptist Church recommit to an emphasis on evangelism in 2024 in a special service we were privileged to attend. We have assisted Pastor Allen in ordering quality tracts. It was also encouraging to attend the special prayer service held in preparation of the door-to-door soul-winning efforts the church has planned. The people truly understood that we are dependent on the Spirit in the work of evangelism. We are currently making plans to begin a neighborhood children's Bible club. We are excited to see how God might bless and grow this ministry.

We have been encouraged that the Suriname people have been extremely receptive as we distribute gospel tracts. Only one person I encountered seemed reluctant to accept the tract. All the others have accepted it gladly often thanking me. We are eager to be able to communicate more effectively so we can share the love of Christ in a deeper way!

In Christ,

Mark, Emily, Faith and William

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