

Manila, February 2012

Cold is relative???

In Lelystad, Netherlands, it was -20, in Baguio, Philippines +10, but both long time low temperatures. People in the Philippines are also experiencing cold, even if they never saw snow in their lives. I have landed safely again and reasonably recovered from jetlag and temperature differences. Thanks to you all for face book messages, emails and phone calls!



It is good to be back, this week I had to show up at immigration and last week we had a pastor's conference already. No time to be bored, but still time to get everything done. The building of ABCCOP is improved while I was gone and we hope to move into our new office soon! Finally out of the cellar! Hopefully no more rats in my drawers...

HOME ASSIGNMENT

It was great to have been in the Netherlands for a little while, do typical Dutch things and play with my cousins and nieces.



Thanks Danit en Zeb! I really enjoyed our time!

Being there for the birthdays of my 84, 87 and 88 old grandparents was very special as well! Besides this I have spoken in many churches and schools, and small groups in houses of friends. Many opportunities to share about the work God is doing here in the Philippines, it was a great time!

To top it all up, we were able to spend a week in the snow as a family. What a difference in climate!



Meal with mission department

Looking forward...

Lovely to be back in my old house and work, although many things changed in the office, because of elections. We are working through all these changes now. Also I hope to be able to focus more and teaching teachers this term, so we have more, better equipped teachers to help in the growing ministry.

I also received a small LCD that I can take along to the province for teaching.

In short, I am excited, even if the saying goodbye to family is difficult. Here in the Philippines lays my task and even the guards of the neighboring houses came out to welcome me back!

Church anniversary

Last Sunday the 20th anniversary of my church was celebrated. At the same time the last payment of their debt to the contractor was being paid, after many, many years. A big celebration! Our theme for the year "My best for God!" let's do it!



Disaster again

Many asked how it was with the floods in Mindanao. The first needs of drinking water and food are fulfilled, now projects are being written to help in the rebuilding of two whole cities.

Further there was a heavy earthquake in middle area of the Philippines on the island where my housemate is from. Most roads, buildings and bridges are also damaged there. More than 1000 aftershocks being managed and several people did not survive. The fear for tsunamis was maybe the worst for the survivors.

A new year... A new year with God!

Agenda:

- ? February: moving to new office
- March 2-3: teaching in Catanauan
- March 4: preach in Pitogo, A new church plant about 8 hours from Manila.
- April 9-27 April: Servant leadership school, Mindoro.

The rest will become clearer once all is back on track in the office...

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