



Manila, December, 2018

It is nice to be back in my other "home". Buzzer, my dog was happy to see me again and even more happy when I had a bone with me :-). He now has a little brother: Woody. They love to play together.



Getting used to the heat again, took a while. Also for my body to figure out when it was time to eat, wake up and sleep.:_)

Meanwhile life is back to normal...

Home assignment

I look back to a time of beautiful encounters with friends, family and supporters, wonderful walks in autumn nature and despite emails and facebook, a bit of distance from the work here.

I was able to help in Wageningen with the annual pancake campaign for my work here.



It was super cozy and there was a Filipino couple who came to visit in the Netherlands and were invited by a Russian volunteer :-). Wageningen remains an international city!



Mr. Henk Schipper from Veenendaal is still busy writing books and having them translated. One of his books was distributed to nearly 500 leaders in the Philippines. It was special to hand him a copy, just before his 90th birthday!



Enthusiastic reception of the books.

I was allowed to share something in different churches and schools of what is happening here in the Philippines.



I have been able to meet many sponsors and prayer partners and had meetings with OMF, GZB, ZWO and TFC ... Yes, also during home assignments there have to be meetings.

But we also had a debrief time with other missionaries together, conversations at the OMF and GZB offices and of course time with my TFC. Later in the letter you will hear something from them.

I was able to travel back and forth to Jakarta and Samar Island in that one month that I am back. In Jakarta there was a conference for chaplains for Dutch people in foreign prisons. We were able to learn a lot about visiting (there are currently 11 Dutch people imprisoned in the Philippines). Since this conference was subsidized by foreign affairs, we lacked nothing. :-)

In Samar there is now a new church building, a pastor and elders are installed and both churches were able to grow



Through a mass-wedding there are again quite a number of couples now officially married. For many Filipinos in the urban poor or remote areas, it is difficult to officially marry, because they have never been officially registered at birth, or because they married before age 25 and needed parental consent, but who lived too far away to visit, or lack of finance for the papers, etc ...



Our team there now helps them with the paper work. The government made a building available and someone else lent nice clothes! Another gave nice things to eat. It was a beautiful day!

Important data

January is full of training!

- Jan 14-19: teaching about on the use of oral techniques in Bible training at ATS seminary.
- Jan 22-23: meta-narrative (story line of the Bible) to our ACTS teachers in training
- Jan 24: meeting about another theological education program, as an intermediate level between discipleship and Bible school.
- Jan 28-Feb 2: sermon preparation training with 7 denominations at ABCCOP. (langham preaching)
- Feb 19-22 ABCCOP national synod
- Feb 26-28 council meetings OMF
- Feb 29-March 1 retreat for myself :-).

Warm greetings from Manila,
Iljo de Keijzer

From the TFC

A few weeks ago, on 8 November 2018, Iljo was sent back to the Philippines after a few months' leave. We look back gratefully on her time in the Netherlands, with many beautiful encounters. Iljo will expand her tasks in the training and equipping of Filipino church leaders in this new period, supporting the setting up of a new GZB project in Samar.

Are you already a donor? In order to make life and work possible for Iljo in the Philippines, an amount of € 20,000 is required annually. There are many other project costs. The broadcast of Iljo is made possible by the PKN Wageningen and donors. We would like to thank all donors for this fixed income base. Thank you for going through this new period! Are you not yet a donor? If you would like to financially support Iljo's work periodically, please request an authorization card at tfciljo@gmail.com. You can also set up a monthly transfer via your bank. Various collections will be held to guarantee sufficient financial resources. Of course, one-off donations are also welcome.

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Together we wish Iljo a nice new period in the Philippines, supported by a home front that is around her.

TFC: Els Upperman, Annemieke van Berkel, Jan-Willem Lapoutre and Peter Quik.



COLOFON

De GZB en de OMF werken samen om de uitzending van Iljo de Keijzer mogelijk te maken.

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