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Multiply Your Gift This Year!

This Fall we were given a wonderful gift - an opportunity to double every gift given in 2011 toward the "New Wing" of De Poort, which has been a growing hub of activity. This year we've had more than 1200 people stay at De Poort as part of outreach teams, Discipleship Training Schools, seminars and internships - including over 350 hospitality guests!

Last year December we shared about the opportunity to add more than 100 beds

in the "New Wing" of De Poort. This will more than double the number of people we can train and host to reach out to the city of Amsterdam and around the world. One of the absolute requirements we have to see this fulfilled is to install a new fire safety system and related renovations. We want and need to see this new system fully installed by the end of this year. To make this possible, we've needed to see over €50,000 come in for this purpose.

I'm glad to share with you that this summer we received a gift of €15,000 towards this and also another amazing gift this September - a matching fund of €21,800 was given, where each gift given toward the "New Wing" by the end of 2011 will be matched! Your gift will literally be doubled!

Each team that comes in, every school or seminar we host, represents countless

opportunities to share the gospel of Christ in the city of Amsterdam and beyond. Just a few weeks ago our Discipleship Training School joined a God's Story outreach in Brussels with the School of Evangelism from YWAM Heidebeek (*in Heerde, the Netherlands*), YWAM Brussels and others - and helped 25 people come to the Lord!

Your gift toward the "New Wing" will not only help double our capacity for Amsterdam and other cities to be impacted with the Gospel, but whatever gift you give toward the "New Wing" will be matched up to €21,800 (\$30,000). Only what comes in until the end of the year will be matched, so would you prayerfully consider if the Lord would have you give towards this and if so, what amount? He is a God of multiplication - and we are very thankful that whatever you give will be multiplied!



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Over the last 6 months we've had 6 babies born in our community, including a set of twins! It's been a delight as a community to welcome these new lives into their families! Yes, sometimes it means less sleep, changed schedules, new rhythms, new expenses - but the joy of each new life far outweighs whatever inconvenience there may be. In the same way, Jesus described in Luke 15:10, there is rejoicing in heaven over every new spiritual life - over one person who repents. It's not always an easy path - but it's always worth it.

Earlier this year one of our DTS Department staff, Rebeca, felt strongly that she needed to share the gospel with a lady she had known to be trafficking hundreds of women into prostitution for many years. This lady had led her own niece into prostitution in the Red Light District

in Amsterdam, where her niece met Jesus through YWAM staff and others who had ministered to her. This niece did a DTS in her home country and is now is married to a pastor. Many were praying as Rebeca traveled in faith and eventually could meet this aunt for three hours. Every time she was about to share the gospel someone came to the door. Finally an opportunity came to share and ask this lady, "Isn't it time you gave your life to God?" This time she answered, "It's time." She gave her life to the Lord together with two others there in her home - and now she has a Bible study in her own home with her niece and her husband to learn how to live for Jesus.

How we rejoiced when we heard that - and how much more in heaven! New life had come to that home after many years of YWAM being present in the Red Light District

New Life: Multiplying Your Impact!

of Amsterdam sharing about Jesus. Praise God for His impact through the faithfulness of so many people like you standing with us through your prayers and your support.

If you'd like another opportunity to continue to impact people with God's heart - come take the SHINE Seminar this March that will focus on a Christian response to human trafficking, take a Discipleship Training School, join the Christmas Outreach or the Summer of Service or do the Intercersory Missionary Internship - it can change your life and others forever!

As we celebrate the birth of Christ - thank you for your supporting the New Life that God is bringing through YWAM Amsterdam!

Steve Ashworth



Sharing about Jesus on the streets of Ukraine

January DTS

In the 2011 January DTS, our theme was being "Marked by His presence, reflecting His glory". We spent 10 weeks in Amsterdam and 2 in Israel, growing deeper in the knowledge of the Lord. From that foundation, we embarked on our outreach phase to reflect His glory abroad in Ukraine & Serbia. This is a testimony from the team in Ukraine.

"From Israel to Ukraine, our outreach team has lived out the theme of our school, "Marked By His Presence, Reflecting His Glory." As we have learned to fall more in love with Jesus, God's glory has been reflected on us in ways we were not always aware. God's glory has also been reflected in how unified we have been. Each one of us has been transformed as we have sought God's face.

For example, one day while in Lutsk, Ukraine, we felt the Lord did not want us to go out and do more evangelism. Instead, He wanted us to spend the morning seeking after Him and going deeper in His presence. That afternoon, when we did go out, we were much more effective, simply because we put the Lord first. Ministries we participated in varied, from a soup kitchen and prayer walks in Israel, to street evangelism and practical work in Ukraine. At our last outreach location in Ukraine, we did practical work at a camp for at-risk-youth.

Now, as DTS is over we look ahead. As we go to our separate homes we continue to seek God's face. As we do so we are marked by His presence and will reflect His glory."

Jessie Corona



Helping with garden work



September DTS

The Life in the Overflow DTS is a few weeks under way. At the end of September, ten students from six different countries arrived in Amsterdam and began their adventure filled with expectation. The focus of this DTS is on intimacy with God, prayer and evangelism.

Every week we spend four hours in the Tabernacle, YWAM Amsterdam's house of prayer. It was unfamiliar in the beginning, but by sitting at His feet, we learn to listen to His voice and to enjoy His presence, being continually filled and refreshed. God has a life in the overflow for each of us: a better life, more than we could ever dream of. He desires to fill us to the overflow so we may have impact on the people around us where ever we go: in Amsterdam, the Netherlands or on outreach in Tanzania...

The first week the students were immediately sent out to the streets to share about Jesus. They left with trembling hands, but one after the other, came back with tremendous stories. As I write this, we're spending a week in Brussels, receiving training in evangelism. Here we are given practical tools, learning how to engage in conversation and how to be led by the Holy Spirit. Every day we go on outreach in the city. The more we share about Jesus, the bolder we get. It is wonderful to see the students engage in conversations, pray for people and prophesy.

After two remarkable weeks of teaching on the Father heart of God and the Holy Spirit, and now with this time in Brussels, we are looking forward to everything God has for us in the weeks to come. I have great expectations!

Esther van den Berk



"Bidden werkt // Prayer works"
Prayer Station in Friesland, NL



Intercessory Missionary Internship

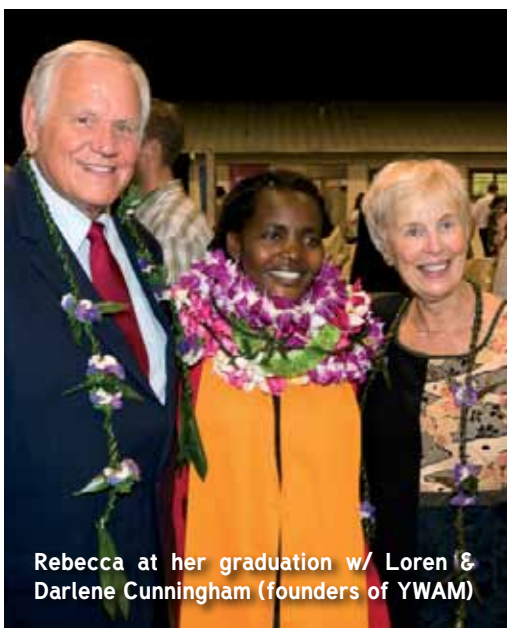
In the 3-month Intercessory Missionary Internship (IMI), we call a generation to wholeheartedly pursue God, lead consecrated lives of prayer and fasting, and learn to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is searching for a generation who, in loving obedience, will abandon themselves to Jesus as their supreme delight and pursuit – their “one thing” (Ps. 27:4). The IMI challenges and assists spiritually hungry ones to be equipped in a life of prayer and outreach.

As the interns spend many hours in the Tabernacle (YWAM Amsterdam’s house of prayer) at the feet of Jesus, agreeing in prayer with the plans that God has for this city and the nations, they themselves get transformed into His likeness and their hearts fall more in love with their Maker growing so in the first and second commandment.

This is our 3rd time running the IMI and we have 5 fantastic students & 5 staff from Germany, Macedonia, United States, & the Netherlands. **Robin van Ommen**



University of the Nations



Rebecca at her graduation w/ Loren & Darlene Cunningham (founders of YWAM)

In July, Jim Mellis led his ninth graduation and commissioning ceremony for YWAM Amsterdam staff members earning degrees in Intercultural Studies from the University of the Nations. Moises Chacón (Venezuela), Johanna Duran-Greve (Germany) and Mike Duran (USA) each received their Associate of Arts (AA) degrees. At the ceremony, Jeff Fountain, former YWAM European director and chairman of the U of N board of regents, spoke words of encouragement and challenge to the three graduates.

Moises and his wife Maria have themselves been preparing to lead an intercultural



(L to R): Debbie & Jim Mellis, Jeff Fountain, Moises Chacón, Johanna & Mike Duran

missions training program. Mike and Johanna are continuing to serve on the Lighthouse team in Amsterdam, and have recently welcomed twins into their family: Emma and Joe.

Since 1985 Jim, a member of the international leadership team for the college of Humanities and International Studies, has conferred 29 AA degrees and 3 BA degrees in such ceremonies.

The 16 men and 16 women earning these degrees have been citizens of 12 different nations representing six different continents: Belgium, Germany, Netherlands

& Norway (Europe); Canada & the USA (North America); Brazil & Venezuela (South America); Mauritius & South Africa (Africa), South Korea (Asia); New Zealand (Australia).

At another graduation ceremony in September, during the University of the Nations workshop in Kona, USA, a BA in Counseling was conferred on another YWAM Amsterdam staff member: Rebecca Akhahoya from Kenya. Steve Ashworth was on hand to congratulate Rebecca.

Congratulations
to Moisés, Johanna, Mike and Rebecca!

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS

www.ywamamsterdam.org/dts

The DTS is an intensive discipleship course focused on missions which encourages young adults to grow in their relationship with God. This course is for those who want their lives to count for eternity. It's about learning the ways of God, hearing His voice and allowing Him to transform your life.

- **January DTS (English / Dutch)**
"Marked by His Presence"
January 8 - June 8, 2012
- **April DTS (English / Korean)**
"Performing Arts focus"
April 1 - September 15, 2012
- **September DTS (English / Dutch)**
September 30, 2012 - March 16, 2013

SHINE SEMINAR

www.ywamamsterdam.org/shine

Shine: the global sex trade & a Christian response

- March 8 - April 24, 2012

INTERCESSORY MISSIONARY INTERNSHIP

www.ywamamsterdam.org/imi

The Intercessory Missionary Internship is a three-month Internship targeting those who seek to be equipped for leadership at their local house of prayer or who intend to join staff at the Tabernacle of the Nations in Amsterdam. It's also for those that want to give themselves to a season of intense prayer and taste what it is like to live as an intercessory missionary.

- September 30 - December 14, 2012

OPEN HOUSE openhouse@jmeo.nl for more info

- May 17, 2012



MISSION BUILDERS NEEDED

We have a lot of maintenance work to be done and are extending the call for brick layers, electricians, painters & generally handy people to come to Amsterdam for up to 3 months and serve the base. Room & board is provided. Contact us at: applications@jmeo.nl



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prayer points

Thank God for the multiplication & new life coming into YWAM Amsterdam. Pray with us for the fire system in the New Wing to be completed by the end of 2011 so we can see even more multiplication in our schools, conferences, seminars, staff, volunteers & guests -- to multiply impact the nations with the love of Jesus!

Thank God for the January DTS, the September DTS and the IMI. Thank Him for what the staff & students have sown into the city of Amsterdam and abroad. Pray for the seeds that have been sown to take root in good soil. Pray also for the students who have returned home that they will quickly & smoothly apply what they learned during their time here.

Thank God for the recent UofN graduates: Rebecca Akhahoya, Mike & Johanna Duran and Moises Chacón. Pray for wisdom & guidance as they step into this next season following their formal education.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

21 DECEMBER 19:30

IN THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT
with Black Gospel Choir: Inside Out

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