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**The Netherlands**

**“HELPING PEOPLE  
DISCOVER THE  
TRUTH THAT  
TRANSFORMS”**



**JENNI & WIM**  
**SHARE ABOUT SOIP &**  
**BEING A STAY-AT-**  
**HOME DAD**



**DOORS OPENING**  
**FOR JENNI'S MUSIC IN**  
**THE NETHERLANDS**



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# THE DUFOORTS

## Family of FIVE!

Wow, our family feels so big now that we have 3 kids! Finn is growing fast and doing very well (he's above average on his weight and height!) and Nora & Ezra LOVE him. Nora has a lot of motherly instincts and it's actually really helpful. Like when we're busy trying to go somewhere and Finn is crying in his car seat, she likes to sing to him: "Finn niet huilen!" = "Finn don't cry!", hehe! And Ezra won't go to bed until he's given Finn a "knuffel kusje" = "hug kiss". It's really a joy to see our kids love on each other and we feel SUPER blessed. On the 24th of February we celebrated Finn with a "babyborrel" and we had a great time- a lot of people came and the food was great!



## Wim in Maintenance



Since Jenni is still home on "pregnancy furlough", Wim is working full-time in maintenance now. It's been nice to work on some bigger projects, like building an addition to one of the staff houses so that the family could welcome their 4th child. And building a ropes course (for team-building activities) in the forest around Heidebeek. During the project on the ropes course Wim was hammering a metal hook into one of the trees and the hammer bounced off and hit him just below the eye! We're SO thankful that he didn't get more injured, but he had quite a nice bruise for a week or so!

## Mama @ Work ~ Papa @ Home

From August until December 2017 Jenni was involved full-time in the School of Intercessory Prayer (SOIP) and Wim was home full-time with Nora & Ezra. Let's be clear, "home full-time" actually meant bringing the kids to school, picking them up at lunch time to come home to eat, then taking Nora back in the afternoon for two more hours of school and then picking her up again... and more. So it might sound easy, but it wasn't- haha! It was a challenging and enriching experience for the both of us! Let us share a bit more about it...



*one of the SOIP students leading a time of intercession on the base*

### Jenni

"This was an amazing and challenging time for me, as I was in the third trimester of my pregnancy for most of the time! Also challenging knowing that those were the last 4 months with only Nora & Ezra (before the arrival of Finn), I found it hard to be less involved in their lives because I was so busy with the school. But God really carried me through! Of course I couldn't have done it without Wim who did an amazing job as a full-time dad!

I grew personally in many areas, especially in conflict resolution, handling feedback in a good way, and communication skills. And of course it was super upbuilding to hear the teaching and input of the many great speakers we had. I mentored two students over the course of the school and it was so encouraging to see how I

could bring some positive input into their journey and process with God. I see my heart really is in discipleship as a lifestyle, just living my faith in an authentic and transparent way and sharing any wisdom I've received on my own journey with those around me. I love it!

I also see how blessed we are to work with YWAM, an international and interdenominational organization, because it places us in "uncomfortable" situations as we have to learn to work with people who are very different from us in many ways. It gives us the chance to lose the cultural blinders we grow up with and helps us to deal with other blindspots that hinder us from having truly godly character. So I totally enjoyed these four months in the school, but am also very glad to have some rest at home now!"



*graduation with Kathrine from Denmark, one of the students I mentored during the school*

## Wim

“From August - December I was home with Nora & Ezra (they were 4 years and 2 years old at that time). Because of that Jenni was able to be involved full-time in the SOIP (around 50 hours a week). It was a very busy season for the both of us. Jenni grew a lot spiritually, but I have too just by being responsible for the household and the kids. Bringing them to school and to dance



taking the kids to school Dutch-style (on Jenni's bike, haha!)

lessons. All of these things have stretched me a lot and have helped me to learn to be more patient (even though I still did lose my patience at times)! I see that compared with two years ago, I'm much more patient and I'm more able to let Jenni go so that she can grow in her ministry.

It's often said that fathers play a very important role in the lives of their children and that we often underestimate that. If we look to society we see a lot of absent fathers. But if we want to win the trust

of our children we need

to spend a lot of time with them. Fathers give identity to their kids and that helps their kids to be more confident and know that they are loved. Why am I saying all of this? Because I really see it as a privilege that I was able to spend so much quality time with my kids.

For me personally, it's easier to let someone speak into my life when that person spends quality time investing into our relationship. Then they have much more influence in my life. I believe discipling people should happen through sincere relationship and not because you're obligated to because of your position (as a mentor or pastor, etc.) People can tell if you want to



spend time with

them just because you want to... or because it's your "job". Let's disciple people out of a place of love and not out of feeling obligated to accomplish our task.

Raising your children is the most intense form of discipleship which makes parenting so important and valuable. Because you are raising future reformers and revivalists!"



## Open Doors



Finn chilling while Mama sings & talks on the radio!

Jenni's album "Light" was re-released through the company NEEMA in January (there were some delays which postponed it longer than expected). But since the release some great things have been happening! Jenni was invited to sing and give an interview on "EO Radio 5" - a Christian program broadcasted on national FM radio throughout all of The Netherlands.

"Light" was also featured as "CD of the week" at Groot Nieuws Radio (the biggest Christian radio station in The Netherlands) and currently they are including Jenni's music in their daily playlist. She was also able to give an interview there as well...



and all in Dutch! The main message Jenni is bringing in all of this is that God is inviting us into a life of truth, transparency and transformation. That by being honest about what's really happening inside of us with God and others, we can really be transformed... getting victory over struggles and finding our

true destinies. So often in church or Christian groups there's pressure to perform, to "look" like a good Christian by doing all the right things and still often our own hearts are filled with unbelief, jealousy, anger, lust... many "hidden" things which people don't always see, but God does. And it's time we stop with the act and just get real. Acknowledge our weaknesses and then invite the life-changing power of Jesus into those places. So this is a great opportunity to reach a lot of people with this very important message! There is a lot more happening in the music arena for Jenni, but we'll mention more on that later. **Thank you so much for your prayers and love!**

*Wim, Jenni, Nora, Ezra & Finn*



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