

the MAARSEVEEN RAMBLES

✧ Dear friends ✧



Our greetings to you - we trust you had a blessed Easter, with family and friends, as we celebrated Christ's death on the cross for our sins, and His glorious resurrection.

(Luke 24: 46 to 47)



Upcoming events

Friday 27th May - Graduation of students / Team social

30th May to 3rd June - TP team retreat to Wales

11th to 25th June - 'London Calling' Outreach program

5th to 8th July - OM 'Transform' conference in Italy

9th to 23rd July - 'Capital Challenge' Outreach program

30th July to 13th August - 'Royal Mission' Outreach program

21st August to 3rd September - Jane to Holland (as nurse) for OM GO (Global Outreach) conference for new recruits

Over Easter, the Turning Point team hosted the two week 'Call of Hope' Easter outreach program, with teams staying in two local churches, with many opportunities to share the story of Christ's love, His death and resurrection to people living in and visiting London, and to distribute gospel literature, tracts and Jesus dvd's.

One of the teams held a 'Cricifixion Walk' on Good Friday, from Primrose Hill through the streets of London, to the church where they were staying, with the 4 metre high wooden cross (pictured in the TP Express, at the Easter Sunrise service). As you can imagine, there were some interesting comments and conversations along the way for the team members.

Heinz and Aaron, our boss, made the cross from rafters removed from the Trinity Centre during the renovation of the building.

An Easter Sunday Sunrise service was held on Primrose Hill, overlooking Regents Park, and the mighty city of London, which was an amazing experience, followed by a delicious breakfast at Abbey Road Baptist Church, prepared by an Iranian family who attend Oasis International Church. There was also a group of South Koreans on the hill, celebrating Christ's resurrection.

The outreach groups also experienced street and park evangelism - Jane joined a team for Kids ministry at Kensington Gardens, close to the Diana, Princess of Wales, Playground. Children and families from different cultures and faiths, had opportunity to join in games, singing and stories from the bible.

Please pray for the outcome of contacts made during the outreach, and seeds sown through conversations and literature distributed.

A highlight during the outreach, was the Royal wedding (on Heinz's birthday) - we watched the ceremony on TV at the home of Chris and Helen, from St Johns Wood Road Baptist Church, and afterwards enjoyed a 'street party' - a barbecue organised by Chris and Helen for the residents in their street, and church members. That evening, we had another BBQ at the home of our boss, Aaron and his family, with Turning Point team members and the outreach teams, with a bonfire to celebrate. Some of the team members braved the crowds in the city to view the procession for the wedding.

We enjoyed a blessed and restful week in Holland following the outreach, staying with our sister in law, **Joke** at Hardewijk, and time with the family. She and Heinz share an interest in searching for family records, hence time was spent in local country town halls and church grave yards, looking for family records and grave stones - we were successful in finding Heinz's maternal grandparents headstone, and some of his Maarseveen forebears. We



visited the fascinating weekly Alkmaar Cheese market, north of Amsterdam, existing since the 17th century. It was a wonderful spectacle, with a museum in

the historic weighing house nearby.

We also spent a day with a former TP student, Ingeborg, and visited Kinderdijk, near Rotterdam, an area with 19 World Heritage listed windmills, built in 1738 - 40 to drain the low lying land. A popular saying is ' God created the world, the Dutch created Holland'!

Work is continuing apace at the Trinity Centre - **Heinz, Aaron** and team members are **busy!** completing the renovation and rebuilding of the gents toilet block, with



new shower bays, and an office with disabled access. A group of 27 people, 22 from a church in Italy, will be staying at the centre

over the weekend, hence the push to finish, with late nights and weekend work. The wall tiling is nearly completed, the plumbing and hard wearing epoxy flooring is being installed this week. Jane will be cooking for the group.

Please pray for successful completion of the project before the summer outreach program starts.

At the end of the month, the TP team, plus 6 members of the Green Tree Church, New Jersey, USA, (who will be catering for us and looking after the children's program), will travel to south east Wales for the annual team retreat, which we are looking forward to. We will travel in the advance party, to set up the camp site at Cilcoed Christian Centre, near Carmarthen. We will be blessed with teaching from Haydn Wood, pastor of Stockwell Baptist Church, south London, and a lecturer for the TP students on Doctrine, and will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside and coastline.

Recently we have had news of several individuals and families in OM and other mission fields, who have/are experiencing difficulties, such as vehicle accidents, with fatalities of family members and friends. Others are struggling with illness, sickness of children, loss of a child through miscarriage.

Please pray for all who are grieving, recovering from injuries and sickness, that they may be upheld, and know the Lord's comfort and healing at this time, and for protection for those serving the Lord in mission fields worldwide. (2 Peter 5: 8 - 11)

Jane's parents continue with reasonable health, and attended the annual Hamilton Show recently, of which my father was a founding member. We are in regular contact with them as with our sons, Will and Peter.

Please pray for our families, both in Australia and Holland, for good health, and for us, as we miss them, however we know this is where the Lord wants us at this time.

Blessings to you all, and we trust you are well, we appreciate your prayers and support to us in many ways - thank you for being part of our GAP (giving, assisting, praying) team.

In Christ's Name,
Heinz and Jane Maarseveen

Please note our new postal address:- we are always happy to receive mail!

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