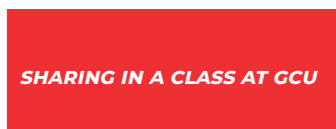




Dear friends,

Thank you for partnering with us in ministry! The Lord is good! In our prayer letter last fall, we asked you to pray for two evangelistic outreaches on the island of Bonaire: our women's ministry outreach and our Thanksgiving lunch outreach. Please join us in praising the Lord for answering our prayers!

At our women's outreach, we had a couple of visitors, one of whom began regularly attending our Sunday services. The other visitor was deeply impressed and touched by our ladies' testimonies and openness to sharing their relationships with Christ. This visitor was very encouraged in her personal life and search for God.



At our Thanksgiving evangelistic lunch last November, we had a few visitors, and praise God, two young people, Alron and Priscilla, accepted Christ as their Savior! This young couple is now in a discipleship course and is excited to study the Bible with us. We praise the Lord for them and their growing relationship with Christ. Please keep them in your prayers.

As you may recall from previous letters, we have made several trips to the nearby island of Aruba over the past couple of years, along with Pastor Michael and Sandra Look from a GMI-affiliated church in Curacao, to lay the groundwork for planting a church there. During these trips, we shared the gospel with people we met on the street and also held evangelistic meetings where we shared the gospel. As a result of these efforts, a core group of believers has formed in Aruba that we continue to invest in through visits and online interaction. We are excited to share the news that we have started a new online discipleship course with a family of new believers that is eager to learn more about Christ. Please pray for them!

Some of you may know that we were planning to arrive in the United States in January to visit churches, participate in mission conferences, and renew relationships with our ministry partners. However, a few days before our scheduled departure last January, Denise was diagnosed with uterine cancer. As you can imagine, this was very concerning news, and our focus immediately turned to Denise's health and finding the best course of treatment for her. At that time, our plans to travel to the US were put on an indefinite hold, which meant canceling our flights to the US and our participation in the mission conferences in Michigan.

We immediately took our concerns to the Lord, and we asked believers and churches around the world to join us in praying for Denise. The strong prayer support we received was a great encouragement to us. On February 5th, Denise underwent surgery to remove her uterus, and samples were sent to the lab for testing. We thank God that the surgery and recovery went well. A week later, when the lab results were complete, we received the good news that the cancer had not spread. We praise God that the doctors have determined that Denise will not need further treatment and only needs to continue with regular annual check-ups.

We are so thankful to the Lord for delivering Denise from this terrible disease. We also thank God for all the prayer support we received from individuals and churches around the world. We are so thankful to the Lord for you, our brothers and sisters worldwide, who supported us during this time with your prayers and words of encouragement.

After a nearly ten-week delay for Denise's treatment and recovery, she was cleared to travel, and we arrived in Grand Rapids on March 29th. We immediately jumped into visiting churches and plugged into the remaining mission conferences, sharing our plans and goals for ministry in Bonaire and Aruba for 2026. It was such a blessing to spend time with old friends and make new friends while visiting churches in the US. We also had the opportunity to share about our ministries on the islands of Bonaire and Aruba with students at Grace Christian University. We pray that the Lord will raise up some missionaries from among these GCU students.

Even though our time in the US was shorter than we originally planned, and we were not able to visit with as many of you, our faithful supporters, as we had hoped, we thank God for the opportunity we had to reconnect with some of our friends and ministry partners during our brief time in the US. We completed our time in the US with a brief visit to Florida to visit family and ministry partners there. We praise the Lord for the time we spent in the US and for our safe return to Bonaire on July 12th. Please pray for us as we resume the work of the ministry here in Bonaire and as we make plans to move to Aruba in mid-2026 to plant a GMI-affiliated church there.

We praise the Lord that while we were here in the US, the church we planted in Bonaire continued to meet and develop with the help of our sister GMI-affiliated churches in Curaçao. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Aruba that we continue to disciple via Zoom and for our church here in Bonaire. Also, pray for the planned 2026 launch of the Caribbean Grace Bible Institute, which will provide online Biblical training for church leaders from the ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao) and the Netherlands.

Thanks so much for your faithful prayer and support! God bless!

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