



Dear prayer partners,

We have much to be thankful for regarding what the Lord has been doing in our lives and ministry, and we thank God for your many years of faithful prayer and financial support. Your prayers are making a difference in the lives of many people, including ours.

We had a wonderful time visiting churches, friends, and our faithful supporters during our brief visit to the United States from April to early July of this year. After departing the United States in July, we returned to Bonaire for a brief stay and then left for the Netherlands on July 17 to participate in the wedding of one of our spiritual daughters, Charlene. Approximately thirty years ago, at the age of fourteen, Charlene received Christ as her Lord and Savior through our sharing of the gospel with her, and she has faithfully served the Lord in the Grace churches of Curaçao and the Netherlands. Carlos had the privilege of walking Charlene down the aisle together with her father.

CHURCH SERVICE IN THE NETHERLANDS



MEETING WITH CHURCH LEADERS FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND CURACAO



While we were in the Netherlands attending the wedding, we had the opportunity to meet several of the people from Aruba that we disciple each week via Zoom, who were friends and family members of the couple who were married. Even though we came to the Netherlands for a wedding, we are thankful that we had the opportunity to encourage the saints from the Grace Ministries International (GMI) affiliated churches in the Netherlands, preach the Gospel, and encourage a group from Aruba. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with friends old and new, as well as with the church family in the Netherlands.

At one of the services where Carlos spoke, a member of the church came with his sister and her two children from Aruba. When his sister heard that we are planning to plant a church in Aruba next July, she wanted to know where in Aruba so she could visit the church. We are thankful to God that even before the church in Aruba is planted, the Lord is already sending people who would like to be part of this church. Please pray for us as we prepare for the Aruba church plant in mid-2026.

Overall, we had a wonderful time in the Netherlands, visiting with fellow believers and with family. One of the highlights was a leadership meeting at Pastor Marshall Look's home in Belgium (he is the Pastor of the Bible Church in Almere, Netherlands) with leaders from Curaçao and the Netherlands. We discussed the latest developments in the GMI-affiliated churches of the Netherlands, Curaçao, Bonaire, and Aruba. Please pray that the leaders of these churches in the Caribbean islands and the Netherlands will continue faithfully in the Lord.

After being absent from Bonaire for several months, we began holding service again at our church on Bonaire on Sunday, August 10. It was a joy to see the church folks of Bonaire again. We also restarted our discipleship courses via Zoom with the folks from Bonaire and Aruba in August. We praise the Lord for the participants who are taking part in the discipleship class. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn God's Word are very encouraging to us. Please pray for these disciples that they might continue to grow in the Word of God.

In August, we challenged our congregation on Bonaire to continue where they left off with their evangelistic activities for the 2025-2026 school year, and several members began making plans for upcoming evangelistic events. One evangelistic event the church is very excited about is our Thanksgiving dinner, which will be held on November 30. Plans were also made to restart the ladies' meetings, where the women of the church will invite their friends. We are blessed to see the church so excited to reach out to others through these events. Join us in praying for the evangelistic events, that many might attend and accept the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

On September 28, we shared with the Bonaire Grace Church that we will be moving to Aruba in July 2026 to plant a church there. The church members were surprised and saddened to hear this news, even though we often told them that our primary calling as GMI missionaries is to plant churches that teach God's grace around the world. In the following weeks, we took time to speak personally with most of the church members about our decision. After explaining to the church families how the church will function and continue while we are in Aruba, peace and hope were brought to their hearts.

We are grateful and happy to see that, despite the sad news that we will be leaving Bonaire, the church members have stayed the course and continue to organize various church events and evangelistic outreaches over the next year. We hope and pray that the members of the Bonaire church will remain united and determined to keep growing their church. Please continue to pray for a smooth transition as we prepare the Bonaire church for our move to Aruba in July 2026.

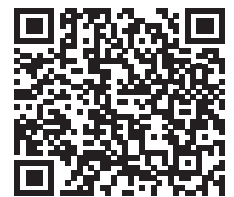
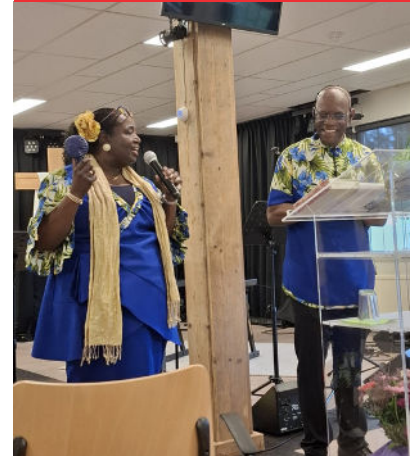
We also ask that you continue to pray for our health, as Carlos needs to undergo some medical examinations in the coming months. Please join us in praying that all of Carlos's medical examination results will turn out well. Carlos was also experiencing some difficulty with his hearing and recently purchased a hearing aid, which made Denise very happy.

We are stepping out in faith as we move forward with plans to move to Aruba next July to plant a church there. The cost of living is significantly higher in Aruba, and we need to raise additional support to be able to go there and start this new church that will share God's grace with the people of Aruba. Please pray that the Lord will provide the additional financial support needed for our move to Aruba by the time we move there in July 2026.

Thank you for your faithful support and partnership with us! God bless you!

Carlos and Denise

SHARING WITH THE CHURCH IN THE NETHERLANDS



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