



BON DIA!

Greetings from Aruba! How blessed we are that we are able to help fulfill God's dream Aruba. What a privilege! We enjoy His goodness every day!!

With this newsletter we want to give you an update on what is going on here in Aruba. Since we set our feet on the ground in August, so many things happened.

When we came here, we had to file an appeal for Erik's work permit right away. The process took long, but it was worth the waiting, because... Erik's work permit is approved! Now we can apply for the permits for Hanneke and the boys. And we can start the process of getting a bank account and the tax-deductible status for the foundation.



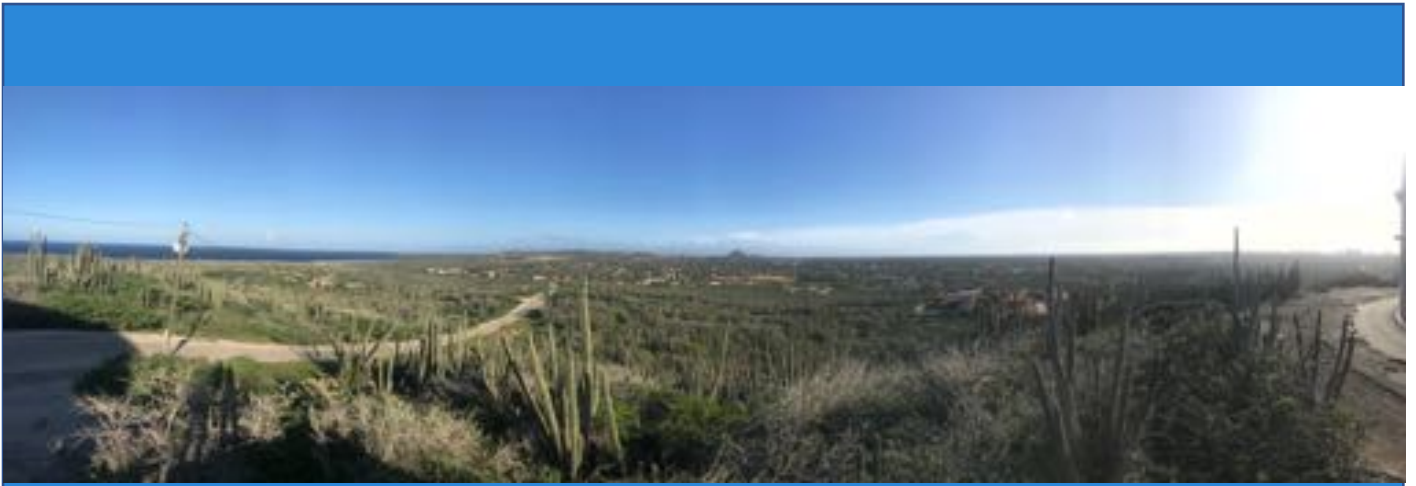
God blessed us with a car!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Erik's work permit is approved!
- Blessed with a car and a place to stay
- Preparing to operate as a YWAM base
- Making connections
- Potential Staff
- New board member

INTERESTING DETAILS

- Number of people: 4
- Number of animals: 2
- Number of visitors: 3
- Number of incoming visitors: 8
- Number of flags: 1



BIBLE VERSE FOR ARUBA

Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3: 5-6 ESV

God blessed us with a house and a lot of necessary inventory. And He blessed us with a car. These things give a lot of stability in our household. We can go places and discover the island and make connections with the local community. And that is a good thing! We are so thankful for the people we already could connect with. That is vital in this pre-launch stage of pioneering a YWAM Base. We also got our first visitors.

In the meantime we work hard to be able to function as a YWAM Base as soon as possible. Hanneke is preparing all kinds of communication and Erik has prepared the staff application form and the contribution list for staff and visitors.



Making connections!



Our first visitors!



Making new friends!

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for the plan He has for Aruba.
- Thank God for all that He has done in the last two years, assigning us and preparing the way.
- Pray for (work) permits for Hanneke and the boys.
- Pray for potential new staff coming in, that they hear God speak very clearly about what He wants them to do.
- Pray a blessing over Andrea for fulfilling her new task.
- Pray for provision for starting the Base and ministries

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POTENTIAL STAFF AND MORE

In the last year we have been praying for staff to join us in Aruba, and even though we don't have staff yet, we are having conversations with several people. In fact, in the upcoming months we welcome two potential staff members as they visit us on their scouting trips to Aruba. It's our privilege to welcome them here, live life together for a while and show them around on the island. Of course we hope that they will join YWAM Aruba long term, but that is up to God and them.

When we were in Barbados (before we got to Aruba) we had a board meeting with the full board of YWAM Aruba. It was so special to have almost all the board members around the table real life. During that meeting the board decided to officially ask Andrea Geerlof to become a board member. Andrea is an experienced missionary with YWAM who is currently pioneering YWAM Curacao. Since Andrea is also a lawyer and Curacao is one of the ABC-islands (as is Aruba), we are blessed by God and her saying yes to this proposal.

In the upcoming months there is more news to share. Stay tuned, we'll keep you posted!

