

# MISSIONARY BROCHURE

## The Van Wijngaarden Family & Church Ministry in **Cambridge, England**

### Introduction

May we introduce ourselves? Our names are Andreas (37) & Katharine (39) van Wijngaarden, and we are blessed with two sons, Luca (12) and Sem (9). We were born in the Netherlands, and for many years Andreas made a living by his entrepreneurial activities with setting up businesses. Two years ago, that changed dramatically when, by faith, we made the choice to follow the call for ministry.



### *Mission*

Our biggest desire is to be used by God to bring people to Christ and to help followers of Christ grow in their discipleship in all of life. This mission is foremost relationally driven.

### *Vision*

We believe God calls us to fulfill this mission by serving in a local community through being involved in church ministry in Cambridge. With the Lord's blessing, we not only pray to see that many may come to and grow in Christ through the church ministry, but also that we may be part of the restoration of a secular Europe. We particularly desire that the main national centers of the reformed tradition in Europe (i.e. United Kingdom and the Netherlands) may once again be characterized by Christianity to the glory of God.

### *Church Ministry*

Our priority in entering the mission field by the summer of 2021 is to join the core group of an intended church plant (by people with a Labri background) in its early stages. Inspired by Francis Schaeffer, the group's vision focuses on witnessing to secular skeptics. Besides that, Andreas will also be working on extending the activities of the Center for Faith & Work ([FaithandWorkSTL.org](http://FaithandWorkSTL.org)) to Cambridge, and potentially further into Europe.

While there are more opportunities to serve, we hesitate to nail down if and how they might fit into our ministry until we have worked our first period in Cambridge.

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### Are You Called to Partner with Us?

*If you feel led to be a partner in ministry, you can support us with prayer and financial support.*

#### Prayer Support

We would love you to pray for the ministry with us. In order to do so, we will send you several prayer letters through the year.

#### Monthly Financial Support

For financial support, we ask our partners to donate on a monthly basis, which is tax deductible. This can be done by using the EFT form with the following link:

**[PMIweb.org/EFTformPMI2020](https://www.pmiweb.org/EFTformPMI2020)**

The EFT form needs to be filled out and then sent to Presbyterian Mission International.

Alternative ways for financial support can be found through the following link:

**[PMIweb.org/donations.php](https://www.pmiweb.org/donations.php)**

The full amount of support will always be transferred to the ministry, which basically means that every dime you give is used for the ministry and nothing else!

### *Confirmation of Calling*

The calling for church ministry has been confirmed by the International Presbyterian Church (IPC), which was founded in 1954 through the ministry of Francis Schaeffer. Andreas has been “under care” with IPC since 2018.

### *A Season of Preparation*

As part of the preparation for a lifetime of ministry, we moved in May 2019 to St. Louis, MO to live on the campus of Covenant Theological Seminary, which is the national seminary of the PCA.

In the meantime, Andreas is halfway through his training in pursuing a Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies as he is learning the biblical languages and theology. While on the mission field, he will research discipleship amid a secular culture to complete his degree.

### *Missionary Organization*

We as a missionary family will be *on* the field. But that is not the whole team, because it is essential to have partners *off* the field who will support through prayer and finance in order to establish an effective and sustainable ministry. To enable this support for the financial side of the partnership in the US, we are part of Presbyterian Mission International ([PMIweb.org/avw.php](https://www.pmiweb.org/avw.php)), the missionary organization that is related to Covenant Seminary.

### *More Information*

If you are interested in partnering with us or want more information before considering joining the monthly support team, you can email us at:

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Please know we would love to be in touch with you.

Andreas and Katharine