

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

and **Happy New Year** from the Van Wijngaarden Family in the United Kingdom

## Wander or wonder?

As we moved this summer, and changed between countries of residence from the US to the UK, we entered quite a disruptive season of life. And although we have moved internationally for several times, there is always the need for patience as it takes time to settle, a lot of time. Nevertheless we are grateful how we slowly, but steadily are able to find our feet again. We realize that our family life sometimes looked like wandering, but really, it has much more been a case of wonder, or marvel at what God was (and is) doing, including in the past year, as we followed His directions.

With Christmas, it is traditionally about the Christian celebration as one looks back to Jesus first coming to this earth to save, but it is also about expectantly looking forward to His second coming in the future.

In this season it is not uncommon to reflect upon the past, as well as on the future. And thus we like to briefly share with you where we now are in our journey of life, including what is on our outlook. Especially after arriving in England this summer with so many uncertainties, and a frightening to-do list, we hope you may notice with us how it is truly amazing “that for those who love God all things work together for good” (Romans 8:28).



## Ways to be involved:

*You can partner in the ministry with prayer and financial support. If you are interested, send us an email for more information:*

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### Prayer Support

We would love you to pray for the ministry with us. To make that possible, we will inform you with several prayer letters throughout the year.

### Financial Support

In the **USA**, we are part of Presbyterian Mission International ([PMLweb.org/avw.php](http://PMLweb.org/avw.php)). You can choose from the following options to donate tax-deductible:

- join the Monthly Support Team by filling out the EFT form ([PMLweb.org/EFTformPMI2020](http://PMLweb.org/EFTformPMI2020)) and sending it in;
- mail a check and include to write "Van Wijngaarden" on the memo line and send it to PMI, 12330 Conway Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141;
- or see the following link ([PMLweb.org/donations.php](http://PMLweb.org/donations.php)) for alternative ways of financial giving.

If you live in the **UK** and want to donate to the ministry, please reach out and we will give you further instructions how to do that tax-deductible.

In **Nederland** zijn we aangesloten bij de ANBI-Stichting Samen op de Bres en kan er belastingaftrekbaar worden gedoneerd. Dit kan worden gedaan door geld over te maken naar IBAN NL35INGB0001152914 t.n.v. St. Samen op de Bres en o.v.v. "Wijngaarden planten." Het is ook mogelijk om de donatie automatisch te laten incasseren. Stuur ons een bericht en wij zullen het benodigde formulier dan toesturen.

## *Old to new: from 2021 into 2022*

With only two weeks to go in 2021 we look back at again a very special year. Some of the things that stand out are that we arrived in Cambridge according to the original plan, "found" an affordable house within days (for anyone known to the area, you know why that is special ;-), the church was planted, and we as a family were fully financially supported. It has not been easy, but what in life is anyway, and as we say regularly to people here, we are doing better every week. The dust is settling, and we are increasingly regaining our confidence as we think of the upcoming year.

It is our hope for the upcoming year that more people will find their way to the planted church, the Faith & Work initiative will develop into an organisation with ongoing activity, and we may develop relationships as we serve our local community through hospitality. From a missionary perspective, we have around 80% of our financial support for the upcoming year, and we hope the remaining need will be fulfilled, just like this year.

## *Thank you!*

Let us close by thanking you for being part of our lives.

For some it has been more recent, for others a while ago, and for so many it is ongoing, but we are grateful for sharing your lives, and goodness with us.

Furthermore we want to say a special thanks to all the ones who support the ministry through being a partner.

*Greeting you all with the warmest regards,*

*Andreas, Katharine, Luca & Sem van Wijngaarden*

