

MISSIONARY BROCHURE

The Van Wijngaarden Family & Church Ministry in the **United Kingdom**

Introduction

May I introduce ourselves. We are Andreas (37) & Katharine (38) van Wijngaarden and are blessed with two sons Luca (11) and Sem (8). We are born in the Netherlands. For many years Andreas made a living by his entrepreneurial activities with setting up businesses, but two years ago that changed dramatically when, by faith, we made the choice to follow the call for ministry.



Mission

It is our biggest desire to be used by God to bring people to Christ, and to help the ones that know Christ already to 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 the United Kingdom. With the Lord's blessing we do not only hope 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. In particular it is our 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.

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. In the future on the mission field, while ministering to the local church community, he will finish the final part of the degree with research that is focused on discipleship of Christ in life and church amid a secular culture.

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Are you called to partner with us?

If you feel led to be a partner in ministry and support us, you can do so with regular prayer and monthly financial support.

Prayer support

We would love you to pray with us for the ministry. In order to do so we will regularly send you a prayer letter by email.

Monthly financial support

For financial support we ask our partners to donate to us on a monthly basis, which is tax deductible and can be done through this link of Old Orchard Church, St. Louis until we will go to the mission field:

secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/3CC8ABE5E88C486 (please make sure to mention "Van Wijngaarden Family" in the note section)

Starting by 2021, it may then be received directly by Presbyterian Mission International:

www.pmiweb.org/donations.php

In both cases 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!

Church Ministry

The calling for church ministry has been confirmed by the International Presbyterian Church (www.IPC.church), of which Andreas has been 'under care' with since 2019. The International Presbyterian Church is a family of Christian churches in the reformed tradition that are spread across Great Britain, Europe and Korea. The first congregation came into existence through the ministry of Francis Schaeffer in 1954.

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 (www.PMIweb.org), the missionary organization that is related to Covenant Seminary.

Vision Trip

We had hoped to go on a vision trip this year in order to investigate the potential places in the United Kingdom, but due to current travel restrictions this trip had to be transformed into virtual meetings this fall. We pray that the Lord will guide us as we seek affirmation where exactly we may serve in the years ahead.

More Information

If you are interested in partnering with us or you first want more information before you consider being part of the monthly support team, you can contact us on our email address:

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

Andreas and Katharine