

To: Christ UMC
From: Dr. Peter J. Hays [mailto:PHays@GEMission.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2006 6:16 AM
Subject: HAYS MISSION HOLLAND UPDATE 5/23/06

Thank you for your prayers for the youth weekend. The Lord's face shone upon the weekend in many ways (including in the weather), and we are very grateful. The weekend was especially helpful for making some of the "outside" kids really feel at home in the youth group—getting lost together in canoes on the canals does wonders to help bonding!

Tomorrow we wave goodbye to Jeremiah as he returns to the US and to Dallas Theological Seminary after serving here with us for 10 months. He will be sorely missed, as his love, faithfulness, prayers, and tireless serving have been a pillar for the church (more than just the youth). Please pray that the Lord will bless him in his seminary years, and, as is his heart's desire, lead him back to the mission field.

Photo of Jeremiah cooking:

<http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/christumcbc/detail?.dir=e0e8&.dnm=948are2.jpg>

In Christ, Peter and Margré Hays <><

We will pray, Peter & Margré. Our high school group, SHINE, will love this picture!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Peter J. Hays [mailto:PHays@GEMission.com]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 8:25 AM
To: Dr. Peter J. Hays
Subject: HAYS MISSION HOLLAND UPDATE 5/12/06

I don't know what your plans are for the weekend, but as you're going about them, would you try and remember to pray for our youth (see picture) who are on their retreat? Our youth intern, Jeremiah, is wrapping up his time here—would you pray that his investment in these kids will pay off with their visible commitment to Jesus? Especially that they would commit in their hearts to ministering alongside the American youth coming this summer to do evangelism? Thank you—and, have a great (praying) weekend!

In Christ, Peter and Margré <><

Thanks for sharing the good news, Peter. Awesome!

Best Regards,
Dave

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From: Dr. Peter J. Hays [mailto:PHays@GEMission.com]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 3:00 AM
To: Dr. Peter J. Hays
Subject: HAYS MISSION HOLLAND UPDATE 5/1/06

I wish you could have been at the baptism service with us last night! There is something so powerful about a child of the King proclaiming his or her faith in Jesus here in Holland. Fanny comes from an unbelieving home. One of her friends (now her husband) turned out to be a Christian. This was much to her surprise, since he didn't fit her picture of a Christian--he wasn't a "softie"! Dennis invited her to church, and through his family's testimony and love, she found the Savior! We also had the joy the same evening of dedicating Dennis and Fanny's son, Sem, to the Lord. Just thought you'd be encouraged at this report of that GOD is doing!
In Christ, Peter and Margré Hays <><

From: Dr. Peter J. Hays [mailto:PHays@GEMission.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2006 4:59 AM
Subject: HAYS MISSION HOLLAND UPDATE 4/27/06

We have another baptism service this Sunday! (If this keeps up, we'll have 3 baptism services in one year—a record!) Pray for Fanny, a young woman who will be testifying to her entire unbelieving family. And pray that they have ears to hear and believe the good news about Jesus!

Please continue to pray for our pastoral search committee. There is no news yet, but they have scheduled the first candidate to come and preach on June 18th.

In Christ, Peter and Margré <><

From: Dr. Peter J. Hays [mailto:PHays@GEMission.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 5:36 AM
Subject: HAYS MISSION HOLLAND UPDATE 4/18/06

Christ is risen! We hope you had a wonderful celebration of that truth, and that you are growing in experiencing the power of His resurrection in your own life. We had a good weekend and were able to share the gospel with a number of new people. Praise the Lord!

Please continue your prayers for our search committee. They have had to push their deadline back from May 31st to October 31st. They are placing ads in Christian media in May and hope to see the Lord provide good candidates. They are also eagerly waiting to see if the church body will begin to fulfill it's giving promise in support of the new pastor.

We appreciate you and your partnership in this ministry!

In Christ, Peter and Margré Hays <><

John 20.19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

From: Dr. Peter J. Hays [mailto:PHays@GEMission.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 2:55 AM

Subject: HAYS MISSION HOLLAND UPDATE 4/4/06

Last week I received research results which almost moved me to tears. I have long known that Europe is the only continent where Christianity is in decline. How bad is it? This new research says that less than 4% of Europeans are even open to hearing about the Gospel. Even worse are the chances for a European to even HEAR the gospel ("faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ" Ro. 10.17), since the research estimates that there is only one actively-witnessing church for every 27,749 Europeans! This is a shockingly low number when compared to the situation in China, (one witnessing church per 1766 inhabitants) and even India (one per 2413 inhabitants).

Sadly, the Netherlands is even worse off than the European average with only one witnessing church for every 40,000 inhabitants!

Europe-wide there is only one church being planted for every 318 existing churches. [Source: European Missions Research Group (emRG), a collaboration of different European mission organizations.]

Please join us in prayer for the Gospel ministry in Holland, and all of Europe!

In Christ, Peter and Margré Hays <><