



# The Michels

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## Prayer Requests:

1. The Lord to help us improve our Dutch as we continue in Language School.
2. The Tambura family to be saved, and others in our community we have been witnessing to.
3. God's to bless and bring forth fruit in our soul winning and preaching ministries in the Netherlands.

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I would like to thank you all for your continuous prayers for our family. It is always so encouraging and humbling to know that so many care and pray for us daily. Without a doubt, we would not be able to serve and be used by God here without your prayers.

In the next few weeks, I will be beginning language classes again through the Dutch University of Tilburg. I am very much looking forward to being back in language classes again. It is a lot of work, but I enjoy making progress with my Dutch, and hopefully begin to make fewer mistakes in my conversations. Lord willing, my goal is to preach my first sermon in Dutch in the spring.

It has been very exciting to be able to have a weekly Bible study with the young boys of the church. It is refreshing to see their excitement and hunger for the Bible. As we have been studying the life of Christ, it has been encouraging to see them begin to apply the things they have been studying in their own lives; and see them grow in their walk with the Lord.

The last letter we sent out, I had asked you to pray for one of our neighbours, the Tambura family. They are a Romanian family who we have been witnessing to. A number of days ago, Collette was speaking with the mother, Mikkey, in their home. Mikkey told Collette that she has noticed that there is something different about us. She said, "You have a joy in your life, that I do not have. I want what you have." Collette explained again to her that the only way for her to have true peace and joy in her heart, is to put her faith and trust in Christ. Mikkey then asked us if we could find her a Bible to read, and if we could help her study it. A few nights ago, we were able to give her a Bible and the book "Done" in Romanian. Mikkey was so excited that she showed her family and relatives who were visiting. They were so excited to actually have a Bible in their own language, that the whole night they spent huddled around it and wouldn't put it down. One of the aunts who was visiting, spent the whole time in the corner reading the book "Done". It was such a wonderful thing to see the look in their eyes as they held their first Bible in their hands. Collette was able to spend time with Mikkey going through the Gospel with her. She has been very troubled lately, extremely fearful of death, and has been searching for answers. Mikkey is very open and hungry, but still has a lot of questions. We can see the Holy Spirit working on her heart, and we are praying that she accepts Christ soon. Please pray for Mikkey and her family.

I would also like to ask you to pray for God's protection for us during our soul winning and street evangelism ministries this coming month. Every week I go out with fellow missionary Stan Kamps and some others from the church to preach the Gospel and hand out tracts in Almere, Amsterdam, and other cities in my area. The first week of August is gay-pride week here in Holland, and the Devil is always out in full force at this time. Please pray that God would put a hedge of protection around us this next month, that He would give us wisdom and boldness as we preach Christ, and that His Word will not return void.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our family. It is our great privilege to represent you as your missionaries, reaching The Netherlands from the Belgian border.

In Christ,

Joel Michel and Family

*Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."*