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The time of our departure is at hand! These past few months have flown by, as my wife and I have been extremely busy finishing up our last meetings; and getting ready for our move to Europe. This is a very exciting time, but there is still a lot of work to do. There are so many costs and details to deal with when moving to another continent; and we are praying that God gives us grace and wisdom during this time, that we might make all the right decisions. Our belongings will be leaving in our container this Thursday morning (Jan. 17), and we have been very busy getting everything ready. I will be flying out to Amsterdam on Feb. 3 and arriving on the 4th, so I can finalize some final details; and Collette and the children will be joining me the third week of February.

We spent this last month visiting with Collette's parents in British Columbia, Canada. We are so thankful for the time we were able to spend with them; but saying goodbye is always a difficult thing. Pray for our families, this is a difficult time of saying goodbye; as we may not see them for many years.

My wife and I are both very excited by the fact that we received word that our visas have been accepted without any problems or delays. This is a huge answer to prayer! We are so thankful for God opening the door to live along the Belgium border, and still being able to minister in the Netherlands. We are looking forward to seeing how God will use us in this area. We also have finalized a rental lease agreement on a house last week. God is putting everything into place now, and it is exciting to see God working everything out. I also have had opportunities already to witness to our Belgian realtor who helped us find our home, and I am looking forward to meeting our landlords, to share Christ with them. We have already begun to pray for our landlords and our neighbours, that God will open up doors for us to give them Gospel.

This past Sunday, Collette and I finished our last meeting! We are so thankful for all that God has done for us on our time of deputation. In over 160 meetings, and over 150,000kms travelled, all in 2 years; God has met every need that we have had, and kept us safe the entire way. Our God truly is a great God!

We thank the Lord for allowing us to currently be at 95% of our needed financial support, but we are continuing to pray that God would bring in the last 5% needed. If only 4 more churches would take us on for support, we could leave with 100% support. Would you please pray that God would give us 4 more supporting churches before we leave the end of this month?

Please continue to pray for these requests:

1. Four more churches to take us on for support
2. Safety and grace for our family during this time of transition
3. Open doors to witness to our new neighbours and those God brings us into contact with

In His Service,

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."