

The Holland Heights Highlighter

Holland Heights CRC

July 2009

Hannah De Jong is headed to China

Since traveling to Turkey, Israel and Jordan, the Lord has been moving in my life to travel to different countries and cultures to share the gospel. He has given me a unique passion for Eastern Asian cultures, specifically China and Japan. This has led me to pursue a degree centered on Asian cultures and languages.

This summer, I look forward to traveling to China with the Christian Reformed World Missions organization. I will be spending a total of three weeks in Beijing as well as a city in central China, called Linxiang. While there I will be teaching English to Chinese college students. With China's population exceeding one billion and their recent influence in western markets, English has become a necessity for many Chinese.

I see this as a fantastic opportunity to reach people who would otherwise be unreachable. I would like to thank you for your prayers and support. I am confident God will work wonders during this trip and I look forward to sharing how God has worked through me and my team members when I return.

EDGE Seattle Reflections

The E.D.G.E. recently returned from a trip to Seattle, WA where we worked with Brian and Betsy Turnbull. From June 27th—July 5th, we worked with Brian and Betsy's church, The House, as well as other church plants in the area, all of them Christian Reformed. We worked with Awake, Dust, Emmaus Road and Sanctuary. These church plants are trying to bring the Gospel to those around them through gathering together in worship and through being involved in their communities. We were constantly amazed at what God is doing through the ministries of those churches.

Since we were on a mission trip, we spent most of our time working. Some of the time, we worked with our hands. We picked up trash and turned it into art. We helped in a community garden. We cleaned underneath a bridge. And we volunteered at local businesses.

But much more of the time, we worked with our minds. We learned about community development and urban planning. We met with a New Age youth group to learn about what they believe. We took walks through various parts of town to imagine what the lives of those who live there must be like. And we explored what being the church would look like in these various settings.

We bless God for the unusually good weather we enjoyed. There was no rain at all! Brian and Betsy said this was a miracle for Seattle to have no rain for an entire week at this time of year. We also bless God for the safety in traveling and throughout the trip.

We know that it was because of your prayer support that these things were possible. So thank you. Thank you for your prayer support, and thank you for your financial support as well. You have been so generous, and we bless God for you. And we ask for your continued prayer and support for our youth group as they begin to live what they learned in Seattle in the mission field of Holland, MI.

A Night of Praise	<i>August 30</i>
Wednesday Night Kick Off	<i>September, 16</i>
Golden Heighers Fair Oak Farms	<i>September 21</i>

Expressions of Thanks

This is a collection of cards and notes received over the past month from people associated with Holland Heights Church. Gratitude is the outpouring of the love that we return to God's people who bless us in times of need.

I would like to thank Holland Heights church for the cards, calls, meals and prayers since my heart attack in December and my recent stent in June. Scott and I need to thank George and Beth for being at the hospital during my heart attack and procedure, they were truly a gift given to our family. Beth was able to answer many questions and explain the procedure as it was taking place. She was a real blessing. Thank you also to Ron Dykstra for the calls and the visit before my second procedure in June. Thank you also for the flowers from Congregational Care, they were lovely.

God is Good!

Sally Kiekintveld

It has been less than 24 hours since returning on a Biblical study tour with George De Jong. While my thoughts are fresh, I feel compelled to share a few insights with you.

I have been blessed to travel extensively on business, personal, and study tours. In fact, this was my fourth trip to the Holy Land, twice with Ray Vander Laan, and one with my father who is a retired pastor. As you can appreciate, each group leader had their "own voice" and for that, I praise God. Yet, George De Jong is one of a kind.

Over the span of 16 days, one can usually get the perspective about whether a leader is "the real deal" or not. George De Jong is most certainly "the real deal" - - - and then some. I found him to be extremely passionate for the Lord, knowledge beyond measure about the Word and the context (the geography and history), and very pastoral. He is willing to have fun and make fun of himself. All of this makes for a pretty rare combo. I suspect you already know that.

I simply want to express my appreciation to you, Holland Heights CRC congregation for your support of George in this very special ministry. I have to believe that George's calling for this type of ministry is one that benefits not only those who attend his trips but to your congregation, particularly in his teachings. George has become a devoted student of the word and a passionate follower of the Lord through this ministry and he conveys this to all. Your willingness to support George says much about you.

Of course, you also have an excellent ally in Dominic. He is mature beyond his years. I also witnessed a special bond between Dominic and George.

Again, I commend you and the rest of leadership at the church for your support of this very special shepherd.

Sincerely,

Mark De Roo

Many thanks to the Pastors, Council, and Congregation for their prayers and concerns following the recent damage and flooding of my house on June 19. A special thanks to Krisoffer Jones and John Fylstra for carrying all the heavy damaged goods to the road.
Bonnie Kragt

Dear Holland Heights Congregation,

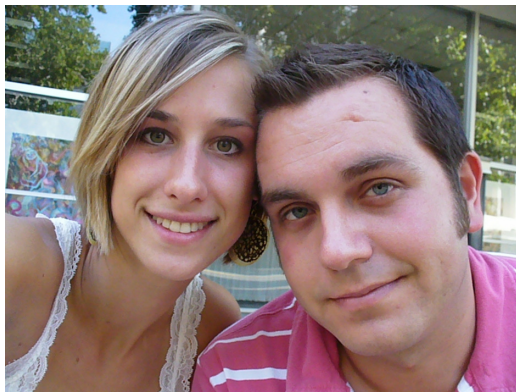
We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the beautiful flowers & all the cards sent both to us and my dad, Cornie Overweg. We also want to thank Paul & Linda Kalkman for watching Sklyar & Kody during the funeral and Pastor George for coming to the service. It's wonderful to be a part of Holland Heights CRC!

Don, Kathy, Kyle Hicks and Sklyar and Kody Rodriguiz



Irene Dyk— Irene is retired and lives at Warm Friend in Holland. Irene has 3 daughters. One in Holland, the other in St. Louis, and the other daughter is deceased. She has 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Irene loves to read both non-fiction and fiction books. She used travel a lot but not anymore.

Jack & Kathy Roseberry—Jack is a retired Music teacher and Kathy is a retired Kindergarten aide in Dayton Ohio. Jack now works part-time at Marshall Music and Kathy part time at Field Fabrics and babysitting her granddaughter. Jack and Kathy have 2 children, Brian who is cheering us on from heaven, and Charissa who lives in Grand Rapids with her husband Jason. They have 1 granddaughter for now, but Charrisa is expecting and due Sept. 5th. Jack likes to go camping, fishing, hiking and biking. Kathy enjoys reading, hiking, knitting, sewing, crafts, camping, playing games etc. Jack is involved in the Praise Band and Kathy is involved in the Outreach Committee, Carpenter's Workshop, Kids Life Bible Club, Women in the Word, and a Heights of Hope Mentor.



Dominic & Kristen Palacios—Dominic is our Pastor of Youth & Congregational Life. Kristin is a student at Calvin Seminary and is our Summer Intern. In their spare time they like to read, hike (especially Mt. Baldy), study Ancient Languages, watch Tigers baseball, drink coffee with friends, and cooking. As Pastor of Youth and Congregational Life Dominic is involved in Peer 678, Edge, Sunday School, Preaching and Heights of Hope. Kristin also taught Sunday School for the Peer 678.

New baby? Have your children grown up? Has your family changed? Just a reminder that you may get your family picture done or updated at deVries Studio at any time FREE OF CHARGE! Their number is 392-9608. We use these pictures for our Holland Heights Highlighter and it will also be updated on our website.

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**HOLLAND HEIGHTS CRC
JUNE**

RECENT SPECIAL OFFERINGS

BENEVOLENCE	\$107.50
CETAP	\$382.00
CHINA SPONSOR	\$300.00
EAST SIDE FOOD PANTRY	\$100.00
DEKLEINE TRUST FUND	\$118.00
BRIAN AND BETSY TURNBULL	\$25.00
JOEL DOZEMAN	\$250.00
LAKESHORE LITTLE PEOPLE'S PLACE	\$240.00
HOLLAND FREE MEDICAL CLINIC	\$28.00
HOLLAND DEACONS CONFERENCE	\$347.50

Thanks Extended

Recently the Deacons have graciously received appreciation from the following recipients of our financial donations:

CLC Network
Holland Rescue Mission
Holland Deacon's Conference
Bible League
CRWRC
Mercy Air

Holland Heights CRC

Phone: 616-396-5988
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836 E. 8th St.
Holland, MI 49423

**Check out our new website!
www.hhcrc.org**

GENERAL FUND GIVING

RECEIVED THIS MONTH	\$27,414.83
BUDGET FOR THIS MONTH	\$47,382.00
YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIVED	\$241,351.07
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGETE	\$284,292.00
YEAR-TO-DATE SHORTAGE	\$42,940.93

BUILDING CAMPAIGN

RECEIVED THIS MONTH	\$1,123.00
RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE	\$14,314.87

FAITH PROMISE

RECEIVED TO DATE	\$9,130.00
RECEIVED THIS MONTH	\$565.00

Meet Your Deacons

Chad Boss, Deacon of Maturity
Brett Diepenhorst, Deacon of Mission, Treasurer
Darlene Dykstra, Deacon of Membership
Wanda Michmerhuizen, Deacon of Magnification
Mike Vander Ploeg, Chairman of Deacons
Tim Veenstra, Deacon of Ministry

August Offering Schedule:

August 2 am: Hannah De Jong's China Trip
pm: CETAP

August 9 am : Bethany Christian Services
pm: Crossroads Bible Institute

August 16 am : Joel Dozeman
pm: CR World Missions

August 23 am: CETAP
pm: Special Education Ministries

August 30 am: Holland Deacon's Conference
pm: Zeeland Christian Schools

*Led by the Spirit we will be a Growing, Nurturing,
Compassionate and Challenging Family of Christ:
Reaching out in His Name!*