

Dear prayerpartners,

Glory to our **Lord and Savior, who suffered for us**, died and rose again.

The Son of Man must suffer many things. He said: "Take up your cross and follow Me" Mk 8:31,34b  
How can we follow Jesus in the suffering of illness, lock downs and restrictions. Can we say as we carry our cross? Nevertheless...(in Dutch "en toch") Yes, I can describe some blessings for me, as CEF worker.

**In our suffering** we can see the beauty of Gods creation in our garden, in our walks. In the past we were too busy to watch this, Now we discover new and wonderful miracles in the creation, which He made for us to praise His Name. We discover Gods beauty, perfection and order by watching birds; trees growing in seasons; colourful flowers and the moving of clouds in the sky. So that we will turn our eyes to our Creator of heaven and earth.

**That is why** we organized a **Creature Treasure Hunt for children of the GNC** and their friends and families.

**In our suffering** there is joy that comes to us in a conversation, an email or a card in times of isolation as we are cannot visit our friends and family, or be with brothers and sisters in the Lord in church. Many times the Lord controlled a visit to the supermarket or village in such a way that I *happened to meet a Christian by providence*.

**In our suffering** God gives us grace to accept changes and new opportunities which He provides: like:

- Church services online, by listening to sermons our pastors prepare and present before a camera, and was sent to our homes by an internet connection, and by links to share with others who did not hear it.
- Zoom prayermeetings with CEF workers around Europe and Netherlands
- Lifestream messages to encourage us CEF workers from the CEF president at Internat. Headquarters,
- CEF webinars, with training from European Training centre in Romania like to course "Building bridges" to give us understanding of children and families from other religions
- Online Good News Club TV at youtube for English speaking children in the Netherlands.'
- Wondersurf childrens website and Athome resources from CEFIRELAND

**In our suffering** there is loneliness in our challenges with conflicts, changes and giving up. I had to give up the care for my mother with dementia by letting her go to a care-home in februari, after being her caretaker for 5 years. We have to clean out our family home that was for 40 years our bases to stay when we were a missionary family for CEF in Albania. It is difficult and confusing for mother as only 1 or 2 people can visit her per day. Thankfully everyone in the carehome is vaccinated and she got a lovely apartment with some of her own furniture.

**In our suffering** we learn to pray and give up our workplans. It makes us depend upon the Lord's leading. The workdays are filled with sorting out resources that I have in my office. Projects like writing reports in Dutch and English about the past ten years of establishing CEF english work under migrant children and churches. These reports are given to the new CEF director Marco Baan and the Dutch national board. Writing emails to club teams and church children's workers to give them advice based on CEF knowledge and experience.

**In our suffering** we experienced losses, My former coworker and friend Barbera Nootgedagt (73) after a severe short illness went to be with the Lord on 23 febr. As Dutch CEF we mourn for her. She was a faithful servant.

**In these sufferings** I lost contact with children and clubs. But the Lord leads us on. He is sovereign and knows the way ahead for us personally and as for CEF english ministry. Please pray for a new worker and a committee.

**In our suffering** let us **NOT FORGET** the **SUFFERING** of **THE CHILDREN** who are without Salvation and Christ, as their Saviour. They need to learn about our Heavenly Father. God the Father who is faithful, caring, loving and lifegiving, providing, healing the broken hearted. He desires to be their God. Matth.18  
**Pray for the children of your area, Netherlands and Europe, this Easter time.**

Easter Greetings from

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