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Dear Friends

We have enjoyed a blessed few months hosting missionaries into our home. At the end of May **John and Nancy Rigstad**, former YWAM colleagues, came to visit, "sent by the Lord". Soon after retiring from Medair in Geneva and returning to the USA, John had a dream in which he clearly saw a couple of pages of a calendar. Listed on specific dates were countries and individual names. Discerning it was from the Lord, he contacted each one. All were free on the dates listed! On **29 May – 1 June** he saw the names of Jan and Mintie / UK. How wonderful that Father God knows our address and timetable. That took our breath away!



John and Nancy Rigstad, Jan, Mintie (& Tikva) and Elisabeth Hyland

We had not seen John and Nancy in many years, but when John wrote, we too had a witness of them visiting. In the 1990's, while serving in Romania and later when on home leave in the USA, the Lord wrote their names into our calendar several times to go visit to come alongside, encourage and support them and their two small children. In 2019, John and Nancy said they were coming to us to express thanks for the warmth and meaning of those pastoral visits. As we opened our hearts together in our living room it soon became very clear that God was speaking to them and us along the same lines concerning discipleship. Just like us, since returning from the mission field they had gathered a group into their home to pass on what they have come to know of God and His wonderful

ways. The four days passed too soon, but we were thrilled that on one day we were able to travel to Corfe Mullen to fellowship with yet another former YWAM colleague, Elisabeth Hyland. What a fantastic time of reminiscing and the planting of new vision for the days to come.

From **30 June to 1 July**, **Gweno** came from WEC for debriefing. We helped her process some tough and disorienting changes that have occurred on the field. Gweno wrote the following for our website:

"I am very grateful to the Lord and to you for the opportunity He granted for a debrief over the past week. I was a bit in fear and trepidation prior to the event. However, the LORD is gracious. The depth of Bible teaching was a privilege and I am grateful for godly friends to walk alongside me through this debriefing process. It was definitely of God's timing. It is a lesson to learn that actually, I need not be afraid because perfect love drives out fear... and God is love! Of course, I know that truth in my head but it takes a while for it to travel down to my heart so that I can actually observe and apply His word to my life. Thank you so much for love and care and for demonstrating Jesus to me. Thank you too for your ongoing prayer support, which means more than I can say!"

From **14 – 19 July**, **Kim and Cindy Hunt from YWAM** stayed with us for debriefing. In like manner to the Rigstads, we offered pastoral care on the mission field in the 90's, in Budapest, Hungary. Now needing some guidance and support we helped them unpick some tough experiences and bring matters to the cross in repentance and forgiveness. All our debriefing sessions end up at the cross. Where else is there to go with our mess-ups, suffering and pain? They wrote:

"How lovely of the Lord to arrange these days with you and indeed with us all. You love and minister with such grace and anointing and skill. We are so blessed. And we are so blessed by your hospitality and the sanctuary oasis of the Annex. May all who enter find the blessing and sanctuary of the Lord there. We look forward with great anticipation to our next time together! Kim and Cindy".

We have marvelled at the timing of God in bringing mission friends from our past who clearly will have a place in our future with discipleship. Now let's tell you what is coming up for us. It was prophesied many years ago that our home

would be a place of study, teaching and impartation. Disciples would be raised up. For four years we have been doing just that with our Friday discipleship group. However in recent years, we have had a strong sense of expansion – launching out. Up until now, the timing has not been right, but now it is confirmed by the Lord and we have the backing of our minister Rev Tom Robson and the support of our Friday Group.

Discipleship opportunity

Beginning **Monday 9 September 2019, 7 – 9pm**, we are offering a discipleship opportunity in our newly extended home. It will be the first and foundational module leading to other more in-depth modules.

The first training module, ***Making Disciples***, will include the following:

- Being a disciple of Jesus
- Living a life of submission and sacrifice
- Embracing spiritual discipline
- Covenant love
- Walking in the Spirit
- The Father-heart of God
- A new identity
- You belong to Me

We are now busy collating materials and praying for those who the Lord is calling to be a part of this initiative.

Raising disciples

We believe that being a Christian is much more than just 'being saved'. It is an ever-deepening and rich experience of God – an ongoing, interactive and lively spiritual journey that produces dynamic inner-transformation into the likeness of Jesus. As faithful Covenant-keepers, disciples of Jesus are teachable and submissive of heart, willing and quick to apply the truth of the Bible. As they learn to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, they forsake the pull of the world and the sinful and destructive habits of the flesh. Living in a disciplined, close communion with Jesus in worship, study, prayer and fellowship, they learn how to love Him, and others, through careful obedience to His commandments. A true disciple becomes an effective witness because they themselves have a living and Biblical testimony of transformation. They draw others into discipleship.

We value your prayer

1. We covet prayer. The introduction of discipleship into the Church is always a target for Satan's attacks. Already the spiritual attacks are coming.

He hates it when believers become serious in their walk with the Lord.

2. Use **Philippians 1: 9-11** when praying for us and those entering into discipleship in a new way. *"May our love abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that we may approve the things that are excellent, that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."*
3. Pray for healing for Mintie's lower back. Five nerves are trapped between vertebrae that have collapsed. She is seeing a spinal specialist with a view to having a nerve block. Walking and standing are impaired... but her spirit is very much alive and joyful.



If you live locally, you are invited to join us in discipleship. **Please read the attached leaflet for further details and requirements.** We give thanks to God for each of you. Your love and support are a constant encouragement as we move forward into all God still has for us to do. Warm love, **Jan & Mintie**