

Dreaming & trusting

How do you described in a few sentences how the work is moving forward? Well let's try....

After the summer trip with YL Spijkenisse we are looking together with God on how to move forward. We purposefully chose to start with prayer because we want to keep in mind that it is God's ministry. There are currently about ten people praying for direction. We soon hope to start a training/coaching program with three of these individuals to prepare them for reaching out to teens in Spijkenisse. Three years ago we attempted to get into a school with no success. We have recently approached a school and

"I am almost ready, but need a minute with God."

~teen during a Youthalpha weekend

have had a more fruitful outcome. We are working on connecting with them and getting an appointment to gain access to the school for Young Life. Step by step land will be conquered, not in our time, but in God's time. God is teaching us to totally trust Him. Please pray for the team in Spijkenisse as they



work to build a stronger team but also desire to reach out to their city.

Beyond Spijkenisse, Dordrecht is also growing bigger. In this newsletter we present an update on the Youthalpha group. This is furthering the work we do beyond our weekly contact work and monthly YL clubs. We are able to connect with teens in Dordrecht on various levels. At this moment we are praying and dreaming on how to start doing contact work at a new school in Dordrecht. We are continuing to search for a Committed Support Team.

We are hoping to find a group of (young) adults who will stand behind the youth leaders and offer prayer and practical help. We are excited that more and more teens, parents, and schools are find-

"I continue to like your work more and more because of the investment in teens, despite their reaction."

~church member

ing us. We praise God for this as this is His ministry. If you are interested in partnering email us at info@younglife.nl.



Directors chat

The first newsletter of 2011 for Young Life NL is done! I am currently reading a book from John C. Maxwell. He writes a lot of books about leadership and was also a pastor of several churches. The subject of the book is "25 ways to win with people." This is a very impressive book about the power of teamwork. Teamwork means encouraging each other, doing the right thing, and forgiving each other. Without this a team cannot work and cannot do God's work. Young Life NL is experiencing growth and over the coming months we want to invest in the growth we see. We want to reach our Dutch teenagers with the gospel of Jesus Christ and love them unconditionally. Recent research showed that 60% of the Dutch people are not churched and this percentage will only grow in the future. We, as Young Life NL, want to work on this statistic and bring that percentage down instead of up. We cannot do that alone and need individuals to partner with us. We need people who will pray, we need youth leaders, we need financial assistance, and much more. Email us for an up to date list on how you can partner with Young Life NL. Also we have an introduction to our new board member, PJ, who has been a board member since November 2010. Rob shares about Youthalpha. In our last newsletter he introduced himself as the coordinator for Youthalpha but has since joined the board. We have also said goodbye to board member, Rain, who served for 5 1/2 years. Thanks for your time and God Bless,

Miquel

Hello all,

I am Peter-Jan den Boer aka PJ. To start with the important information: I am happily married to Carlien and am the proud father of Aline (7) and Thijs (4). More importantly, I am a child of God.

In daily life I work on the commercial department of a big container company. That is all that I am going to say about that. If you would like to know more, just ask :)

The reason why I think my job is not really important is due to my involvement with Young Life about two years ago. Just before that I became a youth leader at my own church. Shortly after that I heard that they wanted to do a trip with Young Life NL to the USA. For a year and a half this trip filled the majority of my time.

To make a long story short, the philosophy behind Young Life was something that I really liked from the very beginning. The trip to the USA helped open my heart to the possibility of joining Young Life NL. After the trip last summer I let Miquel know of my interest and we began the conversation

The result was my joining the Young Life NL board in November 2010. My role is becoming clearer and clearer every day. My ambition is very clear: help put Young Life NL on the map. In the future this may mean helping connect with Young Life around the world. That is for a later time. For now I want to focus on helping the teens in the Netherlands become closer to God. Because within His family there is enough room.

Oh, and by the way, I am 36 years of age. So now you know :)
God Bless you, PJ den Boer



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Young Life NL is looking for partners on different levels:

- USA committee
- Prayers
- Financial help

YL Dordrecht presents Youthalpha

Right now we are almost done and I am looking back with mixed feelings. Recently we had a weekend away with each other. This weekend is a fixed point in the whole Youthalpha course. During this weekend we spoke intensively about the choices you make in life. This presented some spiritual warfare. You know that you are already in for a hard time but when you

experience it, you think "why did we start this?"

Fortunately we had a group of prayers around us and we felt carried during the weekend. The end of the weekend was very fruitful as **four teenagers** made a visible decision to follow Christ. For me it was more than was expected. We know that when once person chooses for God there is a

party in heaven so what must have the party been like with four making the decision?!

Please Keep Youthalpha and the teens in your prayers as we continue to follow up with them.

Kindly regards,

Rob Voorstad

Coördinator Youthalpha