

## ENCOURAGEMENT IN SURINAME

Mission trip to Suriname from May 11 to June 2, 2024

**“But who prophesies speaks to the people for strengthening, encouragement and comfort.” 1 Corinthians 14:3**

**“Do you still know me?” asked former Hindustani brother Roy. “You led me to the Lord in the campaign in 2019 and since then I have been coming to this church with my wife.”**

**It was a privilege to preach God's word in the congregation 'de Opstanding' in Voorburg in the district Commewijne. The congregation had grown in number but also in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was exuberantly praised and worshipped. Because the Lord Jesus is worth it. As the only begotten Son of God, He laid down His life on the cross of Golgotha. Was buried, but on the third day He rose from the dead and He lives for all eternity. His shed blood cleanses from all sin. Hallelujah!**

**Afterwards we prayed for the needs and for the fulfillment with the Holy Spirit by laying hands on them in the Name of Jesus. To get here we had to cross the 52-meter high Wijdenbosch Bridge, which connects the two banks of the Suriname River. Loes asked the driver when we reached the highest point: "How is the maintenance of this bridge?" To which he replied: "It could be better". "Then make sure you get off here as soon as possible!" was her reaction. Fortunately, we were able to laugh heartily about it later and also to tell the story!**



It was a happy reunion with pastor Veux and his family and with the brothers and sisters of the congregation 'de Opstanding' in Paramaribo. Mother's Day was a festive event there. All the sisters were put in the spotlight and after the service we prayed for them and blessed them in Jesus' Name. There comes a time when the mother has to let go of her child and give it into the hands of the Lord. Like Jokebed, the mother of Moses, who had to do this very early due to circumstances. But we also see the good outcome, if we just keep believing and keep putting our trust in Jesus, Exodus 2:1-6.



Pastor Veux always attaches great importance to speaking prophecies, so this time two evenings were agreed to prophesy for both the women and the men. He said: "I know my people and I know that the prophecies you have spoken are true". So said, so done. Everything was recorded on the recorder of the smartphone.





**The congregation Clevia is one of the daughter congregations of 'the Resurrection' led by brother Rocky. There too, after the service, we were able to encourage the brothers and sisters with a prophetic blessing.**



**Daniel was in church for the first time and gave his life to Jesus. How wonderful to know that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin, 1 John 1:7. Mariska was healed of an inflamed eye. For in the stripes of Jesus is healing, 1 Peter 2:24.**

**Home visit to Sister Dokman and Brother and Sister Rabin.**



**We can look back on a blessed journey to Suriname, where many were encouraged, strengthened and comforted. The Lord Jesus says in John 16:13: “But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak on His own, He will speak only what He hears and He will tell you what is yet to come.”**

- **Thank you very much for your prayers and for the financial support.**
- **We were able to give gifts to the pastor and to the building fund of the new church and distribute baby clothes.**
- **We give all praise and honour to Jesus!**

**Eltjo and Loes**

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