

Best wishes

On the last evening of our 2-weeks Christmas holiday, here's our newsletter! Let's first wish you all the best for the coming year:

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
The Lord be with you all.*

These are the words of the Apostle Paul, who wrote them hundreds of years ago addressing the people of the city of Thessalonica. This morning I read them in the Bible, and they are also our wishes to you. We hope you receive this peace in 2008 abundantly, may you be surprised by His amazing love for you and your loved ones...

Emigration to Dronten successful so far...

We have moved to our new house in the town of Dronten, one week before Christmas. All went smoothly. Our house in Ede is sold. Transaction will be end of January. We feel very blessed with our new house in many ways. We have had some friends over already and we hope the house may serve as a nice relaxing place for many more.



new house outside ☺



new house inside



tree planting

One of our first actions has been to plant a tree in front of our house. We transported it from the garden of Ron's parents and moved it 80 kilometres. Let's hope the tree likes the heavy clay soil which is typical for the Dutch 'polder' we now live in. We did not, because we did the digging, though it was nice to do some manual labour again.

Ron best farmer of Holland

Sponsored by a Dutch bank there was a national contest on running a digital farm in a computer simulation game. With colleagues of the CAH Ron joined and guess what: his team won in their subgroup and ended second overall!



The prize was handed over by the Dutch minister of Agriculture, so it was quite an event! Finally some excitement and success in our lives ☺ !!!

Ice skating in Luxembourg

Let me finish this letter with sharing with you some pictures of our adventures on ice. This typical Dutch tradition has now been exported to Luxembourg. When temperature is below zero for a few days, a certain percentage of the population of Holland gets all excited about skating on natural ice. Holland has many canals and lakes, but freezing is rare. Ron's family happens to be quite fanatic about ice dancing. So far there has been only one opportunity in December in Holland.



new trend in Luxembourg: ice dancing

Since we visited Brigitta's brother, wife and baby cousin John who live in Luxembourg around Christmas, there was an opportunity to skate on the castle lake of Beaufort. Just beautiful! We were the first ones there, ice was 'black', the best you can get!

So far from our side, we are always open for reply emails...

**Love,
Ron and Brigitta**

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