



Wings of Faith

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Annamarie's Update

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"Therefore, my dear brothers + sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." – 1 Cor. 15:58

Spring Update

Meetings



Studying for EASA exams (converting my FAA pilot license to a European one).

Hello Friends & Family! Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement these last few months. I'm excited to share another update with you.

Thuis Front Team Formed!

I am tremendously excited to share that at long last I have a Thuis Front Team (TFT) started! Thank you to everyone who has been praying for this. I'm so excited and grateful for the 4 wonderful people who have said yes to being a part of this with me & for their enthusiasm! So glad for how the Lord has brought us together. It really is amazing. We still need 3 – 4 others so please keep praying. In my next newsletter I'll be introducing the team.

When I first came to the Netherlands and learned that I would need to form a team of Dutch people to assist with various roles as part of the process with joining MAF NL it sounded daunting. Had no idea how I would find people but once again God has proven that nothing is impossible with Him! 😊

Hangar One Farewell...

In February I finished working as an aircraft mechanic at Hangar One where I built a wide variety of experience on many different aircraft types in a bustling commercial environment. Working 1 year together with such an awesome team of people has been my top highlight since moving here. I learned so much from everyone! Though I miss working with the team it's also been the right decision not to renew my contract as I needed to focus more of my time & energy on my preparations with MAF – particularly TFT setting up, support raising & flight study/training.

Since finishing at Hangar One I've been putting the milage on my car with visiting people as I work on building up connections + support. We've now had our first TFT meetings together with the MAF Office. Completed some additional training + tests in the process of converting my pilot license to a European one. In August I have 1 more exam to take and the checkride (flight test) and then this will be complete!



Goodbye gift from my team
("An antenna so we always remain connected...even once you're in Africa")



*I would love to
hear from you!*



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Heading to Alaska in May!

Back in 2019 I was in Alaska for a fundraising flight for a Canadian charity. While there I spent a special time visiting Kingdom Air Corps (KAC). I have an amazing opportunity to go do some flying there as part of my preparations with MAF! I'll be getting endorsements I need added to my FAA CPL while building mountain + bush experience flying a wide mix of aircraft. KAC specializes in preparing missionary pilots by training in a remote area with vast mountains, rugged strips, challenging weather – all conditions similar to what I will find on the field with MAF. They also offer this training at a very low cost for missionary candidates as all the staff & instructors raise their own financial support as well. I'm especially excited to help with the kids Bible camp ministry they run up in the Brooks Range using the airplanes (97 km above the arctic circle).

Your Question Corner...

"What is your favorite local dish?"

- Poffertjes are one of my top favorite dutch foods! They are mini fluffy pancakes and served with butter + powdered sugar. Super good!



"What's something fun you've done recently that doesn't involve airplanes?"

- I recently took a CPR + First Aid course and had such a blast!

Do you have a question for my next newsletter? Contact me! annamarienvandermeijden@gmail.com or WhatsApp/Signal! 😊



Local flight



Invited to fly on a formation flight! 😊

The Early Birds...

Some of you may remember my (slight) obsession with the Canadian Harvard's (CHAA) where I used to volunteer when I was living back home in Ontario. Well I have discovered the next best thing 😊 The Early Birds (Vroege Vogels) is also a volunteer run group keeping historic aircraft alive with an interesting collection of about 30 different aircraft! I've started helping out on Saturdays and it's such a fun group of people. Learning a lot of interesting things as well as improving my Dutch (slowly). One of the guys there is a machinist and he's been teaching me how to use the lathes and mill, they have an impressive machine shop! I hope to do some welding soon!



One of the two VERY full hangars



Maching a part on the mill for one of the aircraft projects

Prayer Praises + Requests:

- **Thankful** for each person who has become part of the TFT!
- **Thankful** for the opportunity I have to fly in Alaska and for how God has opened this door so clearly.
- **Thankful** for the EASA exam I passed.
- **Thankful** for the blessing of this car and the opportunity I had to help someone move into their new home with it.
- **Pray** for safety + encouragement in all the flying I'll be doing with KAC in Alaska.
- **Pray** for my continued need for financial supporters in reaching the target goal with MAF before I can be sent to the field. Thank you to those of you who are already partnering with me in this way!

In Closing....

I'll be back to the Netherlands end of July and look forward to sharing all about my time in Alaska! In the meantime I so appreciate your continued prayers and encouragement.

Keep in touch!

Annamarie



My fav 😊