

The Spring 2017 Nether-News

A short and sweet little Newsletter from Judy Mensch in The Netherlands

Spring in The Netherlands is incomparable; the same way that autumn is in New England. The tulip fields and gardens here are a sight to behold. This spring, my two friends Cheryl Eaton and Beth Morse came here to help me in the work that I do with children. Their help was invaluable, but they also got the benefit of seeing my adopted country in its splendor of the season. You can come visit me anytime. But if you come mid-April to mid-May, well, you won't believe your eyes.

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KIDZARK starts up again!! Big news kids. Now we have 2 KIDZARK programs running in Zaandam (my town). And both of these monthly Children's Programs have been very successful thus far. And lots of fun – of course. The best part is seeing kids genuinely learn that God loves them, but there are some other cool things that are worth mentioning. My team is made up of about 18 people from 9 different countries. It's a riot. Represented in the U.N. of KIDZARK we have The Netherlands, Nepal, Turkey, Bulgaria, Argentina, Iran, Columbia, Poland and then there's me – the lonely North American. And truthfully, between the two churches, I don't know that I've ever worked with a better group of people. How nice to be able to say that at this stage of life. And believe me, I've worked with some great people throughout my lifetime. Some of them might even be reading this Newsletter now! Anyway, great things are happening with KIDZARK.



And yes, we had Cotton Candy at KIDZARK.



An Invitation to India

I have been invited, and will be going in just 3 weeks, to Bangalore, India to speak at a Children's Worker's Conference. From what I understand, this is a new endeavor. This will be my first time in India and I'm very excited about it. If you would like to make a special donation to help me in this cause, I would really appreciate it. Just go to <http://s1.ag.org/kidzark> to make a one-time donation. In the 'comment' section, next to KIDZARK, write India. And thank you in advance.

Little Red Riding Hood

My friend Winnie flew in from Croatia earlier this month to work with me on the 30-minute version of Little Red Riding Hood to be used by the organization, EUROPE'S CHILDREN. This is a wonderful venture to put a biblically principled story into the hands of churches throughout Europe. The idea is that it will be translated and performed for those that wish to take advantage of this opportunity. My friend Warren (in California) is presently writing music for it and the play is now in the hands of friends of Winnie in the U.S. who will cast it, help stage it and film it in English. This is all great fun and a wonderful way to show the love of God to the children in Europe.

Speaking of EUROPE'S CHILDREN, we had a great meeting back in February in Budapest. Beautiful city and a beautiful group of people. We began making plans for the next Energia Conference for 2018. Last year we had it in Vienna. This is a Children's Ministries Conference for European workers and teachers. But I'm sure you're welcome to come even if you don't live in Europe. I'll keep you posted on where it's going to be just in case you want to come. ☺



Oh goody. Look what came to Amsterdam. Just what I need.

Judy