

The Dutch Family Moves into 'Glory'

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"Glory," the Dutch Family's new home at Bergen aan Zee

The first weekend in our new center

It was on a beautiful Saturday morning. Everybody was running around in the Titiaanstreet center full of energy to start the big cleaning job in the new center in Bergen aan Zee.

At eight o'clock in the morning, after having a good breakfast, the cars were loaded in a really Dutch way. Every tiny little spot was filled up. With 40 members we took off to Bergen aan Zee.

The trip was beautiful. We came through the richest neighborhood of Holland. On the way to Bergen aan Zee we passed beautiful houses surrounded by big gardens and woods. They are very impressive. As we were about to enter Bergen aan Zee, on our left hand we could see dunes and the sea and on our right hand the woods. We turned to the right and then on a hilltop we saw a huge house with a tower. This fantastic house has become the House of Holland. God must have chosen this place.

We reached our destination, got out of the cars and gathered in the old film hall. All of us were so eager to start, we felt so much energy. Who would not like to clean Father's House? When everything was ready to start, Teddy [Verheyen] told us what to do. The boys had to scour the walls and they had to make them even. The girls had to clean the third floor. This top-floor is for the blessed couples.

During our work we sang many Principle songs. We put many singing vibrations into the walls and all the energy and love we had.

The first day we worked till nine o'clock in the evening. After having a good supper we went to bed with a satisfied feeling. For the first time we could sleep in our new center. The next morning we got up at 4:30, and at 5 o'clock we had a service. After the service we continued our cleaning job. Also this day we worked very hard. The boys had to scour again and nothing else. This became Teddy's saying for the next couple of days. The girls had to clean four nice rooms on the first floor. The whole first floor is so stylish. It is built in a 19th century style.

At four o'clock in the afternoon we had to quit working, because we had to be on time for the public lecture at eight o'clock in Amsterdam. All of us were tired. We were not used to this kind of physical work for such a long time at a stretch. But the atmosphere was so high and we all felt so happy, that we regretted to say good-bye to the house and cleaning job.

Only a few members could continue and the rest had to go back to the Titiaanstreet Center. Fortunately we could look forward to many weekends in the new center in Bergen aan Zee.

When our Leader and his family come back to Holland it would be very hard for them to leave Holland. All of us are so proud of the name Glory and Friendly Road. Yes, this place is really a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Opening of "Glory"

On the 40th day exactly the whole house was cleaned and painted. At that moment a wave of joy went through all the members. God's House was ready. Now there was an open house for people who are looking for God in a sincere way.

Sunday, November 5, Children's Day, we celebrated the opening of the house. During the morning everybody finally explored the neighborhood. We took a long walk along the beach, through the dunes and the woods. We enjoyed Father's creation so much!

We also had opportunity to look around the whole house. Master's room has become so bright and fresh, and it has such a beautiful view. The room is separated from the rest of the house and is next to the tower. This tower is the pride of Glory. You can see it from miles and miles. We put a big symbol on it.

At 3:00 the Children's Day Celebration started officially and the house was to be blessed. Teddy first blessed the Holy Ground and then the park around the house. We all followed him. After this Teddy, Pauline and Naeran blessed all the rooms in the house. The opening-ceremony was ended by raising a flag with a big symbol on it. This day was a very important day for the restoration of the Dutch people.

At five o'clock in the afternoon we came together in a meeting room. Teddy and Pauline told us the meaning of Children's Day, the hard conditions Master had to make for this and how thankful we should be. The atmosphere was so good and Teddy and Pauline told us many things. Before we realized, it was eight o'clock, time for public lecture.

After the public lecture Teddy had many surprises for us. He announced who was going to stay in the new center. Other members got a new mission. The revival team got a new leader. In a word, almost everything changed.

We closed the evening by eating good food, like sandwiches, cake, nuts and fruit.

The first training weekend in Glory

How many new people would come and join us during our first training weekend?

We waited anxiously till everybody had come home from the field. Around ten o'clock in the evening all the members were at home, except the members from Amsterdam and the revival-team. They would come Saturday-afternoon, because they had to sell booklets and preach at the Damsquare. We counted four new people who had joined us: two boys from Tilburg and two boys from Nijmegen. All of them seemed to be positive.

That evening Teddy looked very happy. His face was so bright and full of love. He talked about the purpose of the training weekend designed to help us be good teachers. We must prepare ourselves to receive many people and teach them straight Principles. Pauline said: "We will give you so much spiritual food, that when you leave Bergen, you will be dizzy."

After the introduction Teddy told us many things about Master and also about Jesus. Teddy pointed out how thankful we should be to the Christians, because we can build on their foundation.

Saturday and Sunday we prepared for the coming Principle test in the beginning of January. Together we made up 200 questions concerning the Principle. Saturday we had lectures from 10 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night. During this day six more people joined us.

Pauline was right, we got a lot of spiritual food. It is quite an experience after having worked physically for such a long time on the house.

Sunday we continued the lectures until four o'clock. That afternoon Teddy told us important news. Monday, at one o'clock in the afternoon a TV report was going to be made on the Dam preaching in Amsterdam. All the members who could go should be there. Teddy appointed Marjan, one of the newest members to preach. Marjan was so happy. She had been prepared by a dream.

Then Teddy asked us to fast for a few days, perhaps three. But as we were working on our third 40-day condition to get 100 members for America, and because of the important news about the TV report many members wanted to fast seven days.

The first training weekend was a great success. The new people were also excited about this weekend. Four of them are seriously thinking about moving in. We all felt so happy. We got so much love. This love must be enough to gather more people for the next training weekend.