

Dutch Family report for January 1973

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This month the Dutch Family has experienced disappointment and victory. As you know 120 members were to go to America on the 15th of January, for training and mission work there. But the American Consulate in Holland would not give the Holland members visas.

On the 14th, 77 members of the European Family arrived in Glory House to prepare to catch the plane next morning for England, where they were to catch the plane for New York.

Many of the Family members prayed all night for the visas for the Holland Family. We were praying that the US Counselor would be moved even at the last moment to give the visas. On our way to the airport we went by the Counselors office to make a last try. But when we arrived, there was a big anti-Vietnam protest against the consular office. Many people had broken into the building and had destroyed much of the inside. The police were all around the building. After a while we were able to get inside and talk to the man in charge. The U.S. had sent word not to give visas until they received more word from them. So the Dutch children stood at the airport with their bags all ready to go only to hear the disappointing news, that they could not leave with the others. We said goodbye to the European Family hoping to meet them in America later.

After 60 days of fasting by the Family and much much prayer, the visas came through. Now we plan to leave around the 12th of February for the next training program in America.

We are sorry we could not be there with the other European Family. But the important thing is we can go now and fulfill the wish of our Master. It looked dark for a while, but now everything is bright and everyone is happy again.

The world standardized Divine Principle Book was finished translated into Dutch and printed on stencil on the 14th of January; we will have a nice book printed soon. Everyone is now studying the new book every chance they have.

We were able to buy an offset-printing machine and camera and developing units this month. Since we are selling so many booklets now, we need a printing machine to save money on printing.

We now have 40 people on the street full time. This past week we covered all North Holland province which has about 2 million people. We are now going to all the small villages ringing door bells and talking about principles. Our nation is small. We can travel easily from one side to the other in a few hours. It will not take long to inform all the people in this nation of our Father's Truth.

We have been teaching 16 year old school children at two different times, there were over 100 at each

lecture. We have taught around 300 this month. They are so ready to hear the truth. Their questions are very good, they are searching for a new world. We are inviting them to Glory House for more study.

There is so much yet to do before the world is restored back to our True Father, we go on to see victory soon.

Witnessing and selling on the street

Forty members from the Dutch, Family are fulltime witnessing and selling on the street now. We are moving all over the province of North-Holland. We went to every city, every village, and every house. In this way the whole province will come to know about the Unified Family. They know there is an open house for them in Bergen aan Zee to hear more about God.

Now that we are going from door to door, we meet people in their own atmosphere. In the street, they are always in such a hurry and they pass by easier. The contact is more personal when you witness and sell at the door, and they listen better, because they are out of the city rush.

On the other hand you feel the lonely atmosphere from many people. They have their doors locked three double and look through a little hole in the door, or look through a little window. They don't even answer when they see us standing in our Unified Family uniforms. Other people say, before you have a chance to explain something: "No, thanks, I have a religion of my own," and close the door again. They just use this as an excuse.

But fortunately when you meet many negative people, you also meet positive people. More and more people become aware a big change is needed, and stimulate us to continue. Most of those people bought a booklet on the street and buy now for the second time one, two, or more booklets and sometimes the Principle Book. They also feel very good that the inner part of the people has to be changed into a loving heart centered upon God. It is a pity that these kind of people don't go to Glory House so easily, because they have their family. But anyway we can influence their way of thinking and prepare them for the new world centered upon God.