

YWAM ✨ ARUBA

To help restore God's love in families



Introduction...

We are Erik & Hanneke de Kievit. We have a calling to build healthy and strong families. Because of this calling, we live in Aruba together with our youngest son Kai (17). Our oldest son Ryan (20) lives and works in the Netherlands.

We are building a Youth With A Mission base to be able to set up ministries here in Aruba. This way we are able to have other missionaries come over and help us with the family ministries. It also gives us the opportunity to train people to go into missions themselves.

YWAM's missional work can be divided into three categories: Evangelism, Training and Mercy Ministries. YWAM Aruba mainly focusses on the last of the three. In Aruba we see many broken families, absent fathers, alcohol and drug abuse and other addictions. There are also national problems, such as corruption, refugees, (hidden) poverty, human trafficking and prostitution.



Just to let you know

This is us. We make regular updates of our missionary life and work. You can find them on our [website](#).



Youth With A Mission

We are part of this mission movement. [Here](#) is a video with more information.



YWAM Aruba

This is the YWAM team we do ministry work with in Aruba. Here is a [link](#) to our website.

YWAM Aruba co-labors with local (Christian) organizations like Adult and Teen Challenge Aruba, and local churches to properly map the problems and needed solutions on the island.

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EVANGELISM

Jesus is our Savior and everyone needs to know this. He told us Himself, when He said: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."
(Mark 16:15)

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TRAINING

Through organizing a Discipleship Training School (DTS) and other schools like the Family Ministry School (FMS/FFS) people are trained to become missionaries. We also provide short term training.

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MERCY MINISTRIES

Pastoral care, coaching, practical, psychosocial and medical care, it is all part of looking out for each other. We mainly focus on practical and psychosocial care.

Our Mission

To help restore God's love in families.

Our Vision

Healthy and strong families in Aruba.

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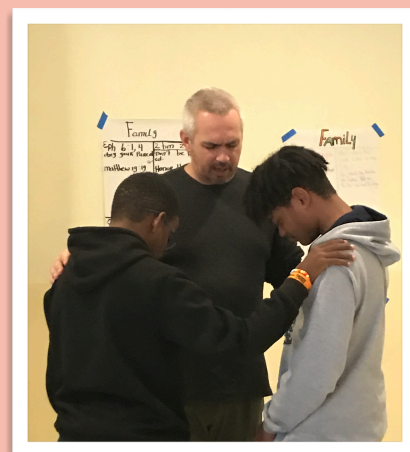
We know that Gods love can change everything. We have experienced this in our own family, and we want to share our experiences with others.

Do you want to know more about our mission, click [here](#) for our Mission Overview.



BIBLE SUMMER SCHOOL

In cooperation with Hubentud Iglesia Piedra Plat we had the privilege of participating in the Bible Summer School. Thirteen young people gave up a whole week of their summer vacation to learn about Hearing Gods Voice, Identity in Christ, You got served first, Circles of ministry and The Great Commission. After five days of teaching, these young people went out in the streets of Aruba to tell people in their own country about God. We closed of the week with a youth service where we got to praise God together. What a blessing to be a part of these young people's lives for a week. Will you support this important work?



JUST TO LET YOU know Timeline

Timeline

To give you a little bit of an impression of our journey so far, we made a timeline. Here's a snippet of what we have been doing in the last couple of years.

JANUARY 5 - MAY 25, 2018



Calling to Aruba

Discipelschap Training School (DTS) at YWAM Orlando



JUNE 24 - NOVEMBER 16, 2018

School Of Ministry Development (SOMD) at YWAM Orlando



NOVEMBER 19, 2018



Back in the Netherlands

FEBRUARY 15, 2019

We sold our house in Zwolle



MARCH 14, 2019



Scouting trip to Aruba



MAY 5 - 10, 2019

YWAM Caribbean Gathering and Caribbean Prayer Rooms Gathering with our YWAM family in the Caribbean



MAY 27, 2019

Start internship Barbados



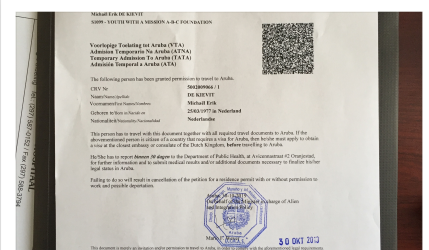
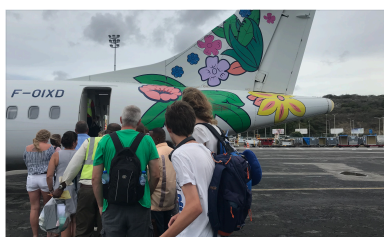
AUGUST 15, 2019

Arrival in Aruba



NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Erik receives his first Aruban work permit



MARCH 14, 2020

First covid lockdown in Aruba



JUNE 19, 2020

Start preparations Bible Summer School



JUNE 22, 2020

Start Dutch language classes for refugees



JULY 24, 2020

Our first staff member (Sean) arrives in Aruba



JULY 27 - AUGUSTUS 2, 2020

Bible Summer School



SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2020

YWAM All America's Leadership Gathering



NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Start Counseling Ministry



DECEMBER 4, 2020 - FEBRUARY 19, 2021

DTS Outreach team YWAM Heidebeek in Aruba



MARCH 15, 2021

Start preparations Family Ministry School in Aruba in September 2021



APRIL 6, 2021

Start preparations Marriage Couples Night



MAY 3-7, 2021

YWAM Caribbean Gathering with our YWAM family in the Caribbean



MAY 15, 2021

Marriage Couples Night at Cas di Oracion (House of Prayer)



MAY 25, 2021

www.ywamaruba.com is online!



PLANNED IN 2021

- More Marriage Couples Night's
- Bible Summer School 2021
- Strategy Conference YWAM Family Ministries (online)
- Start of the Marriage Course
- Family Ministry School (FMS) in Aruba





Facts about Aruba

Government: Parliamentary democracy. Aruba is a separate country in the kingdom of the Netherlands.

Anthem: Aruba Dushi Tera (Aruba Beautiful Country).

Amount of inhabitants: 119.500 (plus an unknown amount of illegal refugees).

Languages: Papiamentu, Dutch, English and Spanish.

Currency: Florin (Connected to the USD).

Size: Aruba could fit nicely between Orlando and Clermont (18.6 miles long and 5.6 miles wide).

National debt: Aruba looks like a wealthy country but has a national debt of 124% of the GDP.

Over 20% of the people in Aruba have less than USD 1,100 per month with high costs of living on the island.

52,6% of the marriages in Aruba end in a divorce. Aruba is second in the top 10 of countries with the highest divorce rate.

61,7% of the children are born outside of wedlock.



RESULTS

The sign in the picture says: "Christ is King in Rancho." Rancho is one of the more troubled neighborhoods of Oranjestad, our capital. We are aware that the ultimate result of our work here in Aruba would be that Jesus is the known King in every neighborhood of Aruba. Since this is a little difficult to measure, we are happy that we are able to share some tangible results to you.

35 refugees received 8 Dutch language classes and they all graduated
9 refugees took part in a Dutch conversation group as follow-up on the classes
13 young Arubians did the Bible Summer School
8 people received counseling
1 outreach team (8 people) came to Aruba for 12 weeks

Besides all this, we have been able to pray for many people and talk to them about Jesus as their Saviour. We could encourage people, speak in churches, share our testimony, lead worship, hand out food and help people in practical, pastoral, and psychosocial ways.

Here are some of the organizations and churches we co-labored with: Casa Cuna (orphanage and teen moms home), Hospice Atardi Aruba, FANA (foodbank), Leef! Aruba (church), Bida Real (church), Adult and Teen Challenge Aruba (Christian rehab), Iglesia Piedra Plat (IPP, church), Hubentud IPP (youth group), Centro Juvenil Washington (campsite), The Hub (Christian community centre), Cas di Oracion (church), Iglesia Aliansa Nobo (church), Home Aliansa Nobo (Christian rehab centre), Evangelical church of San Nicolas, and Maranatha Church Aruba.

MARRIAGE COUPLES NIGHT

We had the opportunity to cooperate with Cas di Oracion (House of Prayer) on their first Marriage Couples Night. The theme of the evening was "Something different". We could share our testimony about how God turned our marriage around for 180 degrees. It is very special to be able to spread hope in this way in a country with such a high divorce rate. And it is amazing for us to be able to connect to people who want to fight for their marriages and for families in Aruba.

Partner with us

God has sent us on this mission to invest in His kingdom and to help restore His love in families. This is our strong believe and therefore we dare to ask you boldly to build with us in this mission. You can do this in three different ways:



1. Through prayer

In the last couple of years we have experienced first hand that prayer made impossible things possible. Prayer works! It started with the restoration of our marriage and there were countless other situations which led us to where we are right now; fulltime missionaries. Some examples:



- we got the opportunity to be trained to become missionaries
- we were allowed to take the kids out of school temporarily
- we had free housing in between the two schools we did in Orlando
- our house sold very quickly when we put it on the market
- we found a good place to live and work in Aruba
- we had the opportunity to facilitate an outreach team

2. By telling other people about our mission

We can only do this work because our support network tells others about our work too. It is impossible for us to already know every person that will somehow be involved with the work of YWAM Aruba through prayer, encouragements and means that are necessary. That is why it is important for you to share with others what we do. Maybe you know someone who is willing to partner with us in any area of our work here. We would really appreciate it if you told them about the work God is doing in Aruba. By all means, share this factsheet, [our website](#) and [YWAM Aruba's website](#).

3. By partnering with us financially

All YWAM missionaries are being supported by family, friends churches and individuals who believe in their mission. Our mission and ministries are also made possible by a team of people around us. That is why we are asking people to prayerfully consider partnering with us financially. For the remaining part of this year our current monthly income is about USD 2,000. We pray to have this doubled to USD 4,000 per month, so that we can continue to carry out God's plan for Aruba. If God is calling you to join our mission by donating online, you can [click on this link](#). If you would rather send us a check, you can find all the information you need on [the donate page of our website](#).

Thank you for the time you took to read this factsheet. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us through info@justtoletyouknow.world.

Blessings,
Erik & Hanneke

