

KALKMAN



Nora & Pieter  
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EUROPE & THE MIDDLE EAST

LANGUAGES

English  
German  
Spanish  
Dutch  
Czech

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Short-Term Mission  
Engagement

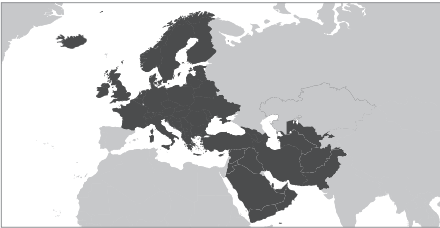
BIRTHDAYS

Nora 5/7  
Pieter 1/1



LOCATION

Europe & The Middle East



ABOUT

NORA and PIETER share the love of Jesus and glorify God through networking with the Baptist churches in Europe and the Middle East. They develop mission awareness and coordinate the skills and interests of short-term mission volunteers with the needs of the 50+ Baptist conventions from the European

Baptist Federation (EBF). Nora and Pieter are strategically based in Amsterdam near the International Baptist Theological Study Center (IBTSc). With only 2.5% Evangelical Christians, Europe is a priority mission field; specifically in the mission region of the EBF, Baptists are minorities, which provides a humble lens for reading scripture and informs their way of doing outreach. Nora and Pieter multiply their ministry impact through volunteers who share in their mission.



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One of Pieter's local ministry Bible study groups in Prague.



## MINISTRY STORY

Working with Baptist conventions in almost 50 countries, we noticed how the Bible talks about cities like they are a family with ups, downs and comparisons. Apart from the rivalry between a place of peace (Jerusalem) and a place of confusion (Babylon in Revelations), there is also a Jerusalem in a family of cities in Ezekiel 16. You'll find some remarkable statements in verses 45-58. It says Sodom and Samaria will be restored and that they appear righteous compared to proud Jerusalem regarding taking care of the poor and needy. This means Jerusalem is failing to be what it was supposed to be: the 'shiny city on the hill'. After the first star to Jerusalem disappeared, there is the notion of a second star-appearance in Mathew 2:9, leading to a person. God's light from now on is not shining through a city anymore, but through people with Jesus in their hearts (Mathew 5:14).

The pandemic caused our travel and networking to be temporarily replaced

by Zoom. This led to a stronger focus on local ministry in Prague, with increased openness to the gospel. We are looking forward to how the Bible studies and student language outreach through the church in Prague will be followed by working more with the students of IBTSc in Amsterdam and the countries that they represent. After reaching out to Ukrainian refugees in Prague, we're looking forward to helping rebuild the churches and ministries inside Ukraine where God opens doors.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for us to stay close to God and to each other.

Pray for divine connections with partners and seekers.

Pray for a good start for new local ministries in Amsterdam.

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## SCRIPTURE

*"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."*

Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)