

# Dave and Michele Mahon

## A marathon, not a sprint

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Greetings to you during your season of beautiful colours, cold and wet, sending love and blessings from the hot and humid Amazon jungle. At the time of this letter, in this part of the world, COVID-19 seems to have passed as there are very few new cases being reported. We are very grateful for this, and continue to pray for healing here and all over the world where the news repeatedly brings us to our knees. Only the power and love of God can bring hope in such times of crisis and uncertainty. In 2 Peter 3:13 Peter reminds his audience in this letter that 'God made a promise to us, and are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth where goodness lives.' This vision propels us forward and inspires us to keep putting one foot in front of the other in this marathon race, studying the scriptures to find truth and living for Christ. We are called to bring a taste of this alternative reality into the places we live, whether at home, abroad or online.

### The Wall

As some of you may know, due to heavy storms part of our perimeter wall at the Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre has collapsed. Thankfully no one was injured. Currently a temporary wall is being built to reduce further damage and to secure the site. Your prayers are sought for this project to go well whilst we consider a more permanent solution, bearing in mind the heavy rainfalls of this region and its impact on soil erosion. A civil engineer based in Nauta has been able to provide us with an estimate for this. Watch this space for more updates.

### The Radio

The radio project continues, as our church leadership training material is being shared on air, with teaching from our main speakers duly recorded and sent to us for broadcast in Nauta.

The theme of the training week in the first week of November was a study on the books of wisdom – Job, Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, to name a few - and their relevance to us today. We have had some positive responses from many listeners who have been drawn to Christ through our broadcasts. About a third of those who originally responded are still involved in the churches we introduced them to. The others have decided not to continue in this direction for now, which has been frustrating especially for Felix our colleague who has been pioneering this ministry. We have been supporting him in this with prayer and encouragement, and request your prayers for decision on the future of this project, as now the churches are able to meet again - our main reason for starting it was that the lockdown had prevented church gatherings.



## The Family

Within the family, the children are enjoying homeschool, with lots of support from teachers both here and abroad. A fairly flexible schedule reduces the need to commute, which is a great advantage. There is more of a reliance on each other as neighbours than ever before, whilst navigating these very challenging times. Your prayers over us are being felt on a daily basis; please be assured of our prayers for you too, as you face difficulties and need the grace of God to keep going.

## Christmas

Approaching the next milestone in our race is the season of Christmas. As you know we were planning to come on home assignment, however our plans have changed. Preparations will soon be made here as a family during the season of Advent to fix our attention on the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace and

Mighty God. Meditating with faith on His life, His words and promises gives us the confidence we need to live with hope and share it with others. Our evangelical friends here do not celebrate Advent, as they prefer to distance themselves from the main religion and related culture – Catholicism.

Our circumstances are constantly changing, but we have a strong foundation, solid as a rock, on which we build our lives, enabling us to stand firm, despite the fierce storms that surround us.

Have a blessed Christmas, and a healthy new year!

*Dave and Michele*

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