

DARE TO DREAM



Dear Family and Friends,

It has been a few months now since my last update, sorry about that. I do have a lot of great news to share with you. I hope you enjoy this new update from us.

In this update we will be talking about the following:

- YWAM LA
- CMN
- The Farm
- Business Training
- What's Next

YWAM LA

Most of you know that I work together with YWAM Los Angeles. But for those who don't, let me give you a little more information before I share more.

In 2009 I moved to LA to participate in YWAM's DTS (Discipleship Training School) - www.ywamla.org. This is a program of 5-6 months, 3 of them in LA and the rest overseas in various countries. After this program I stayed with them for another 2 years. My time in LA has been crucial to my development and preparation in coming to Africa.

When I finally moved to Kenya I ended up talking to the director and he asked me if Kenya could be an option for their overseas program. I prayed about it and felt like this is something I am supposed to do. So in 2013 I hosted the first team, and now in 2015 I have hosted the 3rd team here in Kenya.

In my previous update I wrote about the things we would be doing with YWAM LA and different projects. 10 weeks later they have gone home and successfully completed many project. As you might have seen on Facebook we worked on another painting project in the children's oncology ward in a hospital in Kisumu. This place has a special place in my heart and I have the vision to see this place be completely transformed. The YWAM team has been a huge blessing in making this vision become a reality. Next year I'm hoping that the next team will be able to come again and help continue to bring a transformation to this incredible country.

Check out the [video of the hospital room](#) that we repainted.

CMN

This year I have started to work with CMN, Church Missions Network. It is an organization who focusses on pastor training, church planting and taking care of the widows and the orphans. My role is to develop the Dare To Dream program so that it may serve their pastors in becoming more self-sustainable.

This summer we are having a team coming from the U.S. who will be training women on how to sow and make a business out of this. My job is to make sure that these women have had their business training and have the knowhow on how to start and sustain their business. Also this September we will be starting with our pastor program. We will begin with 11 pastors who have been selected by us and we will be giving them our business training. After that we will be seeing how we can either make their business grow or how they can start their own business. After the success of these 11 we will continue with the other pastors and set up the program that as many pastors as possible will become self-sustaining by having their own businesses.

Something that I'm currently a part of with CMN is their summers program. Every summer medical experts from the US come to Kenya to do medical clinics. During these clinics we see on average 500 patients. All of these patients receive free medical care, but they also get to hear about the God from the bible.

My job during this time is to help run the pharmacy. We make sure that all these 500 patients get the right medicine. So really all that we do is walk circles for 6 hours collecting medicines, dosing them, dropping them of, over and over again. It is very repetitive, but you know why you do it when you see all the people lined-up outside.



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The Farm

Onions, onions and more onions... Beginning this year we started our onion farm. The farm is to raise funds for the project and have it become fully self-sustaining.

The 8th of July we had our first harvest of almost 450kg's. On the same piece of land we have 6 more plots that will be harvested between now and a month time.

This has been our trail version and hope soon to harvest and sell 2 times that each year.

We teach our community to become self-sustainable and create a business that will provide for their families, but if we don't do what we 'preach', then how can our words be effective? If we don't live by example, then how can we really be an example? By starting this farm we don't just help finance our own program, but really we become more effective in teaching the people around us. Already, so many people have visited and seen what we are doing. But more importantly, when we tell them that the proceeds of the farm are put back in the program that serves their community, they get even more excited. This really has become a "community farm".

Our next goals for the farm is to purchase the land (\$15,000.-), get an irrigation system (\$5,000.-), and we hope to get a tractor (\$30,000.-). I know these are large numbers, but if we 'are faithful with the little, we will be entrusted with much'.



Business Training

We are back in business and that means more Business Trainings. This July we we've given two Trainings. One in Awasi with CMN, and the other in Mbita with SEEK.

Our first training in Awasi was with a group of 30 women who, after the Business Training, were taught on how to sow. They received all the tools and skills to be able to start their own business. This full training is funded by CMN and a group of women from the US.

Our second training in Mbita was with our regular Dare To Dream project and we've trained 20 new business owners. This training has been sponsored by six different people.

Even though we are working towards becoming more self-sustainable, we are always looking for people who want to invest in someone's future. We will continue giving the opportunity for people back 'home' to support these Business Trainings. To support one person only costs \$25.- and that gets them through our 3 days, government certified, business training.

Thank you all who have been supporting our business trainings and hope that many of you will continue doing this in the future.



Next

In the following updates I will try to tell you all what is next for us. At almost every point I write these updates there is something new that is coming our way.

So this time what is coming up for us next is getting our farm fully running. Right now we have finished our trail phase and are now going to start for real. We will be growing and investing in our farm and have it reach the point where our staff know their jobs and have the whole thing run like a machine.

The other thing that will be coming up is our first pastor business training in September. We have made the plan for 2015 and 2016, and in September the project for CMN will officially kick off.

There are some other smaller things that we will be working on, but if you would like to be brought up-to-date on those you will just have to add me on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

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Thank you all for reading another of our updates,
I hope you enjoyed it and that you are just as excited about what's coming up as we are.

If you are interested in getting to know more about us or find out ways that you can support our project, please visit our website (www.projectdaretodream.com) or send us an email via projectdaretodream@me.com.

Love and blessings,

Bob de Groot



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