

A Friend for Life

I was born in the Netherlands and grew up surrounded by cows and water. My parents, sister and I had a good life with holidays in the summer travelling through Europe. However, as a child I frequently suffered from severe migraines. As I went to school and university, the migraines got worse and I needed constant medication. Up to twice a week I had a migraine and also had visual problems. My life looked good on the outside, I loved studying and was captain of a hockey team in Amsterdam. But inside I knew I would struggle to take on a demanding job. Deep inside I did not really know where I was heading in life.

Time of Change

Two weeks after finishing university, I met a christian lady who was an evangelist. She explained the gospel to me in a very simple way. She told me about the love of God and how He longs to have a relationship with us. She also explained about how I felt short of God's standard and that my sin separated me from God. By accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, my relationship with God could be restored and I could trust Him for everything I needed in life. It was just the message I needed to hear and I gladly asked Jesus to come into my life. In my situation of no direction or hope, I had suddenly found an answer in the form of a person; Jesus Christ. I encountered God as He drew me to Him. I now knew inside that God was real and I felt joy. I loved it and could shout it from the roofs, Jesus is alive! Also one afternoon I felt deep inside that I was a sinner and needed a Saviour. I started reading a Bible and found myself believing that this was the true Word of God. The Bible came alive to me. I joined a good church and found many new friends, God was at work.

A New Direction

My life and my inner thinking had totally changed in a matter of weeks. I now knew that whatever would happen in life, I served the living God who would look after me and provide and I could trust Him. I now had direction, I began to follow Him. I started working for a large financial institute, however the migraines continued and got worse but my faith kept me going. Not long after my father died, God opened a new way for me to go to England and join a church. I was staying with a loving family, and finally got rid of the medication and the migraines. God also provided a good job for me. In bringing me to a new country, God pulled me out of my comfort zone and provided a house, church, friends and work, He made everything new. But in the process I had to trust Him.

God specialises in making lives new by redirecting us to Jesus Christ. He loves you and He longs to have a personal relationship with you. He sent His Son Jesus Christ for you to die on a cross and pay for your sins. He sent His Holy Spirit to help and guide you in your daily life. When you let God in your life, He will give you hope, joy and direction in a turbulent world.

Today Jesus is knocking on your door as He did on mine. Will you let Him in ?

I hope you will my friend.

