

# The Shelter Youth Hostel Ministry NEWSLETTER

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Shelter Reunion  
26-27-28 February 2008  
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## SHELTER REUNION

Join the reunion of Shelter friends! On 26, 27 and 28 February 2008, we hope to welcome many old staff and volunteers at the Shelter reunion. The three day program gives lots of opportunity to meet old friends, enjoy the Shelter atmosphere and celebrate 37 years of youth hostel ministry. You can visit for either one, two or all three days. The program is as follows:

- Tuesday 26 February: Shelter City reunion
- Wednesday 27 February: Joined program
- Thursday 28 February: Shelter Jordan reunion

For more information and registration see our website: [www.youthhostelministry.org](http://www.youthhostelministry.org). Please, help us to get the word out and tell your Shelter friends (we don't have everyone's email). Register now!

## JORDAN RENOVATION



The Shelter Jordan hostel is closed for a much needed renovation. We needed to re-new the kitchen to meet government regulations and in order to stay current in the world of traveling it is necessary to turn some of the dorms into smaller rooms.

The hostel is scheduled to open again mid February. At the reunion you will have the opportunity to see the new Shelter Jordan. You will also get the opportunity to help fund the renovation and support the hostel by symbolically purchasing a bed.



Kitchen closed



Reception?

Applications welcome

A few weeks before opening we hope to start with a completely new staff team for the Shelter Jordan. For this we are still looking for new team members, to start on February 1st!

## EXPECTING ALL THE TIME

Since a few months, Denis and Jorien Leydecker (coordinators of the staff house) not only care for the Shelter staff but also for a baby daughter named Debora Hanna Chan Mi. One of the results, not uncommon with new parents, is that they are mind blown by the wonder of new life. For Dennis, this puts Gods love in a new perspective.

Jesus said, " I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again". "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he can not enter a second time into his mothers womb to be born!" Jesus answered, " I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit." (John 3:3-6).



### Born

We all are born in the flesh and in addition to that, we need to be born in the Spirit as a result of our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Is that not what the Shelters are all about? To meet people in the flesh and to share the redemptive message about the Lord Jesus so they will be born again in the Spirit. Jesus said, "you must be born again," therefore we have no other option then to proclaim the gospel; its our holy calling into this "fleshly" world.

No wonder why working in the Shelter is such a great, exiting, full-of-expectation kind of ministry; we are expecting babies all the time, by the redemptive power of the Lord Jesus. If one person is turning back to the Father there is a celebration in heaven, so lets join the joy of heaven here on earth and preach the gospel.

How much?

Let me end with a question that has been on my mind lately. If I could love my daughter so much. How much love then could God the Father have for his creation? Could it be that my love for Debora multiplied a billion times would be the love God has for us? Could that be...

Dennis Leydecker (coordinator of the staff house)

## PRAYER POINTS

**Give thanks** for the hundreds of staff members and volunteers who have served in the Shelter over the last 37 years.

**Pray** for the reunion.

**Pray** for the Shelter Jordan renovation and the final building and hostel permits.

**Pray** for new staff members to join the new team in the Shelter Jordan in February.

**Pray** for the ministry in the hostels. That guests will see the love of Christ made visible, will feel comfortable to ask questions and share things about their own life, will be interested in the testimonies of the staff. Above all, that God will speak to their hearts.

**Pray** for our staff team. For unity and friendship, health and emotional strength. Also for growth in faith and desire to serve God wholeheartedly, as well as for a desire to meet guests and share Christ.

**Pray** for the management team, for health, wisdom and compassion.

**Pray** for the Christmas activities in the hostels and the effectively of our witness.

**Pray** for helpings hands to help paint the hostels.

**The Shelter Youth Hostel Ministry** is a Christian ministry to travelers. In the centre of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, we run two Christian hostels: Shelter City and Shelter Jordan. Each year, we provide accommodation to 40,000 travelers from all over the world. Our desire is to be a blessing to them and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with these travelers. The ministry is part of the association Tot Heil des Volks, a non-denominational mission organization registered in Amsterdam. Internet: [www.youthhostelministry.org](http://www.youthhostelministry.org)

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