

Ellel Ministries Nederland Annual Report 2025



“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.” 1 Peter 5:2-3

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Deputy Director

2025 was the 13th and final year under Marc and Margaret’s leadership; in January we announced our upcoming return to Australia, having informed the Ellel Executive Leadership two years earlier. While we had been seeking new leaders for the ongoing work in the Netherlands none have been identified as yet, however Hein Kempenaar and Janny van Vliet prayerfully considered and accepted positions as the Interim Leaders of the work. Both are faithful followers of Jesus and have been invaluable members of our small team. Hein joined the Leadership Team in 2023 and Janny joined in 2025 in preparation for the Leadership

changeover. Janny also began working alongside Margaret in the Ministry Office and stepped into the role of Ministry Manager in Margaret's place.

It was a busier than usual year for Marc, Margaret, Hein and Janny as we transferred tasks, shared knowledge and put systems in place for the transition. We trust fully that the Lord will make a way for the future of the work in The Netherlands and that under His guidance Hein and Janny will steward the work faithfully and fruitfully.

Along with our regular events Explore A and B, the Prayer Ministry Training School, Healing Retreats, Explore+, and Bridge from the Head to the Heart we held two Open Days (one as a free teaching day). Marc and Margaret attended the International Leaders Conference in Lancaster, Margaret also helped on Bridge in Scotland. We were especially touched and blessed by the farewell at our last ILC, we will greatly miss being part of this precious group of people.

Marc and Margaret along with Leadership, Teaching and Ministry continued with oversight of many other areas of the work. Marc covering all things Technical, Financial, IT, Venue Hire and Business aspects of the ministry. Throughout the year he trained Hein and Monika in financial areas, and Janny in further venue hire areas of the work. Marc will continue to offer support and advice; as offered, from Australia. Margaret continued as Ministry Manager with the administrative assistance of Arie for Healing Retreats, and Monika for Personal Ministry Appointments. Margaret continued with oversight of the In-house Team, Ministry Team, Teachers, Translators and Volunteers. She also co-ordinated event schedules, the International Prayer Update and Bridge. Preparation of the IPU entry has now been passed on to Monika. This year's Ministry Team Training weekend was run jointly by Margaret and Janny, as Janny transitioned into the role of Ministry Manager. Towards the end of the year Janny also took the lead in Healing retreats and Explore weekends.

Bridge 2025 was a new experience with Margaret Leading solo as Marc was unexpectedly in Australia. Roland and Arie taught a few sessions and the whole team were brilliant. We were thrilled to welcome three team from the UK who joined our workshop leaders and volunteers. We also welcomed back Geert and Roland from Germany and Rhode from Denmark to lead workshops. We also welcomed leaders from Hungary, Finland and Ukraine and guests from Armenia, Belgium, Denmark, Ukraine, Israel, and Latvia.

We have been richly blessed by the loving service of our amazing small team and look forward to visiting them again in the summer of 2026. During the year our team grew to 7 with Peter joining the team for a year; working predominantly in the garden, which was particularly helpful for Hein during the transition time. Our team also completed a series of off-site Ministry Training Days at the Church of one of our students. The trainings were well received and each visit included teaching on foundational topics, discussion and opportunity for prayer.

Marc, assisted by Janny had oversight of venue hire. We again welcomed many Christian groups to the property including Church groups and elders from Menorah, both a men's and women's weekend from HVC (around 20 men & 50 women). Heart Beat; a youth ministry, returned with a large and enthusiastic group of young people for their weekend at Baak. We

also welcomed back Ebenezer for their annual conference, Alpha Arnhem and the I am Loved Bible School, the Urker Men visited for a weekend with their Worship Teams. We also hosted a number of beautiful weddings including for one of our team, Peter and his beautiful bride Rebecca.

We continue to be greatly encouraged and assisted by our dedicated and faithful volunteers, we could not do what we do without them. Arie and Tanja continue to lead worship. Tanja also sets up sound for the weekends, Arie oversees Healing Retreat applications and they both teach with our team. Gerrie co-ordinates our catering volunteers and serves on the catering team for many events. Kees, along with hosting many events, keeps our radiators and heating system in good order. Evert-Jan and Manfred have continued with renovation work of the buildings and electricals. Tosca spends several weeks each year particularly helping in house, with longer events, or cleaning windows. The faithful men from Urk have continued to expanded from garden force to internal jobs, this year including some carpet laying. We thank God for each one who has put their hand to the ongoing work of Ellel Netherlands.

We leave this work with full but heavy hearts. We have seen God powerfully at work in people's lives; not least our own, and in circumstances both great and small. We will miss the beautiful people we have been blessed to work with and trust God has many amazing new adventures in store for them as the journey into this new season. We epically thank Hein, Janny, Jack and Monika for organizing a beautiful farewell for us, and bless them for the days to come.

Margaret Schuthof



Office Manager

As Office manager, my tasks were overseeing the administration of all Ellel courses, covering all the bookings, maintaining the Ellel database and the website, welcome packs, course notes, Reflection Time materials, name badges, certificates and programmes. This includes the *Explore* courses, *Healing Retreats*, *Open Days*, *Explore +*, PMT, PMTS as well as *Bridge from the Head to the Heart*. I have been organising all Prayer Ministry appointments (PMAs) and Encounter Days, including keeping records of the completed ones. It was my responsibility to oversee the daily calendar for the centre, keeping vehicle records, ordering office supplies, sending and answering emails, attending to phone calls and couriers, collecting and sending daily mail, including bookshop orders.

Moreover, I had the privilege to be involved in prayer ministry, both during the Encounter Time of the *Explore* courses and PMAs, as well as in the training of new prayer ministers. On *Explore* weekends I also lead a group. During *Bridge* it was again a great joy for me to lead the jewellery workshop. I have also been helping with the projection of the lyrics during worship. During our course weekends, I am intentional about building relationships with guests and the associate team.

I enjoyed this year's trip to an international church, with the opportunity to present teaching contents and to train the members of the ministry groups in prayer ministry. Dutch learning is still part of my duties. I spend about an hour per day on exercises and I visit a three-hour evening language course once per week.

One of the most fulfilling tasks for me is to teach and to prepare teachings. Topics in the last year were *Addictions*, *Nature of Man*, *Belief Systems*, *Dealing with Stress*, *People Skills*, and various sessions of *Explore* A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9 and B3. I also had the opportunity to give devotionals for our *Explore* guests and short communion talks for the team.

It has been nice to be responsible for the bookshop, to update the stock, to order new books and gifts, to print and attach price tags, to put the titles for the book tables together and to put the sales into our accounting system.

I have continued to translate some material from English to Dutch, with google translator's help, and obviously a native speaker to check against the results. Moreover, I was able to translate simultaneously from Dutch to English during some teaching sessions.

Regarding our team times, I continuously encourage to support other centres in prayer, using the IPU. We continued with our worship time on the Saturdays without a course.

To my great delight, I could be part of the Ellel conference on Tenerife in January and I was able to support the Ellel Florida team during Communion America in October. Under the impression of the trip to Tenerife, I suggested to add Practical Prayer Ministry Training to our summer courses and to make it available for Spanish speaking guests. For that sake, I merged the *Explore +* Programme with the PPMT Programme, so that we were able to run both courses parallel to each other. Unfortunately, no one Spanish speaking signed up, but some Dutch and English-speaking guests came.

Since Marc and Margaret would leave mid-December, I learnt to do finance from October on. From now on I will also take care of the IPU and the annual report.

On a more practical side of things, I clean the office regularly and of course I help on a daily base cleaning the kitchen. I have been cooking once a week dinner for team (still without ever repeating 😊).

Monika

House Manager

It was an intense year, in which a lot happened.

The announcement that Marc and Margaret would be leaving at the end of the year.

In the ministry, from co-lead to lead, I did a lot of PMAs for guests and also PMAs for myself. Through deep valleys, I ultimately received a lot of inner healing.

In addition to our own Explore A and B weekends, we had three HR weekends.

I also worked in the ministry there.

I enjoyed the Bridge, with many Russian-speaking guests, Explore Plus and PPMT.

There were 12 groups from churches, Bible school and Alpha.

There were four weddings.

When there were no groups, I worked in the house, keeping all the buildings clean.

After the summer, several people joined us to help with the cleaning.

I started an internship with Margaret as a prospective Ministry Manager.

It was very exciting at first, but even in this different role, it was wonderful to see God at work in the lives of the participants and guests.

Waiting to see what God will do in the coming year, in my life and here at Huize Baak.

Who He will bring into our lives.

So much is uncertain, but He is and remains the same, always faithful and full of love.

Now, at the end of this year, Hein and I have been commissioned as Interim Leaders, now that Marc and Margaret have returned to Australia.

We said goodbye to Marc and Margaret.

At the last minute, we received a generous gift to buy 10 new mattresses.

I am grateful to be able to work at Ellel Netherlands, to experience God during ministry, to see how He touches and changes lives, usually in a slow process, and sometimes surprisingly quickly. I have heard so many testimonies from guests.

Janny

Garden and Maintenance Manager

GARDEN

In 2025, I had the help from Pieter for the whole year and also Harm helped me 3 days a week and Frans 1 day a week. The men from Urk also came again and worked very hard in the gardens and also the buildings. That meant we could do many chores and I had some time to do other things, mainly around the buildings. The last few months I worked more in the office where Marc Schuthof started to hand over some of his responsibilities.

Besides the regular activities on the grounds extra activities this year were that many trees died and needed to be taken care of. Some was done with custom workers. One company took down an old acer tree and 2 beech trees, another company took down 4 oak trees and another company took 4 trees that had fallen in the water. We also thinned out smaller trees where they were too close together (on the other side of the moat of the boerderij) Altogether we have a tremendous amount of wood.

We thinned out very small trees behind the moat, mostly with the roots. And we planted several new trees in open spaces in the woods, 2 ash, 1 acacia behind the boerderij, 2 purchased edible chestnuts (1died later), 1 common chestnut, 1 apple tree, 1 weeping birch near the front corner of the moat where a weeping ash had died, 1 Kobus Magnolia planted where an old one had died several years ago. 3 small beeches.

Pieter developed 2 new plant borders, 1 in front of the koetshuis with several new shrubs and plants and one on the other side, closer to the moat where the weeping birch is. He also planted / changed some plants in some other already existing borders. A garden bench was moved to a new location, now behind the pond with a nice view over the garden.

We also shredded a large pile of branches and laid the particles on the walking paths in the garden.

Since we purchased a small piece of land a few years ago, we now changed the fence as well to signify where the new property line is. We also removed the ivy from all the trees on our property.

BUILDINGS

This was mostly done by volunteers from Urk, Evert Jan and his help Wendy, Manfred (electrician) and Marc, a new volunteer as a carpenter.

The men from Urk put skirting boards in the coffee corner, started replacing a wall from the second garden house (which Evert Jan later continued). They also replaced the concrete tiles between the boerderij and the koetshuis, put new carpet on the landing by the staircase on the second floor.

We replaced the CV wood burner with a larger one and now it works as it should.

Manfred put in several exhaust fans in showers and toilets in various areas of the buildings.

We insulated several areas of the second floor of the main house which needed improvement or were never done before. The bedrooms and hallways there now are better insulated, except rooms 21, 22, 23 which are mostly not accessible. Evert Jan did some more work on the coffee corner in the main house, but it is not yet finished.

On the roof of the main house we replaced old metal screws (holding down roof tiles) with new stainless screws on all the valley gutters. Also, the main valley gutter of the koetshuis was done that way. We also started replacing the bad roof tiles on the East roof of the boerderij, but that was much more work than we thought and we did not finish this year.

We put in a new entrance sign construction of Ellel Ministries with the new logo in December.

The biggest change for me happened at the end of the year, when I, together with Janny, became Interim Leaders of Ellel Nederland. That means I got a completely new job description in December and for next year. So, after being the gardener for the past 13 years this has now come to an end.

Hein

Painting and Catering Manager

I have two jobs for which I am responsible. My primary job is painting and restoration of the buildings, both interior and exterior; however, I spend more time on my secondary task, which is kitchen supervisor. This tends to take up most of my week, preparing for our weekend courses, doing the shopping, setting up the dining room, overseeing the volunteer cooks and kitchen crew, ensuring the meals are served on time, and then the clean-up at the end of the day, as well as a major clean-up at the end of the weekend. I also coordinate and supervise any outside groups which hire our property for their events, making sure they know how to operate our equipment and carry out their own clean up.

I also liaise with Margaret over planning and ordering any new crockery, kitchen supplies, etc. I am also responsible for food shopping for the team meals during the week, as well as coordinating all recycling and waste disposal.

My other job is restoring the buildings as a painter. There is a lot of restoration and repair work needed to be done on every one of the four buildings on the property.

Early this year, we had help from people who came from Urk, even some people of the group who painted the ceiling and the walls on the second floor (Main House) from room 21 till room 24 and a little bit more.

In the Spring I replaced a new window glass with a ventilation grille in a window of the farmhouse and had to repaint the frame again. Also, I worked on two windows from the attic. There was moss growing on the outside. I stripped all the paint, inside and outside, did some repair work on it, replaced some glass and painted again with two layers of a primer and two layers High Gloss Paint.

Jack

From the Centre Director

2025 was the year of finishing off our time at Baak as Leaders of the Work of Ellel Ministries in the Netherlands. It has been an amazing 13 years where we have seen God do amazing things. Miracles with the finances, miracles in the dealing with the local council and the fire brigade, but most importantly with the healing and restoration of His people! We call them miracles, I would like to think that He is just true to Himself and faithful to His Word! After 13 years, we, Marc and Margaret, return to Australia and leave the Baak Centre without a clear successor yet in the capable hands of Hein and Janny.

IT

During 2025, we looked at all the IT systems. As there was no IT capable person to take over from Marc, we decided to simplify where we were able to simplify and to replace everything that started to age and everything that was dubious in reliability. Amongst many things, the projector in the Boerderij was replaced with a 95" LED screen, new PCs were purchased for Hein, Janny and the new director to be and various other things. This blew the budget for IT for 2025.

Solar Panels

After many years of research and a very long application process, we finally had 32 solar panels and a 30Kw battery installed in September 2025 on the roof of the Sleeping Building. The project was financed by through a government loan and will be repaid by the savings that we will make on our electricity bills.

Finance

When we arrived in September 2012, we started with 341 euro in the bank, a mortgage of 3.5 million euro and personal loans to Ellel Ministries Netherlands in excess of 300,000 euros. In 2016 the mortgage of 3.5 million euros was rolled over into a 1.5-million-euro loan from a US based Christian organisation. This loan was paid off with a donation in 2020. In 2014 we had started to repay the personal loans bit by bit. In August 2025 we were able to repay the last of the outstanding personal loans. This means that all the original loans associated with the purchase of Huize Baak have been paid off. Another miracle. I praise God and give thanks to Him and everyone who contributed to this miracle. As to the finances of 2025: Our income exceeded our expenses by 2076 euro with some government rebates for 2025 still to be received.

We know from scripture that it is Gods heart to save, redeem and restore His people. It has been our joy and privilege to have been part of this ministry over the last 13 years and to be part of His work of restoration. We sign off and leave Ellel Ministries Baak in the capable hands of Hein and Janny knowing that God will continue this work. We pray Gods richest blessings over Hein, Janny, Jack, Monika, the volunteers and supporters of the work at Baak.

Marc Schuthof

Leader of the work of Ellel Ministries in the Netherlands
27 September 2012 to 14 December 2025.

Ellel Ministries Netherlands Annual Report Statistics for 2025

Centre Name:	
Healing Retreats	
Number of Healing Retreats Held:	4
Total Number of (HR) Guests Attending/Helped:	63
Number of Personal Ministry Appointments Held:	100
Other Events	
Number of In Person Events Held:	36
Total Number of Guests Attending In Person Events:	723
Number of Online Events Held:	0
Total Number of Guests Registered/Attending Online Events:	0
Team Numbers	
Number of Active Ministry Team (at 31/12/25):	46
Number of Team Members (at 31/12/25):	4
Finance Numbers	
Total Income for Year (please state currency used):	€ 259,572
Total Expenditure for Year (please state currency used):	€ 257,496
Number of Regular Donors (at 31/12/25):	27