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Dear Mum & Dad,

Well - at last I am writing again - the best of intentions were to write while in Haag - Sun night and Greg is back in Holland. The jet was the commuter (instead of a fokter) so it is about 40 min faster. He was home in his little house by 6.30. (2 1/2 hr) Chris is eating his baked potato in front of TV - (a rare treat!) + J. is out at the local (visiting) carnival. I took Teresita's daughter to Bodeoland with J earlier & they came back + convinced Chris (Tracey's Dad) to take them to the carnival. Teresita is in Milan for the wk. Greg arrived home sick - he has had a flu all week; the first time he has been sick since we came to Norway... so he wasn't a great ball of energy. Did manage to change the light globes though! We had a very low key day yesterday as I had a headache as well - a day for de-stressing really. Today, he helped me sort out SPIN - his input was invaluable and his concept for a workshop we will run in 2 weeks time - was great. I feel comfortable now I will be leaving SPIN - with a future + a sense of direction. I miss him though. Having said that, if we were down that way - he is there for a total of 6 working days in March, + about the same in April. I'm sure if it wasn't for the Aust. Taxation laws, he would retire tomorrow.

Great to hear about the change of govt in Aus. - Greg had a long talk with both Shez + Arthur on the election. Let's hope it brings improvement / honesty to our country. Also interesting to read the info you sent with Greg's card. - we will write a letter - probably to the Staveil Times (Greg said he would do it - but I'm wondering if he'll have time to think about it)

So we will come to Stavell around the 11th June - until end June - during that time we will spend some time in Melb - Galang. Both C + J are eager to spend some time with their ex-Stav friends. I will write to Heenie, Helen + Geoff - tell them to save some time around then! -

I'm wondering what you have decided Mum - re: visit. - I really do think Sept/Oct may be a better time. Greg is positive Dad would love the location of our house in Haag - 2 min walk to the shops & 2 min walk to the tram - (to Scheveningen - to peruse the scene!) & Holland is a lot easier to get to. - How was Beauty + The Beast? I often realise how lucky our chn. are to have their grand-parents; so many of our friends' chn. are not so fortunate. Simon (Cathie's husband) has just found out his Mum has 3 mths to live (bc of Leukemia) - we all feel so helpless when so far away.

This coming wk, I go to Brussels to the Women On The Move conference. It will be good for the soul! J. will spend the wk with Greg + C. is on a skiing wk with scouts... All in different countries!! - no one would believe us back here would they? Diane W. & Jen Hamilton are coming from London -

We look forward to your first FAX - on the 12th - don't wake me up though! Must go - have heaps of calls tonight before bedtime. Love to you both.

Aboda XXX