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**Mariel with Mike and Carrie Pickett
at Charis Naarden Graduation 2025**

ANXIETY HEALED AND A MARRIAGE RESTORED

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; . . . he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Isaiah 61:1

When people face their hardest moments, distance can feel like a barrier—but **because of Charis Bible College campuses around the world, help is never far away.** Through the generosity of World Outreach Partners like you, lives are being touched in real time, in real places, with the life-changing truth of God's Word.

At our **Charis Naarden location in the Netherlands**, that truth became a lifeline—**bringing freedom from years of anxiety** for one woman and **restoring a marriage** for another.

The Root of Anxiety Breaks

For years, **Mariel Jansen** wrestled with anxiety and negative thoughts, unable to reach the underlying issues causing such distress in her heart. Then a friend gave her a **book by Andrew**

Wommack—one that finally addressed the core of her struggles.

Mariel shared, "I was in and out of psychiatry. A lot of old lies were in my head: *You're not good enough. You're not worthy. You're not ever going to make it.* But through Andrew's book, **I learned how to rebuke the lies in my head.**"

Knowing that this message was the key to her freedom, Mariel attended an **Open Days event** at Charis Naarden, where she instantly felt a peace she had never experienced before. "It was as if I had come home," she recalled. "Here was my family. And I was hooked!"

As she sat through each class, Mariel gained a deeper understanding not only of God's love but also of her authority over every lie of the enemy. Slowly, the grip anxiety had on her life began to loosen.

Today, Mariel is a **Charis graduate** who now enjoys **a peace of mind and heart** she once thought was gone forever.



Annemieke at Charis Naarden



Charis Naarden Students

She shared, “Now I know I am **loved by God**. His plans for me are only good. Sometimes lies in my head still come up, but I tell them, ‘You’re a liar!’ **I have been set free** because of the lessons I learned from being at Charis.”

Hope for a Healed Marriage

Beyond the freedom Mariel experienced from anxiety, her story reveals a broader reality at Charis Naarden—**God is meeting people in many different places of need**.

During a different Open Days event, **Annemieke Kleefsman** encountered the truth and grace that led to restoration not only in her heart but also in her **marriage**.

“Before I went to Charis, I didn’t know how to have a healthy relationship with my husband,” Annemieke shared. “In therapy, you learn to be the person *they* want you to be and not the person *God* wants you to be, and that doesn’t work.”

She continued, “At Charis, we had teaching about family and about Jesus being a servant. And I thought, *Oh, I did so wrong to my husband!* I phoned him in the middle of the lessons and said, ‘**I’m so sorry!**’”

As Annemieke surrendered her heart to the Lord and allowed Him to change her from the inside out, **condemnation gave way to freedom**. Over time, her once fractured marriage began to heal. Today—seven years later—her marriage and family have been fully restored.

“Andrew makes it personal,” she said. “God is in love with you. He’s not angry with you. God

has taken care of your past, and now you can go forward. My husband and I are celebrating forty years of marriage. I can only say, ‘Thank You, Lord, for restoring our marriage, restoring our love, and restoring the relationship with my children.’”

Planting Breakthrough in the Nations

These testimonies offer a glimpse of what happens when the **Gospel is planted locally around the world**—equipping people with the tools to walk in **lasting victory** right where they are. Because of **your partnership**, Charis campuses worldwide continue to be places where **lives are restored** and **freedom becomes real** through the truth of God’s Word.

As Isaiah 61:1 declares, “*He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives.*” **Thank you for your faithfulness** in helping bring this promise to life—meeting people in their moment of need and empowering them to walk in freedom. ♦

Quotes edited for length and clarity.



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