

What is Wisdom???

Special Peter van Oosten Edition



Due to word-of-mouth many readers of What is Wisdom??? have been aware of the fact, that Peter is terminally ill. October 16 the doctors have stopped the treatment. Now, there is no more hope for recovery. Soon he will leave us.

Most recipients of Wisdom??? have fond memories of his time as their teacher and tutor. Besides, he is my best friend. A brother.

October 4 Jane & I were guests of Peter & his family. At this occasion, Peter asked me to make this special Wisdom??? edition for all his friends around the world. As I feel speechless, and a picture tells a thousands words, here are 68,000 words—in pictures.

Asked what his message to you was, Peter told me:

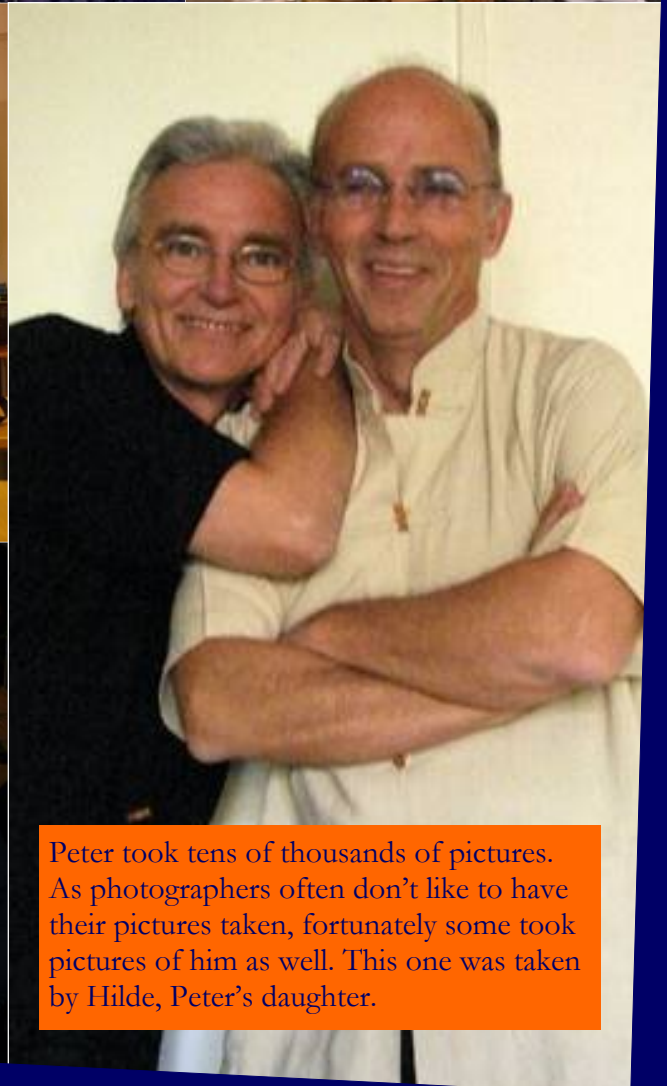
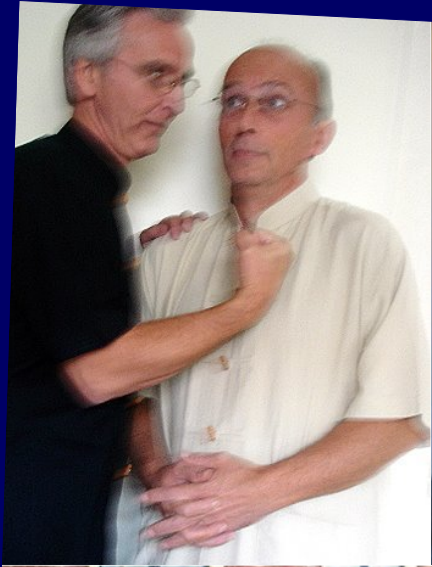
“It has been a great experience. I love you all.”

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It was a sunny Sunday when we arrived at Peter's house. He must have felt we were arriving, as he spotted us from his balcony. We resumed our usual rituals, like talking about life, software and music. But this time there was this extra topic. He showed us how he was fed: a machine in a small backpack took care food was fed through a tube that went through his nose, straight to his stomach. Last week this way of feeding was stopped, as it just didn't work anymore.





Peter took tens of thousands of pictures. As photographers often don't like to have their pictures taken, fortunately some took pictures of him as well. This one was taken by Hilde, Peter's daughter.



Through the years hundreds of students graduated with help from Peter, as teacher and/or tutor. Most of them at DDU, and recently, many at Wittenborg. Although Peter's teaching contract was parttime, he couldn't help but invest full-time. This illustrates what he thinks about life: only when you live it intensely, and experience life in all its appearances—good and bad—then you can say: I LIVE, and when the time comes to quit: I HAVE LIVED LIFE 200%.

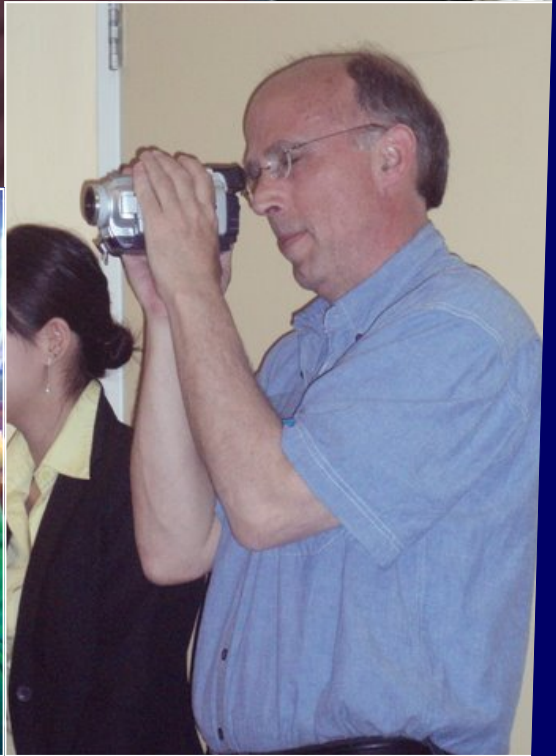


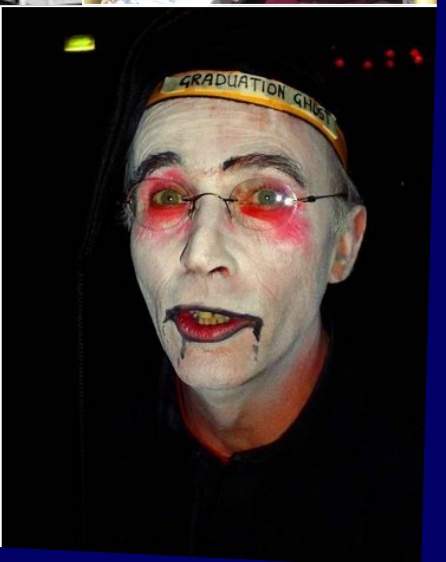
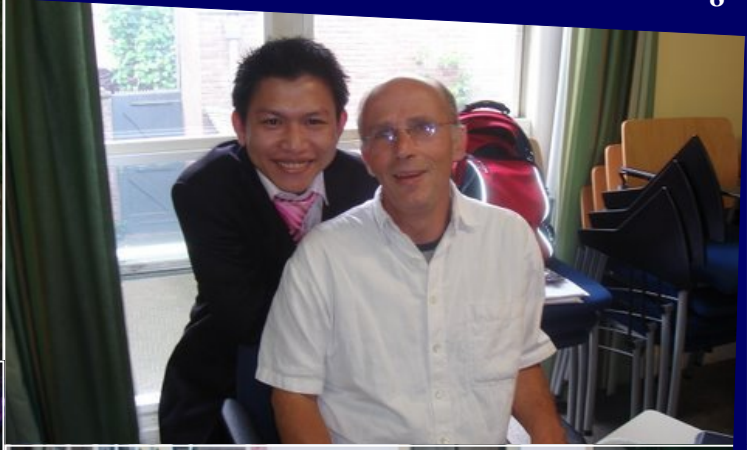


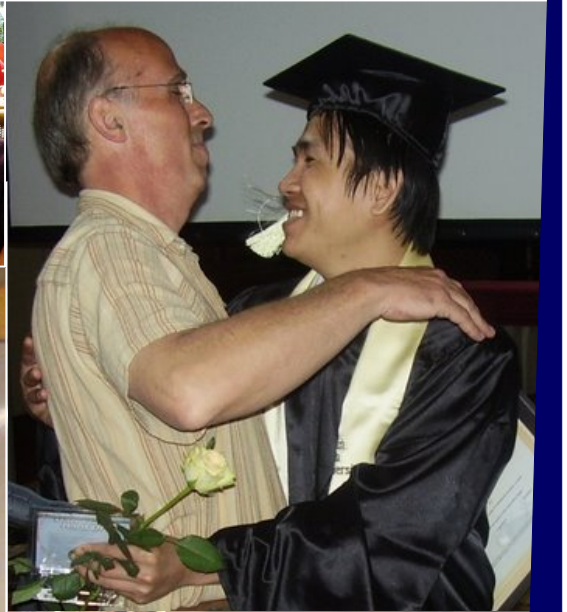


Peter knows all about hard work AND creating Great Times. He knows how to get the best out of life, by making it happen.











Deventer, June 10, 2009

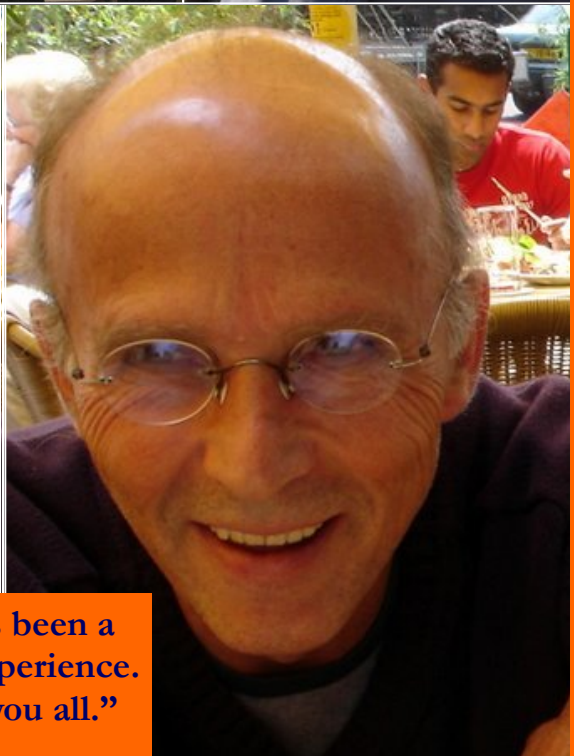


Left: August 22.



Right & below:
October 18, on his balcony, Peter
and I say farewell.





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