



# Sandra's Alpha News

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Small group



Serve team at Alpha

## *Come as you are, don't be lonely*

There is this saying. **"When you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."**

At Alpha and as a Small Group, we have been meeting weekly, learning and growing. We are walking this journey of becoming together. We worship, we cry, we rejoice and celebrate, we share our hearts raw & real, while praying together. I am grateful to "do life" with these beautiful humans.

And Jesus in the midst continues to blow our minds; his patience, kindness and grace are endless. We love you! Lead us onwards; we are following you!

Please help us to trust your promises over our feelings!

## *Alpha Events*

### **July - Switzerland**

First National Alpha Conference hosted by the Catholic church for the Catholic church

### **August - Switzerland**

Sandra Sunday Guest speaker at an Alpha Partner church

### **Sept - Netherlands**

National Alpha Vision Event



## *Got a question?*

### **What does it mean to you to love and follow Jesus?**

My Godmother asked me that.

It's love. God is love. I want to become like Jesus. I want to live his values and bring His love, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, integrity, patience and joy wherever I go. Hungry to learn, grow and contribute.

I will always love you for exactly who you are.

I will never be perfect at representing Him. But He loves me through my flaws when I mess up and loves me at my worst. There is nothing I did or will do that separates me from His unfailing love. His perfect love casts out all fear.

Thank God for that love that covers imperfections and failures. The freedom, inner peace, trust and joy that I experience even in painful & challenging moments and seasons in life is worth living out loud and praising Him for WHO He is!

## *God's favour upon my first year as a student at the TNI university*

### **MASTER OF MINISTRY**

The moment when I looked at my student ID ten months ago, it hit me. You never know where God is taking you, but I definitely did not see this coming, Sandra and academics, theology?! I am in the middle of my third term and have become absolutely addicted to my studies. My biggest fear turned into a huge blessing. I am learning so much from my professors, who encourage and challenge us to grow without being afraid to call things out and into existence. My fellow younger students are the best, learning from church leaders or ministry leaders from all over the Globe, currently from Australia, Kenya, the US, the UK and Canada. My first term was about Pneumatology (Holy Spirit), followed by the New Testament Gospels to Healing & Suffering. I am obsessively grateful for this opportunity given to me. A life surrendered to God is such a crazy adventure!

## *Always in blossom*    *Psalms 1:2-3*

In the past months, I was reminded of the beauty of being present in the moment. Grateful for the people I got to spend one on one time with, sharing from the heart, laughing, crying, praying, and rejoicing. A message at our Global Alpha staff day challenged me not to be distracted by the little things that I am unable to stand in awe of. As a visionary and doer, it is easy to fall into striving and hustling since I am having fun along the way. Still, my personal relationships, my physical & mental health, and my daily time with God were not getting the best of me. The vision for the next decade is ginormous, and we better finish the race well by focusing on His power since our strength has limitations.

In our weakness, God is strong. Making sitting in His presence and meditating on His word priority is so humbling & life-giving.

*”Instead, you thrill to  
God’s Word, you chew  
on Scripture day and  
night. You’re a tree  
replanted in Eden,  
bearing fresh fruit every  
month, never dropping a  
leaf, always in blossom ”*

**PSALMS 1:2-3**

## *NEWS: We are moving!*

We are moving to our in-laws. Enrico's childhood home that his grandfather built was sold by his dad last year, which caught us by complete surprise. Forgiveness is real. The new owner will tear it down in four to seven years to build bigger. Until then, my in-laws have the right to remain living in the house, God willing. Their health continues to decline. They asked us to move in (own small condo in the house). We are grateful to be able to take care of them and yet challenged but ready for whatever the future holds.

Thank you for praying for all of us.

With love  
Sandra & Enrico