

About Us



Jeroen and Jesus in Tokyo

Hola :D

This is Jeroen and Jesus. We are a gay couple. I, Jeroen, in particular, have always wanted to be a father, and was looking for the right man to be parents with. I am blessed to have found him now. We are an international couple. Jeroen (42 years old) is a Dutch Canadian, and Jesus (34 years old) is Mexican transitioning to have a bit of Dutchness too. We live and met in the Netherlands. In the south to be precise. In the city of Eindhoven, which is quite international and a decade ago was deemed the smartest region in the world.

We have been together for over six years. We met through a “magic” app and went on our first date, and if somebody had planned it, it would have never been that perfect. At that time Jesus was a Master’s student and Jeroen had just accepted a new position at Philips Design.

After a couple of months, Jesus suggested that we should find a place together. That was a bit of a shock for Jeroen, to move so quickly, but we gave it a try at around the 6 months mark together, and we have been living together ever since.

This time together has been wonderful. We found out we are a good team, and that we compliment each other. Jesus is a wonderful cook and Jeroen folds clothes like nobody else.

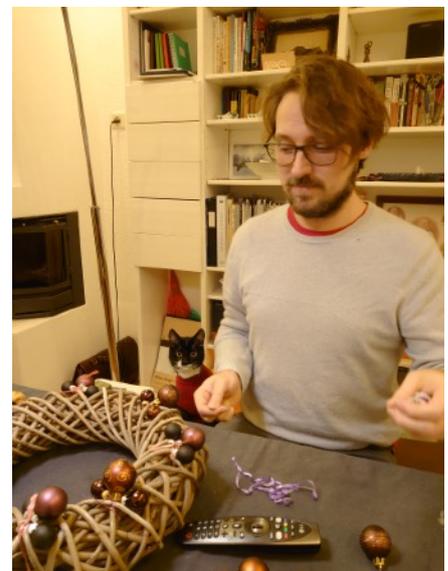
I, Jeroen, work at Philips Design as a usability designer. This means I am involved in developing a wide variety of medical devices and making sure that the medical professionals who use them can use them safely and effectively and that they consider them easy to use. To not get into details, I sometimes say “I help doctors fix broken hearts” as many of the products have been related to image guided therapy and the various cardiac treatments that these technologies enable. Prior to that I have also



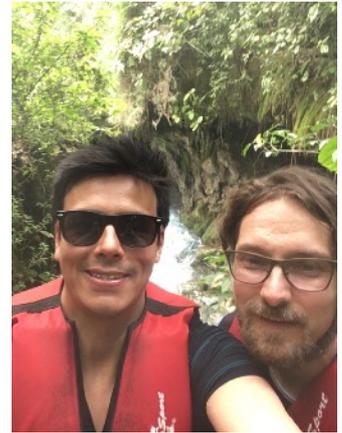
Old Dutch houses, larger furniture for upper floors are brought through the window



R2D2 looks up to Emino under the passionflower upstairs in our indoor garden



Emino looks on as Jeroen makes Christmas decorations for the new house'



Jeroen and Jesus on their various travels in Mexico to eclectic artist creations, and natural swimming spots, in Japan with its architecture, and to wedding in Spain

worked with artists and fashion designers at the Banff Arts Centre making wearable technology.

I, Jesus, have done a little bit of everything. I am a chemical engineer and I have been a process engineer, worked with bank accounts, and was a kindergarten teacher (so I am the most experienced with children). Right now, I am a corporate engagement manager at an international NGO. My work is to create opportunities for farmers around the world so that they have a better life.



Jesus and Jeroen on one of their first trips together to Istanbul Turkey.

For fun, we like to cook, bake, and clean (Jesus at least ;)). Our new hobby is gardening. We enjoy to have our friends for dinner. And, oh boy, do we love to travel. We have been to many different places around the world. Of course, Mexico, Canada, and the Netherlands but also Japan, Turkey, Brazil to name a few. We love a wide variety of food from many different cuisines. This includes spicy food, and surprisingly Jeroen can handle more spice than Jesus.

Jesus is more extroverted, and is quite friendly and good at socialising which makes us a good compliment. Jesus is generous and always looks for ways to help people out. Jesus has a great deal of

empathy for others, and is always protective of people around him. One of his ambitions in life is to establish his own company in which he can combine his drive to stop climate change and fight social injustice. Jesus is understanding, and always likes to be the diplomat, and is always positive. He enjoys every single aspect of life. He finds great support in God through prayer and reading the Bible. Jesus likes plane spotting, designing iconography, and likes to advocate against injustice.



Jesus, plane spotting, close to Schiphol's runways

Jeroen is a kind old soul, and the more introverted of the two. He has a Meyer's Briggs INFP type which reflects that he cares deeply and is sensitive to those around him at least when his head is not in the clouds. As he is also a dreamer and avid reader and can delve deeply into many a topic. In the end, Jeroen hopes that he will be able to leave a positive impact on the world and the people in his life in some small meaningful way. Jeroen is also quite passionate about music, when he was younger that was through choir and playing saxophone and later in life that became a passion for ballroom dancing. He enjoys more of the individual sports and has been involved in a variety throughout his life: swimming, skiing, sailing, biking. As well as, he has been up to trying some more adventurous ones like surfing, snorkelling, and hang-gliding when travelling.

Child's Future Home



R2D2 looks out from our living room with our decorated Christmas tree and wreath above the fireplace



Roses, marigolds, lavender, and a fig tree by our front door, and we show some Canadian pride with a flag in the window

We live in downtown Eindhoven in an old and historic neighbourhood in a typical, cozy and cute (“Gezellig”) 1930s Dutch house. Our four bedroom house is full of south facing windows where we and our two cats live, Emino and R2D2. We bought this four bedroom house in 2019 so that we would have one bedroom for us, one bedroom for each child and a guest bedroom for our friends and family that visit us from around the world.

Our street is surprisingly quiet considering its central location. We can walk to the park, to movie theaters, to the bakery or cafe around the corner or hop on our bike and get pretty much everywhere in town. In fact, we don't own a car because Jeroen's work is 10 minutes away by bike and Jesus can walk to the train station on his way to work. The elementary school is a 5 minute walk away, and the high school is a short 10 minute bike ride away.



Part of Glow festival of lights in the Wilhelminaplein which is a plaza around the corner from our house

Eindhoven is a small city, and it quite easy to hop on a bike and be out in the country side in 20 minutes or so. You can see families biking together, either on separate bikes or sometimes all on one bike. Eindhoven became a town and later a city due to the establishment and success of

Philips. It is known as the host of Dutch Design week, as well as has an annual Glow festival of lights.

Many of our friends and our colleagues are having babies themselves now, and we can see a future with lots of children around. Jeroen has one brother, and has been looking forward to being the first to give his parents (who live in British Columbia) grandchildren. Jesus has one sister and three brothers of which three of them already have children themselves (three nieces and three nephews) in Mexico.

Relationship with Surrogate through journey

We are hoping to have two children through this surrogacy process, and later consider possibly adopting a third.

We are quite open and flexible in the type of relationship we would have with you. We want the relationship to be comfortable for you as the surrogate. The following is the starting point as to how we see a relationship that would work well for us.

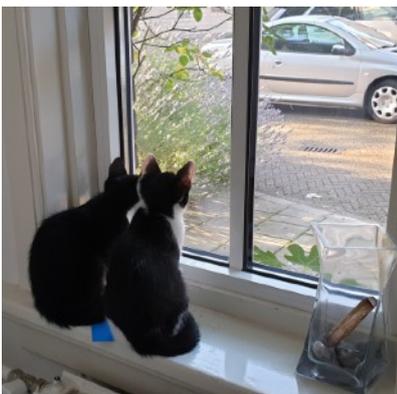
After a few video chats and we have made the decision to take this journey together, it would be great if we could meet in person in Canada, somewhere early in the process. If you would like you would be more than welcome to come visit us at our home in the Netherlands, before or early in the pregnancy.

During pregnancy, we were thinking of a weekly or bi-weekly video call check-in. We would like to be there at the birth at the hospital, though not necessarily in the room. We believe in the importance of breastmilk and we are hoping you also believe in the importance of breastmilk and are willing to support this. We would stay somewhere close for the first few months, to facilitate the delivery of the pumped breastmilk.

After we return to the Netherlands as proud new parents, we would like to stay in touch as part of the extended circle of friends. Years later, when our children are of the right age, and if they ask, we hope you would be open to meeting them.

Looking forward to getting to know you and starting this exciting journey together.

SIDE NOTE: WE ARE EXCITED THAT WE HAVE PGT-A TESTED EMBRYOS READY TO GO! AT THE END OF APRIL, IN 2022 OUR WONDERFUL EGG DONOR DONATED AND OUR EMBRYOS WERE CREATED ON JESUS'S SISTER'S BIRTHDAY! WE WILL BE EVER GRATEFUL TO OUR DONOR.



Our young kitties looking to the future



Us having a good time in our hometown of Eindhoven



The view from our hammock