



## Elder Hans T. Boom

*General Authority Seventy*

When Elder Hans T. Boom was eight years old, his family moved from Amsterdam to the city of Breda, located in the southern part of the Netherlands. His father, a Dutchman who had grown up in Indonesia and was a convert to the Church, felt that his family needed to leave the large city and return to his ancestral roots.

The time Elder Boom spent with his family in that small branch proved to be a training ground of Church service—service he has given his entire life and will continue to give in his new calling as a General Authority Seventy.

“Everything I am and everything I have I owe to the Lord and the opportunities He has given me to learn and grow,” he says.

Born on July 13, 1963, in Amsterdam to Hans and Ankie Boom, Hans Theodorus Boom is the second oldest of the Booms’ four children. His parents taught the gospel in their home and encouraged their children to work hard.

At 18, Elder Boom served in the England London East Mission. A few months after finishing his mission, he met his future wife, Ariena Johanna “Marjan” Broekzitter, at a Church young adult conference. The couple married on July 27, 1984, in Rhoon, Netherlands, and were sealed three days later in the London England Temple. They have three sons.

Elder Boom worked as secretary to the principal of Markenhage College and as a recruiter for Franchise Development Benelux. At the time of his call as a General Authority, he was working as a sales manager for MacLean Agencies.

Elder Boom has served as an Area Seventy, counselor in a stake presidency, stake Young Men president, branch president, and counselor in a branch presidency. At the time of his call, he was serving as an institute teacher and temple ordinance worker in The Hague Netherlands Temple. ■