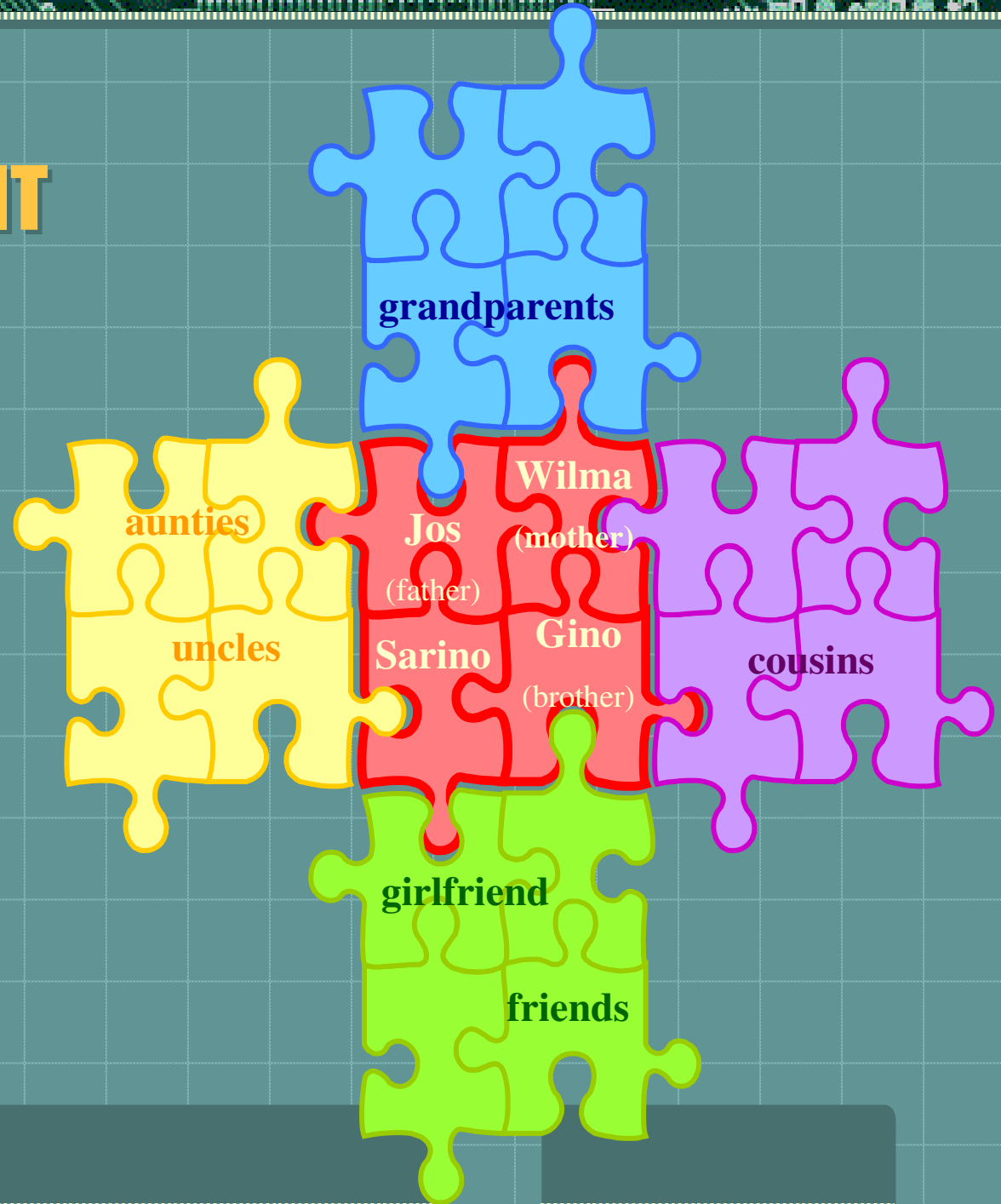


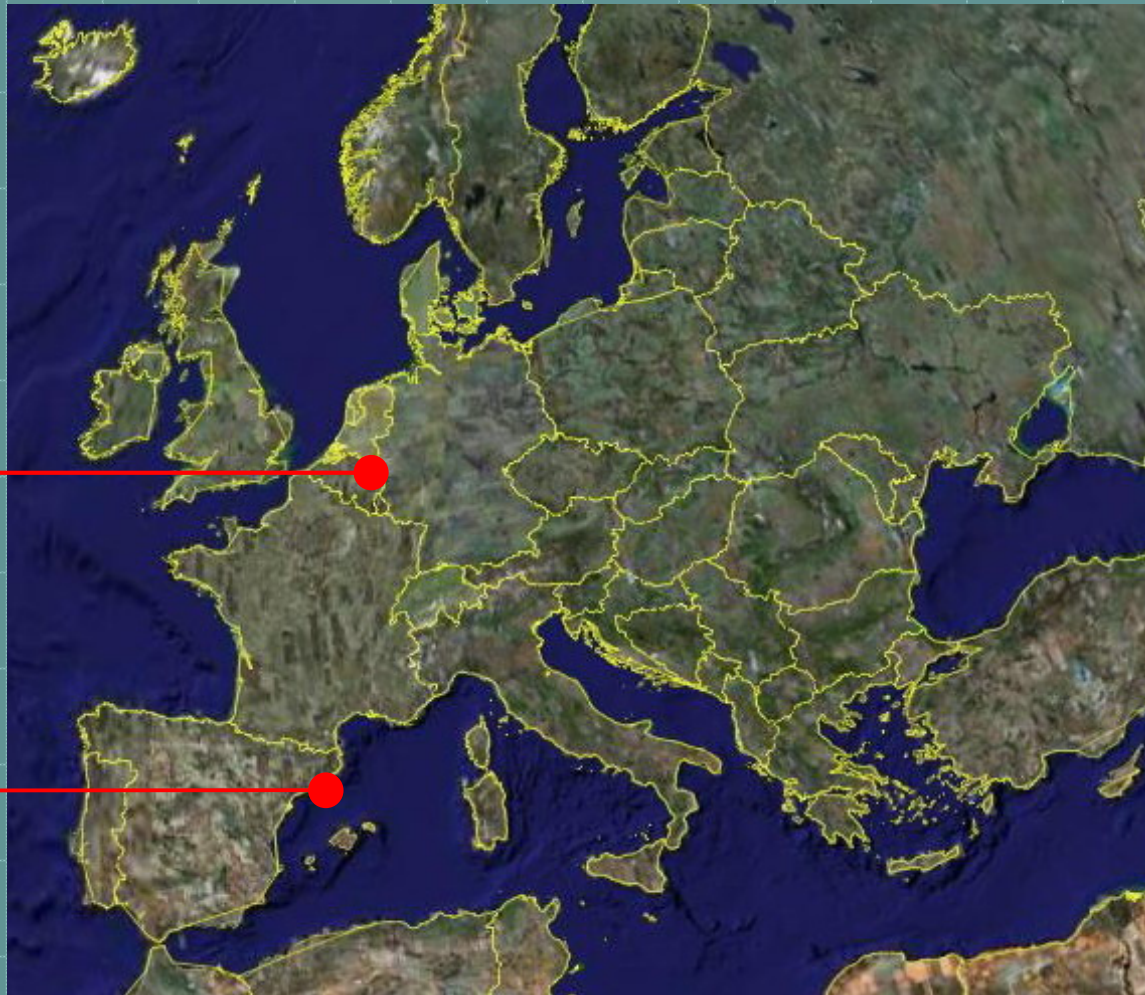
# Our experiences in the PICU

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(parents of Sarino)  
The Netherlands

# OUR FAMILY UNIT



# BARCELONA - MAASTRICHT



# WHILE ON HOLIDAY IN SPAIN...

- ◆ 4 August 2006 - Northern Spain
- ◆ Sea with fairly high waves
- ◆ Sarino ran into the waves
- ◆ What happened next is unknown
- ◆ Sarino floating unconsciousness in the sea

# RESUSCITATION

- ◆ Resuscitation on the beach (for almost 30 min.)
- ◆ Transfer to local hospital (Girona)
- ◆ Trauma helicopter to Barcelona
  
- ◆ Diagnosis:  
fracture of the 5<sup>th</sup> cervical vertebra
- ◆ Paralyzed from his neck down

# PICU BARCELONA

## Our positive experiences:

- ◆ Every day meeting with responsible physician
- ◆ Same nurse for Sarino
  - ◆ alertness and caring
- ◆ Compassion and sympathy by staff

# PICU MAASTRICHT

## Our positive experiences:

- ◆ 24 hours visiting possibilities
- ◆ Possibility to create our own atmosphere
- ◆ Participation in care
- ◆ Access to the medical files
- ◆ Compassion and sympathy by staff

# AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

based on our needs and experiences

- ◆ Flexible visiting possibilities for parents
- ◆ Both parents at the bedside
- ◆ Mind the appointment times
- ◆ Privacy for parents and child

# AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

based on our needs and experiences

- ◆ Same nurse for every patient
- ◆ Knowledge about specific trauma
- ◆ Care of other family members
- ◆ Transition of care to and from PICU
- ◆ Use of translator facilities in the hospital

Thank you for all the good care



Jos, Wilma,

Sarino and Gino

Smits