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“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” – 1 Corinthians 15:58

Dear brothers and sisters, relatives and friends,

There is so much happening in the world around us, and from it we gather that we are living in the end time and that the coming of the Lord Jesus is close at hand. We expect Him any day, but in the meantime we are encouraged by the words above.

With these words, we also want to encourage the faithful brothers and sisters who have distributed the books of our foundation in the past year. There are so many of them, both nationally and internationally. In this newsletter we would like, in particular, to put them forward.

We cannot mention everybody by name, for then our newsletter would become too long. They are precious to the Lord and to us – each and every one of them, whether in the past year they have passed on one book, or 700 books.



In 2021, seven new books have been published, and 5,000 books have left our storage room for distribution. A record number! The Lord has wrought a great miracle!

Because of old age and weak health, Henk and I must let go and delegate more and more things. Early August, Henk was rushed to the Coronary Care Unit of the hospital with a permanent slow pulse. The solution turned out to be a pacemaker. The Lord has protected him once again, and Henk could finish his seventeenth book *God laat Zich kennen door: Zijn Woord, Zijn Schepping, Zijn Zoon* (God is showing Himself in: His Word, His creation, His Son).



Highlights during the past year were our 25th wedding anniversary on April 19, and Henk's 93rd birthday on November 1. We are grateful that we have been allowed to serve the Lord together for 25 years. He walks in front and shows the way, giving us each day the strength we need. To Him be all glory, honor, thanks and praise.

Mid-October I had to learn a major lesson: to stop lifting heavy boxes with books. The consequences are very painful and protracted! I have myself to blame. I must leave such heavy boxes to the neighbor, to relatives, or to brother Piet of the Board! They are always willing to help.

The book that is still being distributed most is *The Actuality of God's Word, Part 1*. An evangelist in Veenendaal, brother Bas van den Bosch, has been able to leave 50 books in each of the 14 churches where he regularly preaches. Through Maranatha Veenendaal, the books are made available for visitors of their services. Brother Jos Henzen and sister Irene have many opportunities among the staff and residents of the old people's homes where they live. Even when sister Irene was admitted to a nursing home for convalescence, she just went on with this work.

Testimony by sister Irene

"I was born in Bocholt, Westphalia, on November 8, 1938 (less than 12 miles from the border with the Netherlands). On my father's side, my ancestors have lived in Zelhem (in the Gelders Achterhoek) for centuries. My mother was from German descent. If you look at my birthdate, it may strike you that I was born right before the Kristallnacht. Hence my parents gave me the name Irene; they dearly wished that there would be no war, but...



After the tense war years, my father would like his three daughters to learn to speak Dutch well, but in a protected environment. So for years at a stretch, we came to Amerongen, to the Mission Deaconesses. My father's sister was a deaconess there, and responsible for the 'kitchen' for many years. Each week, the girls who worked and lived there were offered a youth evening with Bible study and spiritual songs. This fact, as well as the sisters' example, aroused within me the desire for a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior. My search ultimately ended in my I surrendering my life to the Lord God. I put my own wishes and plans for the future into God's hands. During a church service, I was touched by the Word of God that says in Genesis 12:1: "Now the LORD had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.'" That was for me the call to mission deaconess; it was

God's call to me, very personally. Meanwhile I have been in the service of King Jesus for 66 years!

I am so thankful that I can read and distribute Hendrik's books. Ria Vonk, who in the past was a very faithful volunteer in our Mission House, put me into contact with Hendrik's books. The simple text and his extensive knowledge of the Bible fascinate me time and again. In these tense times, it is so important to feed oneself on God's Word, and also have a pure view of God's plan with the world and with us personally, as His beloved children. Everybody's welcome to it. And for that reason I like to distribute this good news to everybody who's receptive to it. May God's Spirit enlighten and feed us, so that we are awake and waiting until our death, or until Jesus returns."

The book *Israel, The Apple of God's Eye* has been distributed since 2013 through 'Christenen voor Israel' (Christians for Israel). It seems a well that never runs dry, and we are very thankful for that.

We are also very thankful for the work performed by brother and sister Aad and Joke van Rijn in the past year. They have been able to spread dozens of books. First of all, they provided 'Stichting De Hoop' (The Hope Foundation) in Dordrecht with books: staff, clients and library, by way of brother Jules Rasoelbaks. After that, they traveled all over our country, from the province of Groningen in the north to the provinces of Zeeland and Limburg in the south, in order to provide personal contacts and Christian organizations with books.

Sometimes we may see something of the Lord's special guidance. At the textile supermarket Zeeman, I got talking to the woman at the cash desk. It turned out she came from Afghanistan and was already in contact with a religious woman in our home-town Veenendaal. We could make her very happy with a copy of *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures*, in the Farsi language.

Evangelist Johan Schep is a person who still gets open doors at conferences and in the churches where he preaches, but also among Jewish people in Antwerp (Belgium) and Amsterdam, and among brothers and sisters in Kenya to distribute books.

Patih and Herda Talapessy are being led to totally different places and are a blessing to Moluccan people.

A Baptist pastor in the Netherlands has distributed 300 copies of the book *500 jaar Reformatie – 2000 jaar Baptisme* (500 Years of Reformation, 2000 Years of Baptism).

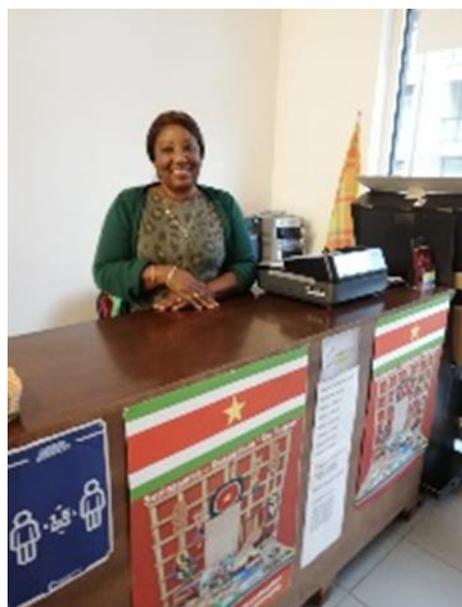
Also this year, our Board member Tinie had the opportunity to represent us with a stand at an Israel Conference at the Christian camping site De Betteld. This led to many good conversations and many books being distributed. Our Board member Piet proceeds with unflagging energy. We may sow and sometimes may see fruit. Piet was

allowed to put down several books in a second-hand shop in Krimpen aan de IJssel. They were taken along by a young woman, from another town. Later she ordered more books with us and told us that she is intensely busy with faith. The books helped her and she found them ‘very correctly written’!

We are also grateful that time and again the Lord inspires people to support His work financially.

Maybe you remember that we informed you last year in our newsletter that we had sent six boxes with copies of *The Messiah Revealed to Abraham* to Israel. Well, five of them were returned to us, and one box – with the Hebrew version – was destroyed at the post office.

I still remember that I was crying when I saw all those boxes back in the hallway. But... this year we packed them again, without the logo of our Foundation, and forwarded them via other channels. All boxes arrived without problems at their destination. Miracles still happen every day!



Internationally, we sometimes get the biggest surprises. In the Belgium town of Ostend, sister Haidy Djoe (see picture) and her husband Eddy are opening up an evangelical bookshop. She comes from Surinam, from a very special section of the population. Earlier, somehow or other, Haidy had laid hands on Henk’s book *Gods beloften voor de volken* (God’s Promises for the Nations). She was very much attracted to this book. In it, she also found our address, which ultimately resulted in all our books now being available in Ostend.

Farshid Seyed Mehdi is still being used to distribute Farsi copies of *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures* among Iranian and Afghan people. In the past year, he was able to have 300 books printed in Turkey, where his organization (222 Ministries International) also runs a Bible school.

Furthermore, we are glad that ‘Evangelië en Moslims’ (Gospel and Muslims) uses our books for their Bible studies in Arabic, Farsi and Turkish. The Filadelfia Bible school in Amerongen also uses a few titles for the students, as does brother Arjan Baan of ‘Stichting Heart Cry’ (Heart Cry Foundation).



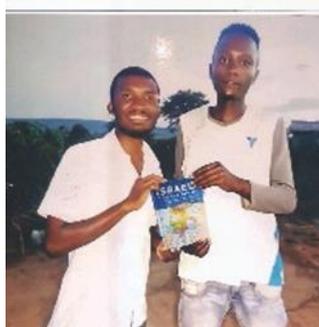
Sister Anna, who lives in an asylum seekers' center, passes on the Farsi books, among others to her church in Utrecht, the Persian Baptist Church.

This is a picture of its pastor, Mr. Ussefi, holding several copies of *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures in Farsi*. During an earlier visit to this church, we got to know this pastor and his son.

The book *The Actuality of God's Word* was translated into English and Hebrew in the past year, and will be printed in Israel, the Lord willing, and distributed by brother Victor Kalisher of the Israel Bible Society. It is a point of prayer that this may pass of smoothly.

Furthermore, the books are being distributed in the United States, Bangladesh, Brazil, Nigeria, Japan, South Africa and other countries.

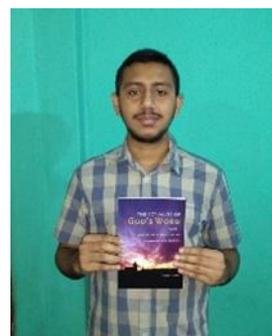
So glad with the books:



in Nigeria



in Brazilië



in Bangladesh

A friend of mine in England, whom I have known since our time at the Bible school 1976-78, is prayerfully distributing the books in her surroundings. This is also very encouraging for our translator from the very beginning, Hannie Tijman. By one of the readers, she was complimented on her excellent translation in English. Our typesetter is also regularly complimented on the attractive covers and orderly lay-out. We are always very happy with it and grateful for it.

Concerning our websites: we would like to attract more visitors. This is and remains a point of prayer. This also holds for their protection. The website www.themessiahrevealed.com is being visited by some 100 people each month. For months, half of them have been visitors from a country where Christians are violently

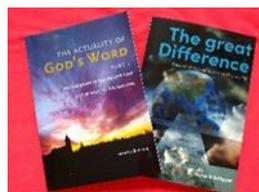
oppressed. I think it is certainly good to pray for these people, particularly for their safety.

On the website www.godsbeloftenvoordevolken.nl you will find all our Dutch books.

On the website www.religions-christianity-judaism.com you will find the books in English.

The past year we have tried to be getting more publicity. Henk was allowed an interview in the monthly magazine *Het Zoeklicht* (The Searchlight). We had many positive responses, and the magazine was also distributed by others. Twice Henk was able to discuss a book at the 'Christelijk Informatie Platform' (Christian Information Platform) and he was interviewed by a journalist of the free local paper *De Rijnpost*. Mind you, my expectations were much too high, for as far as we can see, the outcome was little. It is and remains a lesson for me: don't expect anything from people or methods, but expect everything from the Lord! Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.

Regarding the future:



The book *The Great Difference* has now been printed in English and will be distributed in the United States, Nigeria and Bangladesh.

The distribution of *The Actuality of God's Word* in Israel, in both English and Hebrew.

- Henk is working on a new book that mainly deals with faith, conversion and rebirth. Three vital facts of salvation that are often preached about in a not too clear and simple manner.
- We are also investigating the possibilities of spreading the books in prisons.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to spreading the Word in the past year. We wish all readers of this newsletter a blessed Christmas and God's blessing for 2022. Maranatha!

With kind regards, on behalf of the Board,

Kenna Schipper

Points to thank for

- For all the brothers and sisters and organizations that help in distributing the books. For all the other ways that the Lord has prepared this year for bringing the books to people's attention. In this respect, we think of the websites and the press.
- For the seven new books that have been published.

- For the fact that we still receive the strength and the means to be able to continue the work.

Points of prayer

- That the Holy Spirit will apply the Word that has been read and studied.
- The beneficial working of the websites.
- For more contacts and distribution points of the books worldwide.
- That the Lord will reach Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus with His Word. The books in Arabic, Farsi, Hindi and Thai are very suitable in this respect.
- Henk's health.



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