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To our relatives, friends, and everybody involved in our work

Looking back & looking forward

Compiled by Kenna Schipper-Velema – co-worker and wife of the chairman

We have now reached the stage at which we would like to make our work more widely known - a work we have been investing in for over twenty years.

We want to do this, first of all, in order to testify to the support and guidance from God we have experienced in our lives. This year we gratefully celebrated our twentieth wedding anniversary. Secondly, over twenty years ago, we founded the Stichting Boaz Evangelie Support (Foundation Boaz Gospel Support).

How did it all start? Where has it led? What are we working on right now?
What are our plans for the future?

As a result of his work as a volunteer with the Bunyan Foundation many years ago, Henk became aware of the necessity to also make the Messiah known to the Jews – in the same way as the Lord Jesus did in John 5:39, 'You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life: and these are they which testify of Me.' And in Luke 24:27, 'And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.'

Henk then spent about twelve years working on the book 'The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures', in which he examines over 300 texts from the Old Testament and their fulfilment in the New Testament, and/or the Scripture texts relating to them.

This book was distributed, and is still being distributed, in Israel through The Bible Society in Israel. It was originally available in English, Hebrew/English, Yiddish, Arabic, among other languages.

Meanwhile the book's reach has expanded tremendously. It is currently available in the following languages: Dutch, English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Arabic, German, French,

Swedish, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Korean and Tagalog. Various translations into other languages are awaiting final completion (Chinese, Farsi, Hungarian, Thai and Albanian). By way of our website, everybody who is interested may order a book for free, and this does happen. One, for example, was a Jewish professor in South Africa looking for the true identity of the Messiah. Another was a person asking for a copy of the Portuguese edition, for a missionary in Brazil. As a result, we could send him 25 copies of the Portuguese edition, to be distributed among pastors, elders and youth leaders.

At another time we were able to send copies to Cuba through an organisation that equips pastors there. This resulted in one of these pastors seeking contact with Jews.

The Lord works in many, mysterious ways. For a very long time, we had been praying for a person who would be able to translate the book into Korean, but nothing happened. Until last year October, when we received an email request from a Korean pastor, 'Please give us the copyrights, for I have translated your book into Korean. I would like to have it printed before Christmas and hand it out to 500 pastors, as a gift.' And so it happened!

Meanwhile we have received other distribution channels, i.e. three in the United States; an organisation working among Jews in Australia; in Ukraine, in Hungary, in Albania, and in the Philippines.



Remy Lingon handing the book *The Messiah revealed* in Tagalog to the pastor of the Naujan Bible Church.

At Henk's initiative, the book was translated into Tagalog, the language that is spoken in the Philippines – the country where I myself worked as a missionary for eight years. Currently, fifty copies are being distributed among pastors on the isle of Mindoro. It was very moving to see how the book was handed to the pastor of the church that, back in my time there, was established with God's help.

Another highlight this year was the printing of a shortened English edition with Hebrew names, illustrating that the New Testament was originally a Jewish book. This is especially important in trying to reach orthodox Jews. The suggestion to produce this version was made by a Messianic brother in Virginia. He has also helped in the realisation and has meanwhile distributed many copies.

At this moment, one thousand copies are being printed in Yiddish for the organisation of a young Messianic couple working in New York. They said they had prayed for six years for this kind of material.

In 2012, Henk's book 'Israel, The Apple of God's Eye' was published in Dutch. Its subtitle is: 'Promises for Israel in the past, present and future'.

It has since been translated into English, and in 2017 our translator hopes to start with the Russian version. None of this is our work, it's God's work, and daily we experience His guidance, wisdom and strength.

We couldn't have done it if, from the very beginning, we had not had dedicated co-workers and co-prayers. We want to name a few of them: Marcel Rijdsdijk, our type-setter, and Henk Post, who set up a special programme for processing the Bible translations, and David van Capelleveen, our expert in the field of Hebrew and Yiddish.

In this respect, we also think of our Board. We are glad to have welcomed a new board member, Tinie de Vegt, who has already taken various initiatives in order to support the work. She is also distributing the book on the Messiah in Israel.

For more information, please see our new website: www.themessiahrevealed.com

Kenna Schipper-Velema

Victor Kalisher, director of The Bible Society in Israel on Boaz Evangeliesupport

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." (Luke 24:27 KJV)

The Messiah is indeed revealed in the Holy Scriptures! It takes however a great desire and love to "walk" with the children of Israel and "patiently" teach and explain to them about Yeshua, their Messiah from the books of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets. This is what Jesus did on the road to Emmaus so that their hearts were burning within them while He talked with them and their eyes were opened and they knew Him.

This is exactly what brother Henk Schipper and his precious wife Kenna are doing through the publication and distribution of "The Messiah Revealed in the holy Scriptures" books and this is also the desire of the Bible Society in Israel - reaching out to the People of Israel with the fullness of the Scriptures - for their

salvation. It was therefore such an encouragement and blessing to meet together and cooperate in this mission and ministry - already for some years.

These books are a thorough teaching of the Messianic message of the Bible and its fullness in a way that is objective and fully aligned and faithful to the Word of God. It is an effective and sensitive tool to reach out to Jews with the Gospel, so that they understand that the faith in Christ actually fulfils their Jewish identity and with it also their Messianic expectation.

However, it is also a very important and necessary teaching to the church, to any believer, Jew or Gentile, especially today. The events that will bring about the return of our Messiah are hastening and with them the relationships between Israel and the nations as well as God's dealings with both are becoming critical. It is therefore urgent and critical to reach out to the Jews but at the same time, give the church, to any believer, the opportunity to understand the truth about the key and central message of the Bible through the revelation of the Messiah, since it is in Him that God accomplishes His plans for all humanity.



Victor Kalisher (at left) and Henk Schipper (at right)

During the last 7 years (or so), the Bible Society in Israel was blessed, through the generosity of BOAZ ministry, to distribute these books to thousands of Jews and Arabs in Israel but also to many people of different backgrounds. The feedbacks and testimonies were also very encouraging and up lifting.

I pray therefore that the production and distribution of "The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures" will continue to bless and benefit both Jews and gentiles and win many of them to the Messiah.

A word from the chairman

I am thankful that the Lord has richly blessed our work and that He has confirmed and encouraged us several times with signs to continue the work. We are also very thankful that the Israel Bible Society in Jerusalem has done its very best to distribute the book 'The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures' in Israel, in many languages. The Bible shop is visited by people from all over the world who want to become acquainted with its work and buy books.

Since the book on the Messiah is currently the most important book we are distributing, I would like to go somewhat deeper into the motivation and goal behind it.

We have the same motivation the Lord Jesus and His disciples had, i.e. to point out where the Old Testament, the Tanakh, deals with the Messiah. What was their purpose? To show, from the Tanakh, that all that happened in Jesus' day and was recorded in the New Testament, was foretold by Moses, the Prophets, and in the Psalms. That was also my goal. So we don't evangelise, we do not impose anything on anybody. Jews and non-Jews can study our work, can acknowledge it as the Truth, or reject it. And if people, through this study, come to faith in the Messiah Jesus, we thank the Lord for His work. This book shows the unity between the Old Testament and the New. Furthermore, it shows that the Old Testament contains many prophecies still waiting to be fulfilled – prophecies that many people, as a result of the replacement theology, do not know how to deal with, or think are already fulfilled.

The English version of the book 'Israel, The Apple of God's Eye' is also being distributed in Israel and the States. This project was recently started and the first reactions are very encouraging. Within a short time, we hope to publish it as an e-book.

Once other languages are completed, we hope to have a CD made, containing the book 'The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures' in all the available languages.

Finally, 'All honour to God'.

A new field worker

Our new Board member, Tinie de Vegt, would like to give lectures about Israel.

These lectures contain for example the promises to Israel in the past, present and future.

And about the current situation in Israel of the Messianic congregations and organisations.

Please contact her if you want to organise a fascinating evening on Israel, in your church, for your organisation, club or group.

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The work of the Boaz Foundation has been able to progress in 2016 and is especially blessed by the grace and goodness of the Lord. He has heard our prayers and provided for all things, both materially and financially.

You may forward this letter to anybody interested in this subject.

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