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To all those involved in the Boaz World Word Project foundation,

The Word of God is not bound, and if the Lord works by His Holy Spirit, who can turn it?

We were also able to experience this again in the past period. The Lord has paved ways and opened doors that we could not have imagined. When we look at the prayer points from the previous letter, we see that the Lord has blessed us abundantly. To Him belongs all praise, thanks and worship. We may continue to sow and every now and then we see little glimpses of the fruit. I quote Sister T.: “I always have the book: “Faith, conversion and rebirth” next to me. When I am attacked in my faith, I read again the passage that confirms me in my faith.”

Brother van B.: “I have had the book: “Promises and Words of the Lord Jesus for His Church” on the table next to me for quite some time. I didn't know God's Word is so rich. Very encouraging and to the point.”

Through an interview in the Reformed Newspaper we came into contact with **Pieter Poppe from Middelburg**. He provides pastors, congregations and libraries in various countries in Africa with constructive, spiritual literature. Through the foundation we were able to provide him with 170 copies of the book “The Messiah revealed in the Holy Scriptures” in English. He has just spent a month in Africa to meet people and supervise his project.



We quote from his report:

Linking the Old and New Testaments in Africa.

“Many African preachers do not have a bookcase full of books themselves. Often they have no more than just the New Testament. Received once, sometimes bought myself. That is the “treasure” from which they preach and tell others how to become “happy”. Happy? That means above all healthy and wealthy... They often have no education themselves and wander, relying on their reason or imitating what they have seen on television from others.

What is the meaning of the Old Testament? No idea, never seen it! **LS Libraries (Pieter's foundation)** is looking for means and ways to share education, which is so abundant in the Netherlands, with fellow Christians in Africa. For example, we donate Christian books to schools, churches, Bible schools and public libraries in eight African countries.

Pastors have recently been able to request their own set of books. Because many of them have not yet discovered the value of the Old Testament, the Boaz World Word Project addition is of great value. We hope to distribute the books this year in Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa and Kenya.”

The congregation of Berea:

“Every now and then I get the opportunity to serve a church in the country with the Word, through a sermon or Bible study. It is always a joy for me to build up, encourage and teach people from the Word. Words are often fleeting and it is not always easy for the hearer to retain the Message for a long time.

Fortunately, nowadays we have various options to listen to a sermon or study again. That is very useful.

In addition to the spoken Word, I also have the opportunity to present and distribute Henk Schipper's books in various congregations. In this way, spoken and written Word come very close together. We both had/have the same goal: to make God's Good News known.

This contribution is not intended to describe the plight of the society around us, but we are deeply convinced that the world is sinking more and more into darkness. There is only one alternative and solution: the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Henk wrote about that and I talk about that. Recently I asked one of the elders of a church if I could offer Henk's books. Response: “Then we would first like to take note of the contents ourselves!” I was happy with that response.

Much is said and written today that cannot stand the Biblical test and countless people uncritically follow speakers or read books without examining whether “things are so.” This congregation in question has a high Berea content. In Acts 17:11 we read of them, “And these were more noble in mind than those in Thessalonica, for they received the Word with great eagerness, and searched the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.” The noble level meant that they did not blindly accept Paul's words, but compared Scripture with Scripture, even though they only had the Tanakh (Old Testament) in their possession. That is how it should be, because only in this way is the church kept from error and all kinds of wind of doctrine.

I highly recommend Henk Schipper's books to you. Place them next to the Word of God and it can bring you to a deeper understanding of the Word and thus be a blessing.”

Rev. Henk Schouten



Distributors and Dissemination

Since we still had a large box of Norwegian copies of “The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures” stored in the basement, I made several attempts to make contacts in Norway.

No results. 😞 Until.... At the end of last year we received an email from **Peter and Leah de Pater** from Norway. They ordered 70 books in the Norwegian version. What a miracle! How did they find us? Via the EAS (Gospel Support for Foreign Languages) foundation from Harderwijk, which also has our books in stock in a number of other languages. Peter and Leah have been living in Norway for 16 years and are eager to reach the Norwegian people with the Gospel, as well as refugees from Ukraine, Jewish people and Romanians living in Norway. Last February Peter was in the Netherlands to help his mother move and that was a great opportunity to pick up the books himself. It was a heartwarming meeting!

We hope to be able to tell you more about the distribution in our next newsletter.

We were also invited with our book table to the **Baptist Church of De Rank in Alkmaar**.

A blessed experience. It is not only that we can hand out books, but we often also have good conversations and that is also valuable. I am grateful to my friend Willy van Dijk for being willing to assist me as a volunteer when the other employees are unable to attend.

Good initiatives are also being taken in the north of the country to spread the Message of the end times. **Groningen** is often seen as hard ground for the seed of the Gospel. It makes me so happy when I see these initiatives.

We received permission from two young brothers, from the Baptist Church in **Nieuw Weerdinge**, to stand with the book table at a conference in Ter Apel. They organize these activities. It is so encouraging to see that young people take this on



their hearts and go for it. Here I also had the opportunity to talk extensively about the work of the foundation and that always pays off.

Furthermore, in the past three months we were able to send a box of French books to Belgium, a box of books to Poland and a box of books to India. Last December we were able to send 250 Farsi books through the organization Transform Iran, (brother Farshid Seyed Mehdi), intended for Iranian pastors and translators.

Now we have received the surprising news that two Islamic linguists have come to faith in the Lord Jesus while they were translating the Bible into their own ethnic language. They love that Christians take the trouble to translate the Bible into their own language and recognize that the Bible can help preserve their language.

Pray for the safety of these people and their families.

Once again we ask urgent prayers for Israel

We regularly receive an update on the situation in Israel from **Victor Kalisher**. We have known this dear Jewish



brother

since 2011. As director of the Bible Society in Israel, he has been distributing our books among his people ever since. His father was a Holocaust survivor, the only member of his family from Poland.

For an extensive, moving interview with Victor, see the documentary: The nation of Israel: "A remnant of believers" at www.messiasbelijdendejoden.nl

The situation in Israel is very tense and stressful, as the country is still in an uncertain war situation. There is no time for healing the emotional wounds. Many people become bitter and sad. Many have lost family members and about 600 soldiers have returned from the war with very serious injuries. Pray for them and for their family members and also continue to pray for the people being held hostage. It's heartbreaking when we think about that. A daughter of Victor and her husband are still in the army. Two sons-in-law are free for the time being.

Victor realizes that the battle that is going on is fundamentally a battle of Satan against the Lord and His anointed.



There is, however, more openness to the Gospel and the Bible Society is making full use of these opportunities. They now also spread God's Word in modern Hebrew via audio technology on social media.

From another source we learned that many Messianic Jews who come on leave from the war are fired from their jobs and even lose their accrued pension. The unions also do not support them.

From our treasurer Piet Heuvelman

“We were also able to count our blessings again in the past period. In this we see God's love through everything. Also the love that He has put in your hearts to support our work, for which we thank Him and you very much! We also thank you for your faithful prayer. We know that some of you pray daily for our work. We continue to rely on the promises of the Lord in Matthew 7:7 and Luke 11:9,10. (“Ask and it will be given to you.”)

We were able to have 2,150 books reprinted in 2023. As of January we have been able to distribute 630. As you have read, across national borders.

I would also like to point you to our websites: www.godsbeloftenvoordevolken.nl for Dutch books and www.themessiahrevealed.com for foreign languages. The books can be read and downloaded there for free. Point this out to others if you get the opportunity. All newsletters we have sent over the years can also be read there. They reflect part of the history and development of our foundation. Take a look!”

Finally, I wish you all a happy Easter. With kind regards,

Kenna Schipper

“The Lord lives, blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.”

P.S. On **April 4**, we hope to encourage the Jewish people in Buitenveldert with a representative of the organization Jews for Jesus.

On **April 13** we will have the opportunity to stand with the book table at a conference of the Jesus Comes Soon foundation in the Nieuwe Kerk in Zeist. Would you like to pray about this?

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