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Dear brothers and sisters, family and friends,

“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repented, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.” Luke 15:7

There are several reasons why we are already sending you a newsletter. We were used to give you an overview of the ins and outs of the Boaz World Word Project foundation at the end of the year. In the past year we as a foundation have prayed and searched for the way the Lord wanted us to go. Several questions came to us.

Does the Lord want us to continue after the death of Henk (Schipper), now that no more books are added? Will we get any new distribution possibilities? Will the Lord continue to provide the necessary finances?

We have been confirmed on all fronts that it is His will for us to continue and much more... The Lord has really done miracles and opened ways we could not imagine. To give you an impression: Since November last year we have been able to distribute approximately 1900 books. We also notice again and again that He has the individual in mind, that searching soul and we may hear that people have learned spiritual lessons through the books. Someone said she felt she had known the author for years when reading the book: "God's Promises to the Nations". Surely that can only be the working of God's Spirit?

In the thrift store of Thee Meeting Place I met an old Indonesian lady who told me that she returned to the faith of her childhood and that she preferred to read something in her native language. When I brought her an Indonesian edition of "The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures," she looked at it and kissed it. Very moving.

From our board:

Last June, our board member **Tinie de Vegt** indicated that she wanted to leave the board because of a new, extensive task that came her way. We warmly thank Tinie for the work she has done for the foundation over the past seven years, especially with regard to distributing books in Israel and we wish her God's blessings for her new task.

We are very grateful to welcome Rev. Henk Schouten as a new board member. The tasks are now divided as follows: Kenna Schipper chairman, Piet Heuvelman general deputy and treasurer and Rev. Henk Schouten secretary. Rev. Schouten introduces himself to you.



May I introduce myself?

“I am **Henk Schouten** and since July 28, 2023 I am part of the board of Boaz World Word Project. I would like to introduce myself to you through this newsletter.

Who is Henk Schouten?

I was born in Leiden from a family of pastors and evangelists. That may be a nice basis, but in the end it says nothing about my personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. That personal relationship has certainly come about. Although knowledge of and faith in the Lord Jesus was

instilled in me from childhood, it was at a Baptist Union youth camp that I came to personal faith.

You are young and don't know yet which direction your life will take. Much later during a service a beautiful song was sung “I know that my Redeemer lives”, I knew that and happily sang along with the congregation, but then came the 5th verse “You who do not yet live for Jesus...”. That's where it hit me. To know the Lord Jesus is one thing, to live for Him is another. I switched from an education in construction to an education to become a minister. That training took place at the Baptist Seminarium in Bosch en Duin and the Theological Faculty of Utrecht.

Meanwhile a woman came into my life, **Betty van Ham** and on May 18, 1976 we got married. We received two sons, two sweet daughters-in-law, four grandsons and one granddaughter.

We were allowed to serve three Baptist congregations, Amsterdam-Noord, Deventer and Hoogeveen. After that we led the work of The Searchlight for about 13 years. Betty as hostess/housekeeper/receptionist and I as director and editor-in-chief of the magazine of the same name.

We have now put our working period behind us. I can still lead services. There I want to pass on the gospel, but the Maranatha message in particular.

The love for God's people, Israel, always plays an important role in the Biblical message. How much we have received from this people. Our Lord Jesus, the Messiah of Israel as our personal Redeemer and Savior. But also God's Word, the Bible for short. That is precisely where we meet in the work of Boaz World Word Project. We want to pass on God's Word,

to reach out to all nations and to God's people Israel in particular. Henk Schipper, the founder of this work, was touched by a text from God's Word: "You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me" (John 5:39). The testimony of Jesus needs this world before and above all, for that we also commit ourselves with Boaz until our Lord brings His congregation home. Maranatha!"

In this newsletter we especially want to pay attention to our loyal supporters, who are used by the Lord at home and abroad to spread His Word.

From our work:



We start with **Johan Roukema** of the Berea congregation in Apeldoorn. He started distributing our newsletters and the little booklet: "The Messiah Revealed to Abraham," several years ago through his so-called Christian reading portfolio. He also uses the opportunity to find ways to place a book table inside and outside the church. Either on an Israel Sunday or, for example, at a local market.

Rijk van Kooten van Maranatha Veenendaal faithfully sets up a book table in the hall of the congregation every Sunday evening and has already been able to distribute dozens of books in this way.





The couple **Erik and Gerda Goedee**, also from the Maranatha Fellowship of Veenendaal, made a trip to Vietnam last summer. We still had one copy of “The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures” in Vietnamese in stock. They wanted to take it with them and have prayerfully sought ways to “lose” this book somewhere. It was not until the end of their journey that they came into contact with a sister, whom they were able to make very happy with the book. For

security reasons, we do not post a picture of her, but I quote Erik:

“We had already tried twice to deliver the book of the Messiah, but we failed. Later we came across this radiant woman at a small resort. She worked there as a chambermaid and helped with breakfast and dinner. She indicated that she was a Christian and had already discovered that we were Christians too. We knew right away that the book was for her. I immediately took it out of my suitcase and gave it to her. She got all emotional and tears ran down her cheeks.”

Once again we had the opportunity to distribute books in different languages in ICF (International Christian Fellowship) Veenendaal: Arabic, Farsi, Spanish, French and Indonesian, among others.

A short response.

“Recently, Mrs. Schipper contacted ICF (International Christian Fellowship) Veenendaal and distributed some copies of the book: The Messiah revealed in the Holy Scriptures. ICF has existed in Veenendaal for more than ten years and we meet every Sunday.

We do not hand out this beautiful book at the door but choose the people to whom we give this book. Many people from different cultures are not used to reading a lot. Our regular Iranian translator received the book in a beautiful leather version. He was very happy with that. He also immediately asked for a copy for the pastor of a Farsi-speaking Bible group from the region who rent our building. A young woman from Indonesia who visits ICF with her family was very moved when she received this book. So much work to classify all the texts about the Messiah in a book in her native language. A Somali brother who translates regularly was also very happy with this book. He prepares himself so thoroughly for the translation of the sermon. With he summary that the pastor sends and the Bible passage, this book again helps him to find and research other texts, so that he can give a more variation of words while translating into his own language. Our predecessor was also pleased with this standard work.

In short, happy faces through this life's work of Hendrik Schipper, I am reminded of the text from Revelation 14:13 "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow with them."

We also met **Ruben** in thrift store The Meeting Place, who we were able to make happy with our latest book in the Tamil language and we are also very grateful that we can always place books there.

Farshid Seyed Mehdi of the organization **Transform Iran** came with a special request to have 250 books of "The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures" printed in Farsi in a hardback edition with a leather cover. These are used by 150 translators and by about 100 pastors. Especially the translators are very happy with this "strong book", because they have to open and close it constantly. They transcribed the Farsi Bible into different ethnic languages.



Transform Iran asks for special prayers for them and their families as they are under close surveillance.



Victor Kalisher, director of **Israel Bible Society** in Jerusalem, not only distributes books to the Jewish people, but his shop and the adjacent museum are visited by tourists from all over the world. That is why we could make him happy with books in Indonesian, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish.

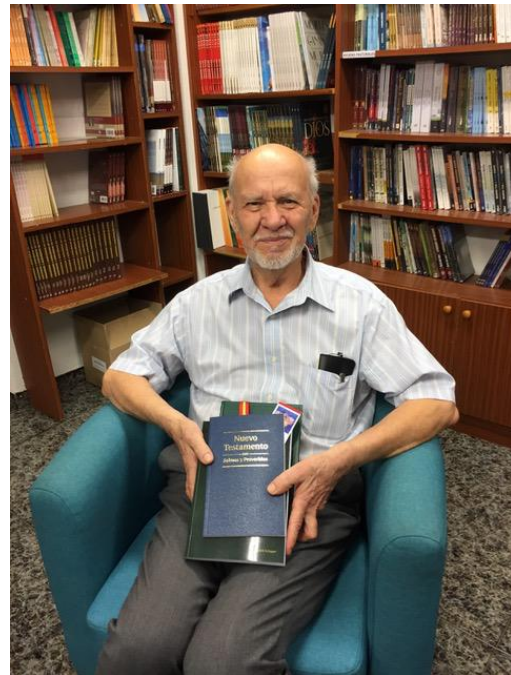
Patih and Herda Talapessy (see previous newsletter) invited us to a meeting of Maluku for Israel in January and are also still distributing books to Indonesian pastors.

Johan Schep has recently been able to distribute books in Romania and also send them to Kenya and Ghana in the English version.

We had a box of Czech books in the basement for several years. I have searched for a long time for distribution possibilities, but without result.

Until I read that a missionary couple on leave from Prague would come to speak in the Fonteinkerk in Nijkerk. I approached them with fear and trembling, but that was not necessary, because they were happy with the books and will also keep us informed of the distribution in the Czech Republic.

Geert and Martien van der Veen have been working for years to reach the Jewish people with the Message of the Messiah in Israel and beyond. Last October they were at a Bible school in Barcelona Spain and from there they came into contact with the Jewish director of a Bible shop, who was able to give them a Spanish NT and a book by Henk in the Spanish language.



Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has prayed faithfully for us in the past period, supported the work financially and also sympathized with me personally. I still miss Henk very intensely, but I can experience that He sustains the widow.

Credits:

1. For confirmation that we may continue with the work of the foundation.
2. For Rev. Schouten and the way in which he was led by the Lord to our foundation. We are grateful that he is willing to serve us not only with his spiritual gifts but also with his administrative experiences.
3. For loyal volunteers who distribute the books at home and abroad.
4. For the fruit and encouragements we may experience now and then.

Prayer Points:

1. For the board and especially for Rev. Schouten in his new task.
2. For two conferences where we get the opportunity to stand with a book table: a. from 1 to 3 September, Israel conference De Betteld and b. on October 1, Israel Sunday, in the Berea Municipality of Apeldoorn.
3. For the working and leading of God's Spirit as people read the books.
4. New opportunities for diffusion and new workers.

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