

Newsletter May 2022

Dear friends,

You are used to getting a newsletter from our foundation at the end of the year. But there is a special reason for deviating from our usual schedule; a reason that fills us, first of all, with thankfulness, because we know that Henk has finished his race on earth and has safely arrived in God's Heavenly Kingdom. But it is also a cause for much grief and loss. On March 19, 2022, the Lord took home Hendrik Schipper, my husband and founder of the Boaz World Word Project, at the age of 93.

During the last four years, Henk's physical strength was diminishing, but from a spiritual point of view, these years were the most fruitful years of his life. During these years he wrote the majority of his books, and he was still working on them the day before he died, sitting in bed and using a special computer table.

The Lord granted Henk to finish everything he wanted to finish. Including the book with the message that was so dear to him: Faith, Conversion and Rebirth.

This booklet was printed and became available (in Dutch) for distribution on May 9. It can be ordered through our website www.godsbeloftenvoordevolken.nl and through the members of the Board.

For the time being, we will continue the work of the foundation. Henk has left a spiritual heritage that I, Kenna, hope to work out further.

Brother Farshid Seyed Mehdi of 222Ministries International was the initiator for this newsletter and he wanted to share something on how the Lord has used the Farsi translation of Henk's book *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures* for his people.

Farshid will introduce himself:

"I am Farshid Seyed Mehdi, pastor of the Iranian church in Almere, The Netherlands, and manager of 222Ministries International's Public Relations and TV Media.

Henk's book *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures* in Farsi means a lot to the Iranian church and the Farsi speaking believers. We had the Farsi edition printed in Turkey and distributed among many pastors: in Turkey, in Europe, and also in Iran. Many pastors use the book as a reference book for training and for preaching in the Iranian churches.

222Ministries International has been commissioned to see to a new Bible translation to be used by different language groups in Iran. All translation teams will use *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures* as a reference work and aid for this new translation. On behalf of my Farsi speaking fellow brothers and sisters, I thank the Lord that Henk Schipper was able to write and compose this book."

In connection with Henk's passing away, we also received a letter from brother Victor Kalisher, director of the Bible Society in Israel, who wrote:

"We were so glad to receive the two latest editions that brother Henk so diligently and gracefully wrote and sent us. *The Actuality of God's Word* is eye-opening and even more so, with the other events happening in the world, and calling people to choose God and trust in Him and in His Word. It is the right words in the right time. And also the book *The Messiah Revealed to Abraham* is so actual to sharing the Gospel with Jewish people.

Both are attractive and necessary for the people here in Israel and we are so grateful that brother Henk provided this gift and fruit of his life to the people of Israel he so much cared for their salvation. We use these materials for outreach here in Israel in different places, sowing in the lives of people and know that the Lord will bring forth fruit to His Kingdom. Because these resources are so relevant and speak directly to the hearts of the people and relevant to their lives and background, they also more easily receive them. I praise the Lord for Henk's life and ministry together with you."

On behalf of the Board, I greet you warmly and wish you God's blessing. Let us use the time we still have to spread the glad tidings of the Gospel. This is and will remain the purpose of the Boaz World Word Project.

Kenna Schipper-Velema