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NEWSLETTER 2017-2018

Isaiah 55:11 ‘So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I send it.’

2 Timothy 2:9b ‘but the Word of God is not chained.’

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Dear brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and all the people involved in our work,

Appealing to the above promises from God’s Word, we have entered the new year, and in no respect has the Lord put us to shame.

Quite soon after we had sent a box of books to Australia, we heard that a Jewish man was converted by reading the Russian version of “*The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures*”. Even if only one soul were saved, it would still be worth every effort.

We are very thankful that this year we again received the strength and the grace to help spread the Gospel of the Messiah among the Jewish people and other nations. We were also allowed in our own country to distribute books, for example, among students at the Apeldoorn Theological University.

Two important factors have contributed to our continued spreading of the Gospel. One is that Henk Post, through his application software, can translate the books from Dutch into another language. We are very grateful for this, as doing it by hand would cost much time and effort.

The second is that on the website of our Foundation Boaz Evangelie Support, our webmaster Jan Jaap van der Sluijs has made *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures* accessible in almost each of the 21 languages into which it has been translated. He also made it possible for us to daily see in which languages the book has been downloaded and in which country. God’s Word is spreading night and day, even in countries where the Gospel is prohibited.



Happy faces on receipt of the Portuguese edition in Brazil.

This year, several languages were completed and distributed: Chinese Simplified and Traditional, Farsi, Thai, Polish, Hungarian and Albanian. Various people and organizations helped us in accomplishing this, both in translating and distributing. Brother Tadeusz Tolwinsky, while visiting a conference in the Netherlands, was able to take the books along to Poland, hot off the press. Meanwhile we have arranged a second edition for him in Poland.

Brother Gerrit van Dijk, of the Foundation for Help to Eastern Europe, was willing to take the books along to Hungary for the organization ‘Jews for Jesus’. He also brought them to the attention of other Reformed churches in Hungary. The Foundation Hope for Albania was willing to take 250 books for churches in Albania.

In November, brother Paul Verkade was able to take a load of books printed in Poland, to the Netherlands.

In all of this, we experienced the special guidance of the Lord.

At just the right moment, we found out that there has been a Chinese church in Veenendaal for five years. Just as we had more or less reached a deadlock with the Chinese translation, brother Steve Chung came to our aid.

Two Iranian brothers, Navid and Peyman, have diligently worked on the Farsi translation, while sister Leila Mashaallah helped in the final stages; she is also our contact in the Persian Baptist Church in Utrecht.

The going is not always easy. Up to three times, something went wrong with the printing of the Farsi version. The first time Henk had specifically pointed out that the books had to be bound in the Hebrew way (from right to left). When we opened the boxes, we noticed, to our dismay, that the bindings were all wrong.

With the Thai edition, we had help from a Thai sister, through our contacts with Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF).

‘Are the promises for Israel still valid today?’



lecture in Veenendaal, on the subject ‘**Are the promises for Israel still valid today?**’

The lecture was received very positively, and afterwards several people took along material to pass on to Jewish contacts.

You can phone Tinie for a lecture at +31 (0)6 2920 8096

Last April 2017, Tinie de Vegt, the secretary of our Foundation, delivered a

The mission field has come closer to us, which gives us tremendous possibilities. In the past year, we visited various international churches, for example in Veenendaal, Hoensbroek, Maastricht, Wageningen and Düsseldorf. In Maastricht, we were able to deliver a large box of books to a Chinese dentist, who helps refugees and other foreigners free of charge, and tries to reach them with the Gospel. Often, their first response is somewhat distrustful, but once they have opened the book, they exclaim, ‘Oh, this is only God’s Word!’

In Düsseldorf, we had the opportunity to explain the purpose of our visit. The result was that a large number of people came to us after a service to receive a copy of *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures* in their own language. We were able to leave four boxes with books. Although very tired, we were so thankful for this opportunity. There we also met a brother who would like to have books for Jewish people whom he had met. In Wageningen, we had the same experience.

BIBLE SOCIETY IN ISRAEL

Most of the newly published books went to the Bible Society in Israel. In their shop, they have the book in every language into which it has been translated, including Dutch. For us, this is the most important distribution point. It was good to meet the director, Victor Kalisher, in the Netherlands this year. We were able to discuss various matters in depth, such as the distribution of the books in Israel, and potential new avenues.



Bookshelf in the Jerusalem shop at 17 Jaffa Street.

Our plans for the future are hopefully to be able to have a Japanese and an Indonesian edition printed and distributed. In the beginning of 2017, we went to a Japanese church in Amsterdam with this in mind (at least we thought so...). Upon arrival it turned out that the Japanese church had been discontinued. However, there was an Indonesian church service going on, and the director of the Indonesian Bible Society just happened to be visiting. He was happy to take along a box of English books for students. So our trip was not in vain.

In the States, in the surroundings of Boston, brother Ray Watson has reached many people with the book *Israel, the Apple of God's eye*. The Hanukkah festival offers a good opportunity to distribute this book among Jewish people. Ray also does radiobroadcasts that focus on Jews.

More than two years ago, we got to know a Messianic Jew, brother Ma'asehyahu. At his urgent request and with his help, we published an abridged English edition of *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures*, with Hebrew names. Below you will find Ma'asehyahu's testimony and his motivation for this unique edition.

TESTIMONY



*"In coming to faith in the Messiah of Israel more than 25 years ago, I experienced a joy and love I have never known. A love for truth and a desire to succeed in living according to the Holy Scriptures became a part of my everyday focus. The last two decades (plus) of my life have been filled with opportunities to grow and learn more about the Savior of the world!
When I was first introduced to the work of the Boaz' ministry by the Schippers, I knew*

that there was something special and sincere about them. When I reviewed the original Messiah book, I found it to be beautiful in workmanship and design . I immediately reached out to brother Henk and his dutiful wife Kenna to explore the possibilities of creating a distinct version catering to those Jews who were open to reading this text, but were also easily disheartened by anything they deemed a ‘Gentile imposition’ upon their tradition and beliefs. Upon praying for guidance, I knew that what little I could offer in help, I had to offer to make such an edition possible. I immediately began to look for ways to transform the traditional English text into a more Hebraic one.

As a Messianic Jew (of N.W. African descent and tradition), I realize that in our specific community such Gentile names like ‘Peter’, ‘James’ and ‘Matthew’ are hard to swallow for many. Reading about ‘Shim’ on Keifa’, ‘Ya’acob’ and ‘Mattityahu’ make the reader from this background more intrigued about the Semitic origins of the B’rit Khadasha (New Covenant/Testament).

I have distributed several dozens of copies over the last few months to many brethren from my tradition of Yahaduth as well as Jews of Sephardi and Ashkenazi descent. Most of the time, the books have been received with thanks and respect – due to their attractive hard cover design, gold lettering and Hebrew-infused terminology. I pray that they continue to guide my brothers and sisters to the truth of Messiah.

As future editions are printed and changes occur with the edition, I pray that each new printing is met with the same openness and acceptance as the original. It is with great joy, as well as biblical humility, that I have written about this very blessed book: “The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures”, הקודש בכתבי נגלה המשיח (Small English Edition with Hebrew Names). Yahusha’ Shalom,”

Sar Sharaht Ma’asehyahu

Sar Sharaht Ma’asehyahu is a Jew of Northwest African descent and was raised in the United States of America. As a historian, he carries a double major Bachelor’s degree in History and Education from Lincoln University; as well as a double content Master’s degree in Education and History from Liberty University. He has appeared on several syndicated radio programs, including Dr. Michael Brown’s Line of Fire and Sean Anthony’s Flow of Wisdom, as an expert in American African-Jewish history and African-American religious cults at the turn of the 20th century.

‘God’s work done in God’s way (under the Lord’s guidance) will never lack God’s supply’ – these words, spoken by Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission, now Overseas Missionary Fellowship, have been our personal experience this past year.

Thank you very much for your prayers, gifts and involvement. We are thankful to everybody who in one way or another (through gifts or by tasks) has collaborated in distributing *The Messiah Revealed in the Holy Scriptures*. In this past year, as always, Kenna has taken care of making contacts and of the Foundation’s correspondence.

On behalf of the Board, we wish you all God’s blessing for 2018,
Henk Schipper

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