

Newsletter

Dear partner,

"Whom having not seen, ye love, in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your Faith, even the salvation of your souls."

1 Peter 1:8-9



It is already 2019. A new year, a new beginning. With Peter, we would also like to say, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through Faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

(1 Peter 1:3-5).

Maybe you are reluctant about the new year, because you are tired of the darkness around you that only seems to be increasing, or maybe because of your body, your family, your financial circumstances, or any other reason. Peter is writing this letter to believers who are also in difficult circumstances. He wants to encourage them by reminding them of the end of their faith, that their suffering is not in vain, that they are not crazy, though sometimes it seems you are the only one still believing the Word. In the opening Scripture Peter is speaking about a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. Not a joy where everything in the natural is going so smoothly, but because there is a living hope, even eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Only when we get to know the Lord Jesus Christ in an intimate relationship, where we believe

Him, and therefore also believe His Word, trust Him, and therefore rejoice in Him, will we be able to understand Peter's words. When we read about all the trials that these believers had to face, then there is hope for us. Not only that same hope, the salvation of our souls for eternity, but also hope for today, that our risen Lord is with us. Does that make any difference to you? That the Lord Jesus is with you, in the midst of your circumstances? Or can you only see your circumstances, without seeing Jesus at all? In that case I would like to encourage you to find out how you can be born again. Then you will also be able to love Him and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, though now you see Him not (yet), though He has not changed your current circumstances (yet). You believe Him, no matter what circumstances you are facing. Let us start this new year with looking forward with hope; our eyes focused on our God.

Mission trips

Trinidad

Vernon hopes to travel to Trinidad again in March. Living conditions in Trinidad are not easy, especially in comparison with the Netherlands. Corruption, a lot of crime and many people have been kidnapped, nobody ever having heard or seen anything about them again. So for us it feels even more like a privilege to be able to go there and encourage and strengthen the Churches and leaders there. When the darkness in the world around us is increasing all the time, all we can do is grab hold of the hope we have in Christ Jesus, and let our lights shine even more. Vernon will minister in new churches, but also in churches where he has been before. It is always such a pleasure to meet God's servants who are doing God's work in difficult circumstances. And of course he is looking forward to meet our 'Voice to the Nations' family in Trinidad again.

The Netherlands

As you can see in the schedule, we are having Voice to the Nations seminars in January and February. We can see, for sure in our Voice to the Nations church in Zwijndrecht, how especially those who are determined to see the Word of God effectively working in their lives, and want to understand and learn how they can apply that Word in their own lives, are being strengthened by the Word of God. Jesus Christ is the Living and the Written Word. If we want to know Jesus, we will have to know the Word. The difference between people that are hungry for the Word of God and those who are just coming to church once and awhile, is becoming greater and greater. People that are getting to know Jesus better and better are the ones who have peace, true joy and who are unshakable, no matter what the circumstances are. If you would also like to be strengthened by the Word, and live in this area, please feel free to join us at one of the seminars.

We would like to thank you for also being a part of this work for God in the past year, by your prayers and your financial support. We would like to thank you in advance if you will continue to support us in the coming year. Concerning finances, God never asks us what we do not have. He is our Supplier and He asks us according to our ability, so that when some have abundance, others are not lacking.

We pray that God will supply all your need according to His riches, and that you will experience no lack.

Your co-laborers in Christ,
Vernon & Ans

Agenda

Here is part of our schedule. ***Please always check the website or Facebook for the complete current schedule, or inquire by e-mail.***

You are most welcome to one of our seminars, where we give all time and attention to the Word. Be built up by the powerful, living Word of God.

Voice to the Nations Seminar

Saturday 19 January 14.00 - ± 18.00 h
& 16 February (13.30 h coffee)

Building: 'De Lunenhof'
Moermond 57, 3334 CL
Zwijndrecht-NL

Voice to the Nations

Friday 4 and 11 January 19.30 h

Sunday 6, 13 and 20 January 10.30 h

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Moermond 57, 3334 CL
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Leaders Conference Powerhouse Min. Spijkenisse

Friday 25 January 19.00 - 21.00 h
Saturday 26 January 17.00 - 20.00 h
Sunday 27 January 13.00 - 16.00 h

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