

Newsletter

Dear partner,

"... Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments ... when you have eaten and are full ... and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ... then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant..."

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (NKJV)

When we are having a difficult time, we usually know how to call out to God. But if we are honest with ourselves, that seems harder once our problems are solved. In the Scripture above God forewarns the Israelites not to forget Who is their Savior and Deliverer. And I receive this warning for myself as well. If I think that I am doing well financially because I work so hard, or because I have a good job, then I have apparently forgotten Who provided that job, or Who made sure I am healthy and able to work, or Who made sure I was able to grow up in these conditions.

The moment we start thinking we are so good, we are driving God from His throne ... and we set ourselves on the throne. Thank God that He, like He did with Israel, tests us to see if we - according to Jesus the first and most important



commandment - love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength. For that is having a close relationship. Trusting God completely and being thankful to Him for Who He is, and for His love for us. Only when you experience that love of God, you will want to have a relationship with Him. A relationship that is not forced, but voluntary, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

If you can trust God like that, you are also thankful for His commandments. Then they are not heavy to you, but rather give you relief. You trust God completely at His Word. In Hebrews 8:6 we read that Jesus Christ is our Mediator of a better covenant, with better promises. In the Old Testament the covenant was already that God would do His people good, and not harm. If we indeed do have a better covenant, then why is it so difficult for us to keep our side of the covenant, which is to obey Him? If we are truly in Christ, that is not hard at all. Obeying is not hard if you love and trust. We see therefore in the Bible that when God's people were in trouble, the cause was always their disobedience. That is, when they thought they knew better than God, and apparently did not trust Him.

Maybe it is a good start of the new year to examine ourselves. Am I truly in Christ, and He in me? Christ in us has no problems with the commandments of God.

We pray that also in the new year you may experience the love of God, regardless of your circumstances. For God is greater than your circumstances and He is The Eternal God.

Mission trips

Malaysia - 24 October until 13 November

Last month Vernon and a member of our Voice to the Nations church were in Malaysia. He was able to bring the Word in several churches. One of the places where he ministered is a Methodist church. It's amazing to see what the Holy Spirit can do through the power of the Word of God when people are open for it. God's name was glorified again by Him healing and delivering many. During this trip Vernon also met people who were touched by the power of God the last time. We especially like seeing churches that in the meantime themselves have continued building on the Word.

The Netherlands

You are always welcome at the meetings we regularly have on Friday and/or Sunday in our hometown, Zwijndrecht. There is nothing better than to dig into the Word of God.

In the last weekend of November we held a three-day conference full of the Word of God. We hope to regularly have a Saturday seminar in 2020 as well. Our next seminars are planned for 18 January and 15 February (see agenda).

Also in 2020 we are ready to go everywhere the Lord sends us. We look forward to being able to work for Him again and enjoying seeing His Word and Holy Spirit work out salvation, deliverance, healing and edification!

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 ask us by e-mail.***

Voice to the Nations Seminar

Saturday 18 January 14.00 - ± 18.00 h
& (13.30 h coffee)
15 February 2020

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Voice to the Nations

Friday 3 & 10 January 19.30 h

Sunday 5, 12 & 19 January 10.30 h

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