

Newsletter

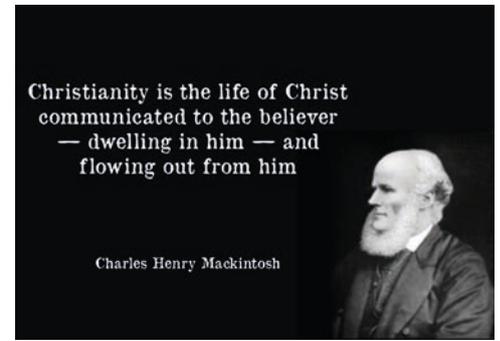
Kilkeel, Northern Ireland, 13 November 2020

Dear saints of God,

It's been more than a year since our last newsletter and what a year it has been thus far! All the plans we've made, all the ideas we had, everything changed. "The heart of man deviseth his way, but Jehovah directeth his steps" (Prov. 16:9). This verse always applies to our lives, of course, but this year it seems all the more fitting... And what a comfort to know that our God and Father is in control of everything! Locally, we have been going through the book of Revelation and we've seen again and again how He is in control and this is something we should never forget, especially not now. We sometimes wonder how things will be next year, what will come of the work as we knew it. Will travel become normal again? Can we visit the saints again? At the moment we can't even visit each other here in Northern Ireland. The Lord is certainly speaking to all of us! And although many things didn't go as we had planned, the Lord also opened new doors this year!

Visits

As mentioned in our previous general newsletter we were able to visit Romania and Moldova as a family last year in October/November. We visited various meetings in Romania and attended the annual conference in Cahul, Moldova. It was a very blessed trip and it was good for Jesse and Noa to meet their peers in these countries. They still keep in contact with some of them. We very much enjoyed the hospitality of the saints as you can see in some of the pictures!



Visit in Arges. To the left Emanuel Munteanu, Renate and Mif (Emanuel's wife). To the right brother Iulian Preoteasa and his family.



Some of the children sang for us after the meeting in Barbuletu.



Renate and Noa speaking with some of the young sisters at the conference in Cahul.



Meal time at the conference in Cahul.



Some of the saints who attended the conference. Paul speaking in Pitesti.



After Christmas we could visit Holland as a family. In February Paul could make his 'traditional' trip to visit the three small meetings in Scotland and in March he could visit Romania and Moldova again. When measures eased over summer we could visit Holland again and we returned back home just in time to prevent self-isolation because of new rules. The Lord truly is good! In spite of stricter measures it was possible for Paul to attend the annual conference in Findochty, Scotland, although in a different setting and with 'only' about two dozen saints, all because of the pandemic. Again, one or two days after the conference new rules

came in place, which would have made it impossible to have a conference... Although only few were there, it was a blessed time, studying the Lamb of God in five readings on Genesis 22, Exodus 12, Isaiah 53, John 1 and Revelation 5.

Lord willing, Paul will travel to Kenya from 16 till 22 November. Your prayers are valued for this trip.

Online ministry

Early in the first lockdown Paul started with online ministry, first in Dutch but then also in English. After a few random subjects in Dutch and English, a series was started on the tabernacle and the offerings (Dutch) and Esther (English), which was suggested as the subject of our local conference here. This was followed by 'the eight signs in John' (Dutch), Studies on the Book of Genesis (English, still running) and 'the Lamb of God' (Dutch). All lectures are still (and will remain) available on YouTube: www.youtube.com/paulmeijer1980. One of the great advantages of online ministry is that it reaches believers from all kinds of denominations, many of whom would probably not had access to this otherwise. At the moment we're also working on making the recordings available offline, on flash drives.

Although travelling has hardly been possible since March, it was possible to speak 'in' various countries, using Zoom and other social media. We could attend various conferences in the USA and Paul could speak for saints in the UK, Romania, Moldova and the Philippines. However blessed these technical options have been over the past months, nothing is better than being with the saints. "... whom [the brethren] when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28:15). We pray that soon it will be possible again to travel and visit...

Literature work

With less possibilities for travelling obviously more time was spent at home, much of which was used for the online ministry. But the literature work also continued. Over the past year we could send (free) literature to some new countries. As many publications prepared for Foundation All Nations are now printed in Kampala, Uganda, we have been talking with the printer there about printing for South Sudan. Since the end of last year we could send literature to South Sudan a couple of times from Uganda. Shipping there from Europe is almost impossible, due to the difficulties there, but from Uganda it's no problem at all (and it's a lot cheaper).

We're currently finalising the last Explorer (English and French) and Dutch Mathetria for this year.

For All Nations we made a new monthly calendar with pictures from Africa. This calendar will shortly also be available in the UK and can then be ordered through our website.

Over the past months we've also been working on finalising some books that had been in the pipeline for some time. Around the new year we hope to publish a revised and updated hard-cover commentary on Revelation by H.G. Moss and a paperback on the offerings, consisting of four transcribed addresses by George Davison. When Paul started with his ministry on Esther, he also started writing a commentary on it. The manuscript is being worked on now, and we hope to be able to publish that early next year.

By the end of this month our new Christmas booklet should also be available in English. This is a 16-page booklet (74x98mm), giving a clear gospel message on Christmas. This will also be available on our website.



As the literature work has been considerably increasing over the past years, Renate now spends more and more time in the office. Again, we're so thankful to the Lord that we now have the space for this! We hope to have more storage space for printed material ready by the end of this year.

Conclusion

Looking back on the past year, with all its challenges, we can only say: "How good is the God we adore!" He has kept us, protected us and looked after us. We're so thankful that we can have our local meetings, whereas in many other places (and not just in the UK) that isn't possible at the moment...

In closing we would like to mention a few points for prayer:

- Paul's short trip to Kenya; pray for safekeeping and help during travels, but also for Renate and the children back home
- The many saints who have missed out on conferences and Bible studies, especially on the mission field, where visits were not possible over the last months.
- The current situation with the pandemic. May it be so that we're ready and willing to listen to what our Lord has to say to us in all this.
- The literature work at large (we're only doing a little bit in this vast work); think of the thousands of calendars that will be distributed over the next weeks. The time is short.

We want to thank you for your continued prayers and (practical) support over these past months.

Yours in our soon coming Lord,

Paul & Renate, Jesse and Noa Meijer