

NEWSLETTER AMBULANT CARE AND COUNSELLING 89 NOVEMBER 2021 IN AFRICA – ASIA – CURAÇAO



"Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from the ends of the earth, you who navigate the sea and all that is in it, you, islands and those who dwell thereon" ... for Your Lord is holy, "You throne on the songs of praise of Israel" (Isaiah 42:10; Psalm 22:4b HSV translated by DeepL.com).

To Curaçao again

It was in 1989 that the Lord Jesus called us to the Netherlands Antilles to help the local congregation with Bible studies, some of which could also be broadcast through TransWorld Radio and local FM stations: https://adullam.nl/downloads/#elf_I1_YXVkaW8vZ2V6aW5fbmFhcl9nb2RzX3BsYW4vMS0yNQ. After our departure in 1994 the hundreds of programs were digitized by our son to be broadcasted again in the Netherlands through local FM stations and since this month through the FM station Radio Semiya also again in Curaçao.

The so-called "pilot trip" that I took in June at the invitation of a former student of UNA University, now pastor of an evangelical church, resulted in a new, now 18-day trip to Curacao, to give a number of seminars and counseling Bible studies. For an overview of all the English counseling classes we have taught over the years, and now also via Zoom.

https://1drv.ms/b/s!AIYxUu2Rlw8ljsU8w7iwwKfKfjb_PA?e=F58YXG

To see my other trips: <https://youtu.be/ZzX65qOLPs4>



Seeking and finding God

In a three-day seminar in a remote location we pondered the theme "To seek and to find God's face and will." The discussions were very blessed, and in individual talks, which sometimes went on until midnight, unconfessed sins and shortcomings were confessed and made good in the days that followed. We got the feeling of being involved in a small revival. We pray that God's



Word through the work of the Holy Spirit will have its effect in the practical life of faith and will lead to glorification of the name of the Lord Jesus.

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AIYxUu2Rlw8ljskQgEY1Mt0CJmJqow?e=i2Emmt>

The seminars on the relationship between spirit, soul and body and the work of God's Holy Spirit were also experienced as blessed, as were the characteristics of believers in the Bible who were guided by God's Spirit and Word but also experienced much ulcer, suffering and persecution

as a result (2Tim. 3:12). This was applied to our time with studies of the end times, the rapture of the church, the great tribulation and the period of the 1000 year empire with the subsequent of the eternity new heaven and earth.

The 12 counseling classes were also followed with attention. After the studies there was time for self-reflection, testimonies and prayer. There were testimonies of deliverance from bondage, how marriage and family problems were dealt with, and how God's Spirit discovered sin. I heard stories of children who died young after they came to faith and liberation from addictions and occult influences.



Retreat '21 - Awa pa e Tera ku tin Seti

No.	Start	End	Arrivals	Activities	Action to be done	Time
1	1:00 PM	2:00 PM			Arranging accommodations	1 hour
2	2:00 PM	2:30 PM		Worship session 1	Praising & worshipping God	1/2 hour
3	2:30 PM	3:30 PM		Word session 1	Teaching the word of God	1 hour
4	3:30 PM	4:30 PM		Prayer session 1	Ministry, counseling & prayer	1 hour
5	4:30 PM	5:30 PM		Fellowship time	Free time	1 hour
6	5:30 PM	6:30 PM		Gooseumules	Serving light dinner	1 hour
7	6:30 PM	7:30 PM		Fellowship time	Free time	1 hour
8	7:30 PM	8:00 PM		Worship session 2	Praising & worshipping God	1/2 hour
9	8:00 PM	8:30 PM		Word session 2	Teaching the word of God	1 hour
10	8:30 PM	9:30 PM		Prayer session 2	Ministry, counseling & prayer	1 hour
11	10:00 PM	11:00 PM		Fellowship time	Free time	1 hour
12	11:00 PM	5:30 AM		Sleeping time	Night closing prayer & sleep	6 1/2 hour

Retreat theme's

- The function of spirit, soul & body
- Love is the essential element
- Vulnerable & valuable
- Discipleship
- The natural and spiritual christian
- The attitude of christians in their home
- Reconciliation between God & men
- Reconciliation between men & men
- Forgiveness
- Depression
- Dealing with fear
- Dealing with pain & suffering

2 Chronicles 7:14 / Psalm 27:8 / Jeremiah 29:13 / James 4:8-10

It was interesting to hear and see how the people in Curaçao deal with the current pandemic and the increasing spiritual and economic pressure that is experienced by the increasingly strict laws that the government imposes on the people. The Adullam radio programs broadcast between 1989 and 1994 by TWR and local FM stations about this kind of government oppression testify to the parallel with the history of Israel. God's people sighed under the increasing weighting of burdens during the reign of the Pharaohs in Egypt, after Joseph's period as viceroy had been forgotten. Our radio programs on this type of government oppression made for TransWorld Radio between 1989 and 1994 shows the parallel we find in Israel's history (1Cor. 10:1-13). Read the brochure made from the program "Toward the Light", number 69-75 at this link: https://1drv.ms/w/s!AIYxUu2Rlw8lJthrcX3ySSXkHPA_cQ?e=vkLTaU

Visiting again the prison



During my visit in June this year, I met the former technical director of the prison, now called "Bon Futura" (Happy Future). This director arranged in 1994 a job in the prison for a born-again sports teacher, who we temporarily host in our apartment. But besides his job as sports instructor, he also gave Bible lessons as an evangelist.

As a sportsman he won several prizes. Now I met him again during one of the pastoral trainings and he invited me to serve the prisoners again with God's Word. That happened a few days before I left the island. His testimony reminded me of Acts 26:16-23.

In 2 blocks, each with about 40 cells, a total of about 40 prisoners listened to the history of the captive converted King Manasseh (2 Chronicles 33:9-20).

In another block, 20 prisoners were listening earnestly to the speech of the Lord Jesus in the synagogue at Capernaum. As a result of that Bible passage and the application of the Lord Jesus from the prophecies, all 20 prisoners came forward at the invitation of the prison pastor and spontaneously fell on their knees to confess their sins, some of them crying. They repented and accepted in faith the Lord Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

Among them were two policemen accused of crimes, who had to appear in court the next day to await their verdict. In the picture the pastor sent us you can see the prisoners happily showing their own Bibles. This is very special, because normally you are not allowed to take pictures inside the prison.



The leader of this group of prisoners asked me for a Bible with explanations and a concordance because he had been chosen by the inmates to lead the daily Bible studies. We promised to bring one to him, along with Bibles for all the prisoners who requested me for Bibles. What Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote from prison we see fulfilled here.

He wrote, *"I believe that even our mistakes and errors are not in vain, and that it is no harder for God to deal with them than it is with our supposed good deeds."* (From the appendix of the daily calendar "Light from the Word," November 6, 2021). We were moved to see how powerful God's Word had worked in their hearts and consciences.

The next day, after we had purchased Bibles and other Biblical reading material from the Kas di Beibel Bible House, we learned that the two policemen had asked their colleagues and the judge for forgiveness. An event that brought the court reporter to tears. He had never experienced anything like this during his career as a reporter and cameraman.

New employment project for ex-prisoners

My translator, an ex-convict who had started a work rehabilitation project for released prisoners and the prison pastor listened to our memories of 27 years ago when my wife, I, and our daughter Marja assisted the pastor with his prison ministry. It was at that time that the first signs of a revival were seen, which later exploded, and hundreds of prisoners converted to the Lord Jesus and were baptized. It was announced in the press, but it also caused many problems that we will not go into now because of the privacy law. https://1drv.ms/w/s!AlYxUu2Rlw8ljtdYQLIDYoi7A0_6Hw?e=3TLaHq

The old Koraal Specht prison was built in the early 1960s for a maximum of 250 prisoners. Now there are more than 500, all mixed up together. Seasoned criminals, hardcore drug bosses, petty thieves, women, juveniles, and so-called revolving door delinquents. We gave Bible studies and pastoral training to many of them twice a week between 1989 and 1994. See: https://www.digibron.nl/viewer/collectie/Digibron/id/tag:RD.nl,19980314:newsm1_dbfaf940c97cc26d865afd672d9211f6

Evangelism, education, and Bethel aid projects in India



Our Adullam-Bethel co-workers Raju and Shanthi Munivenkatappa from Hunsur Karnataka sent regular updates on their work for the Lord Jesus during my visit to Curacao and after. The evangelism and food aid projects continue, but the persecution of Christians has intensified.

The higher and lower Christian education of Bethel-Adullam Ministries could start again after the very strict lockdown period in India.

However, we were able to continue to maintain contact with them through our Adullam Bible Study and Counseling Zoom meetings. Raju's Bethel photo report can still be downloaded at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9kaSxE3iAAu3d7wc6>



Kenya - Bible study seminars in Moisbridge and surroundings



From our Kenyan Adullam Director Robert Kakai we received reports of new counseling and Bible study seminars. Unfortunately, the store where the counseling literature and thousands of City Bibles were stored was largely destroyed by fire probably due to a short circuit. He wrote, *"Hello Uncle, The store caught fire due to an electrical problem. City Bibles containing The New Testament and other books were largely burnt. The Adullam materials themselves were safe. The Bible study flyers, such as the booklets for youth "The Great Difference Between Boys and Girls" and other subjects were almost all already distributed to school youth and pastors."*

The new building with office, meeting room and storage room where the stored Bibles and counseling literature would be stored is complete, but now new Bibles and literature have to be purchased. Also, the electric motor of the maize-mill, where probably the short-circuit took place, will have to be renewed.



The church service just before the fire was about the necessary sanctification to meet the coming Lord Jesus as our Bridegroom (Rev. 21:22-27). The next day the believers were able to begin cleaning up the burned reading. It is hoped that the promised new shipment of City Bibles can soon be stored in the new building. Robert plans to teach new counseling classes at the end of this year at the newly started Nangili counseling center to complete the seminars already started there. All participants always receive a Bible, Bible study flyers and evangelism reading in the local language after these seminars.

Uganda - Busia. Progress Counseling classes and new graduations



Our Ugandan staff member Gilbert Ojiambo, despite the Corona restrictions imposed by the government, was still able to visit some hard-to-reach places to continue the pastoral Counseling Course.

He was able to issue certificates to the graduated students and new counselling centers could be opened. Unfortunately, some students lost their jobs and daily income due to the strict measures of the government, which caused great problems and therefore a food aid program had to be started again.



Uganda - Tororo district. Educational activities of Bishop Opio George



Opio was able to restart teaching new Adullam Bible classes after a difficult lockdown period. He wrote: *"I am preparing to teach the November classes in the Budaka District again, using the topics from the Adullam flyers on The Foundation of the Christian Faith, the Church and Local Leadership and the Apostles' teaching on the taking up of the Church. Your prayers will be a great help. Shalom."*

Uganda is now experiencing the third Covid-19 wave, which will again cause many casualties, including job losses. Many offices are closed for two weeks after the increased number of infections. Opio asks for our intercession for the dire economic and health situation in Uganda, also on a moral and spiritual level. Many people do not wear mouth masks and often do not follow the rules. For an impression of a graduation meeting: <https://1drv.ms/v/s!AIYxUu2Rlw8lJtgx3iaBkmhE2iW4Yw?e=YNabGs>



Uganda - Jinja, the City Bible Breach and counseling classes of youth worker Holiness Kibumba continue



We repeat once again what our young brother Holiness from Jinja Uganda wrote: *"Greetings to all the staff working in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray and hope that you are doing well in the midst of the intense developments worldwide. After my recovery, I was able to once again hold meetings with youth and church leaders and through them we were able to reach out to various inland communities and villages to once again distribute City Bibles in their local language."*

He is so grateful to the Lord God for the impact the City Bibles and Biblical literature has had on the inhabitants. Many people gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and also many were baptized, despite the strict rules of the government. The diligent youth worker Holiness Kibumba is grateful for the connection that could be made with the management of **City Bibles** in the Netherlands. **Thanks to the directors of City Bibles and the sponsors in the Netherlands!**

Burundi - Counseling director Mathias Ntakarutimana



Mathias and his wife Maria were able to report that they had resumed work on the multipurpose hall for church services, counseling seminars and other activities of Adullam Burundi. Together they decided to spend some time among the poor **Pygmies** in the mountains to assist them in sewing lessons, helping with new farming, and ranching projects and bringing in the harvest.

After accomplishing this mission, Mathias had to transport many Covid-infected fellow believers to the hospital, where unfortunately there appeared to be no room for them. So, he took care of them at home by making house calls and buying and administering medicine for them. After many had recovered, he himself was struck by the virus, which confined him to bed for several weeks. By God's grace he recovered, partly through the use of medicines that are prohibited in the Netherlands.

Despite the strict rules of the government, Mathias was still able to make several visits with a negative test certificate. He wrote, *"Thank the Lord God that I am feeling better. I am back in the work field serving the Lord God, my community, and my family. The time I spent helping my church members suffering from the Covid - 19 virus with isolation was a difficult time, but also a time of meditation because I was isolated and had plenty of time to reflect on the grace of our Lord Jesus."*

I also thank you Uncle Kees, for your caring heart that you have shown to me and my wife, children, and community members over the years. I also thank the Adullam board and your daughter who sent me an encouraging message when I needed such care. May our almighty God bless each of you according to His holy will. Yours in Christ, Mathias of Burundi."

Kerala South India - Jacob Skaria, expansion and continuation of PowerPoint and counseling classes



Jacob Skaria, the Indian director of Bible Trainers, wrote that his daughter Feba has a hearing problem and he himself has pain in his eyes, which often prevents him from preparing and writing long studies on the computer. We prayed for a miracle. However, the Lord is free to glorify His name in ways we do not understand. He can heal Feba as seen in Mark 7:34. But our Lord as Creator of Feba can also glorify His name through medical specialists and modern hearing technologies (Ephesians 4:8).

Meanwhile the Covid cases are increasing in Sri Lanka. Jacob had followed the Adullam Zoom Bible studies and PowerPoint lectures and concluded that we are indeed living in the end times of the Church. He wrote: *"The devil tries to stop the work of the Lord Jesus in every way he can find. But our Lord Jesus said, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not overcome it."*

Meanwhile, he is back home from a trip from Bihar. Jacob had finished the CPT-Bible classes in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and was now travelling to the boarding school where his son Febe is studying. Febe now has school holidays and will travel home with his father. Jacob wrote: *"Pray for me. I am not feeling well..... A bit shivery and cold.... I still want to visit the Chhattisgarh students, followed by a visit to Karnataka and the week after that Tamil Nadu with finally the last week of teaching in Odisha. Please pray for the travel and training especially in this pandemic situation. Thank you."*

Bangladesh - Liton and Liza Baidya, YWAM youth workers in Barishal



Liton and his wife regularly attend the Saturday afternoon counseling classes. Sometimes he misses a lesson because of illness or a youth meeting, but then he asks another time to teach the Zoom PowerPoint counseling lesson. He is busy with putting all the lessons into the local language to pass them on to young fellow Christians. Now that I have recovered from my second Curacao trip, we hope to continue with these weekly Zoom counseling studies. Liton wrote that all people in Bangladesh have to have a QR code on their phone, if not they will be fined heavily.

Thanksgiving and appreciation



1. We thank the Lord Jesus for His work in Africa and India, despite the Covid-19 restrictions.
2. We thank all the sponsors for their regular support
3. Thanks for the protection and health during my trip to and stay in Curacao
4. We give thanks for the opportunity to continue the Zoom Bible studies
5. We are thankful for the information provided on our Adullam website www.adullam.nl.
6. We thank the Lord for the physical congregational meetings that could be attended again
7. We give thanks for the strength needed to prepare the digital Zoom Bible studies

Prayer requests from home, India, Bangladesh, and Africa

1. We continue to pray for protection during this hard time of Covid-19, and hope for easing.
2. We pray for our own health and that of family members because there are physical needs to be overcome as well.
3. We pray for wisdom and the spirit of discernment in this time full of confusion and division.
4. We pray for the work in the Antilles and the deepening of the revival I experienced in prison.
5. We pray for the resumption of the hundreds, now digitized, TWR radio programs in Curacao.
6. We pray for the good use of the sewing machines for the Pygmy believers in Burundi
7. We pray for the health of all our staff, especially Gilbert, who is often ill and yet still so active.

On behalf of all Adullam staff and the Dutch board we thank you for your involvement and support.

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