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Newsletter December 2020

Dear friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International,

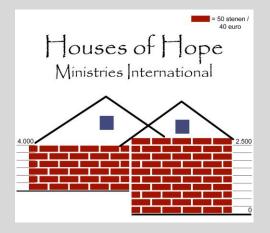
This is already the final newsletter of this year, 2020. To many people this year was very moving and dramatic, not just in our country but globally.

The only peace and security we as Christians have, is our faith in God. That is our stronghold for these days. And just because of that we need to stand in the gap now to intercede for Christians who are persecuted globally, are starving or homeless because of wars and on the run. Their lives are pretty hard already and they are hit extra hard by the Covid-19 virus.

But let us also pray for all those people in the world who do not know Jesus Christ. That in their difficult circumstances we can tell them that there is a God where you can find rest and peace. Where there are so many loud and more and more often violent messages, we as Christians should have the courage to open our mouths to speak a positive message of hope. Not only a positive message of hope, but also practical.

Ghana just had elections and the present president has been re-elected. Many people are very happy about that, because in these past years this president has shown to have more compassion for his people than his predecessors, who only became rich in a shameful way at the expense of the people. However, also in Ghana there is still a long way to go.

During the past ten months House of Hope Ministries Int has mainly been involved in giving practical aid to people, children and families within our churches. Giving food, clothes, schooling and paying the rent, because people did not have any more income after the total lockdown of the first months.



Do you want to help build?

Target: 4.000 stones at 80 euro cents.

Once again we want to draw your attention to our ongoing action: 'Bricks for Ghana'. We are looking for donors who want to buy bricks for the building of our churches. We were able to lay the foundation of one church, using the donations we received. This is about the churches Houses of Hope Accra-Asofan and the Berekum and Drobo churches, Brong Ahafo Region.

The average income in Ghana is about €1.90 a day or less, if you have a job. 33% of the population does not have a job. And the people in our churches are often among the very poor.

Despite the dramatic decline (about 40%) in donations and gifts in 2020 we could still help people, be it more limited than before.

It is our hope that in 2021 we can start the micro-projects again that had to stop and also start new micro-projects. We would also really like to start building our simple church-buildings again. The church is not only there for the services, but is also the social centre for the whole area where they are, and you could call it a community-center. From these churches all sorts of aid-programmes are getting started. Hence it is important that the buildings can be completed.

We are very thankful to all of you for your prayers and your support, in whatever way. Without this support we could do far less than we do now.

Our call to you all at the end of this year, is to ask you to continue to support us, maybe send an extra gift. And if you do not support us yet, to consider if you want to support us with a one-time gift or a monthly gift, so that our wonderful work can continue in the years ahead of us.

Despite all the restrictions due to the Covid-19 our pastors team of Houses of Hope Ministries Int. wishes you all a blessed Christmas and a prosperous, healthy 2021.

United with you in Christ,



Pastors Wim and Sonja Odendaal Servants of the Lord, our God.

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