



Newsletter December 2021



Dear friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International,

This is the last newsletter of the year 2021. An emotional year, both personal and ministry-wise. This year again we experienced that God is a God of faithfulness and has blessed us abundantly with lots of donations and gifts to expand the ministry.

After a break of two years due to the Covid-19 situation Wim flew to Ghana on October 14 to see how the Houses of Hope Ministries International has developed during that time. Of course there had been communication with Senior-pastor Cenninck Boateng, almost daily by phone or video. Normally Wim visits the churches and all projects twice a year, in his position as the founder of the apostolic ministry of Houses of Hope Ministries International.

Normally we have the leaders' seminar in November and the Easter-conference in spring. In the past two years this was done in a limited way or not at all, like the Easter-conference.

Last November 2021 Wim returned home from Ghana.

Wim visited the churches and spoke with the pastors and leaders of the HoH-churches. They looked at both spiritual as well as practical progress. The wonderful news is that both areas demonstrate good developments.

Church-buildings

Accra Asofan church-building:

The wall are done for 95% and plastering of the inside has begun. The next phase is welding the thief irons in front of the window- and door-openings, so that we do not need to move all the chairs and sound-equipment etc to another place every Sunday.



The great news is that last November we were able to purchase a new keyboard with amplifier, because we received a gift for that from one of the churches in the Netherlands. Also, a number of our Accra church-members promised to buy seven ceiling-fans in the near-future, because now with the walls being done it is much warmer inside.



Sunyani church/emergency building: the wooden walls of the building are done and also here we need to weld the thief irons in front of the window- and door-openings. As written in our previous newsletter, we were able to purchase our own lot in Sunyani, thanks to a gift. In the near future we hope to start building a church-building made of stone.



Berekum church-building:

started the next phase. Thanks to a recent gift we could start laying the foundation and bricklaying the walls. We make our own concrete blocks/stones and aim to have the walls drawn up to window-height by March 2022 and that the concrete floors and the stage will have been poured in time for the Easter-conference to be held in Berekum again.



Micro-projects



Trotro-taxi bus in Berekum

After almost four years the bus used by brother Richard for taxi-rides between Berekum and Sunyani had a number of defects.

The old engine and the driveshaft needed to be replaced.

The front-window of the bus had received a number of cracks with which driving is not allowed in Ghana. The four tyres need replacing. We received a great gift for the engine and the driveshaft to be replaced, which has happened now. Now the front-window and the tyres are next and we believe God will

provide, so that starting the beginning of the new year Richard can earn a living for his family again.

Sewing studio in Accra-Asofan,

run by Nana Kwame Amogh, elder of our Accra-Asofan church, was opened this past month and he started designing and sewing clothes for men and women. In 2018 and 2019 Nana did his training at the tailors-school in Accra and got his certificate. He has a tremendous feel for fashion and designs truly beautiful



clothing. During the next few weeks he hopes to expand his customer-base, so that he too can provide for the live of his family.

Street-food selling point in Sunyani:

Gladys' project, pastor Emmanuel's wife at the Sunyani bus station is doing very well. After she also started selling charcoal in her neighbourhood to cook on open fire, as is customary in Ghana, she gradually sees an increase in her income. The oldest daughter is attending secondary school, the younger children primary school and the smallest one is at home. Secondary school education is freely provided for by the government. Primary school education needs to be paid by the parents. Because of her income she is able to pay for these and other cost of livelihood.

Street- selling slippers Cape Coast

The next year we want to help two young men who both want to start a street-selling point of slippers, the kind of shoes most commonly worn in Ghana. Small projects, that Richard Ofori who is responsible for the micro-projects and I had the chance to look at together.

We discussed these projects with both men and saw that for both of them there is a good possibility to generate a basic income.

Street-food selling point Accra-Asofan

We hope to set up a second street-food selling point for one of the sisters in our church. We found a place for her where she can sell and also hope we can help her along in the time that is coming.

Churches – spiritual

During the past two years we have given Senior-pastor Cennick the possibility to study theology at university level. He received his diploma, Bachelor of Arts, BA Theology, last November 21, during a special meeting with 12 other students from the Bible school receiving a certificate, three students received their Masters MA Theology and Cennick his BA theology.

With the comments that he had been the best student of the past year!



During the next two years he hopes to continue and study for his MA, Master of Theology. Also Cennick's wife Stella and Nana, the elder of our Accra-Asofan HoH-church will start their training at this Bible-school in January 2022.

Churches Berekum and Sunyani

Next year the three pastors of our churches in Berekum and Sunyani will attend a Bible-school in the city of Sunyani. Every one of these pastors did a Bibleschool training some years ago and received their diploma. In view of the future we think it is important that they take their insight and knowledge to another level so that they can pass this on to their leadership and the churches and have all grow to another level.

Houses of Hope Ministry Int,l.

During these past two years that we could not go to Ghana because of the Covid-19 virus travel-restrictions we started wondering how to continue the ministry if it would not be possible for us anymore to go to Ghana.

We as the Board, decided to discuss this and to pray if God would make the future clear to us, so we would be prepared.

One thing that we already knew that the level our pastors and churches operated in had to be taken to another level.

When Senior-pastor Cennick visited the Netherlands in 2017 we connected him with the International Online Training of VPE/Assemblies of God the Netherlands.

We had him sign up for that but due to the bad internet-connections with Ghana we did not continue with that. Then we decided that he would study at the International Bible Institute in Accra. Because Wim is getting older, he started praying more specifically this last year, and think how and when he can pass on his apostolic office to Senior-pastor Cennick. And he also talked to the HoH-board in the Netherlands and the VPE/the Assemblies of God the Netherlands.

Also during pastor Cennick's studies Wim shared a number of times with the bishop and the professors of the institute where Cennick studies and talked to them about the responsibility laying on his shoulders and in which way this responsibility could be passed on to Senior-pastor Cennick in Ghana in the near future and under which spiritual covering he would be.

Ultimate we saw two possibilities

1. Cennick would be under the Bishop Council in Ghana of the Institute where he studies, but as Houses of Hope Ministries International we are not on the same line with them because our vision is clearly different at a number of points.

2. The other proposal was to consecrate Cennick in Ghana to be Apostle of Houses of Hope Ministries International and to consecrate Wim as Superintendent/bishop of Houses of Hope Ministries international, so that we would keep the spiritual authority over HoH- Int at the international level and can also be registered in Ghana at the government.

As Wim personally is a member of the VPE/Assemblies of God Netherlands, this board discussed it and accepted Cennick as a member of the VPE. He can operate under the covering of the Assemblies of God Netherlands because there is no personal membership possible with the Assemblies of God Ghana. So together with the international HoH-leadership in the Netherlands he can set the vision, the goals and the direction of the ministry for the years to come.

November 21, 2021 last,

Also there was a special service in which Wim Odendaal and Cennick Boateng respectively have been vconsecrated as Superintendent a Apostle of HoH Ministries International .

It was a special service where the Spirit of God was clearly present and an important milestone in the ministry of HoH Ministries Int.

We are truly thankful for all the support, both spiritual and financial, that our ministry received from you during the past year. It has been a tremendous encouragement, that despite all the insecurities in this world, God has not changed but is indeed our solid Rock on Whom we can build our faith.



During these weeks of Advent we are looking forward to Christmas, when we remember how Jesus was born as a child to bring peace on earth. I was reminded of the Scripture

The first announcement of the Servant of the Lord.

Isaiah 42: 1-9, With the focus on 1- 4

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
2 He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
3 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
4 he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In His law the islands will put their hope.

The special relationship between the Lord and His Servant...
The Lord Himself equips Him for His task by laying His Spirit on Him....
He will bring truth and justice...
so that we will know the will of God ...to live in peace.

He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
he will not falter or be discouraged
but He will take care of the needy...

A powerful message then but also today!!
To reach out with the message of the Gospel of hope and compassion and care for your
neighbour...and the world!!!

The whole team of Houses of Hope Ministries Ghana and the Netherlands and we wish you:

Blessed Christmas
and we look forward to the new year 2022 with confidence!
United with you in Christ,



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Servants of the Lord, our God.
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Help us to help!!!

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