



Newsletter December 2022



Dear friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International,

We have almost reached the end of the year 2022. A year filled with ups and downs.

Visit United States



One of the highlights of the previous year 2022 was Pastor Wim visiting the United States of America. Pastor Wim had been invited by Pastor Ricardo Torres and his Latin-American church and flew to Washington on August 15. The last time Pastor Wim visited them was in 2016. Pastor Ricardo Torres and his church have been supporting Houses of Hope Ministries int. for years. So, it was a privilege to be in



this church again and to minister the Word to them and show an extensive PowerPoint during an international missions-service so that they could see what kind of missions they are involved in.



Pastor Joel Santana, the second pastor of this church, will visit us in 2023 and will be one the guest-speakers during the Easter Convention in April 2023.

Easter Convention 2022

Another highlight was the **Easter Convention 2022** of the joint Houses of Hope churches in Berekum, Brong Ahafo Region.



Singing and dancing together for God, praying together, listening together to powerful messages, several people committing their lives in God's Hands! Eating together and having fellowship.... what a blessed time!

Oorlog in Oekraïne

But we were and are still confronted with the consequences of the war in Ukraine. Food-prices are extremely high in Africa, so also in Ghana. When we first came to Ghana in 2015 the rate of a euro was three cedi/Ghanaian dollar. During spring of this year, it was one euro for nine cedi, now the rate for one euro is 15 Ghanaian dollars.

Because of this many people/families experience problems, because there is not enough money to buy food. Quite a few families are already happy when they can eat something once a day. Children cannot go to school, because there is no money to pay the school-fee. Because of that the children miss the daily meal provided at the school.

Visit Ghana

At the end of September pastor Wim left for Ghana to discuss what we could do to manage this situation within our churches.

He also visited Ghana to head the annual leaders' conference, to initiate the meetings connected with that in order to set up the programme for next year in a broad way.

Normally this annual leaders' conference is held in Berekum. That means that a number of leaders have to travel a longer or shorter distance and make expenses for that. That is why we decided that we would meet up with the local leaders in Accra as well as in Berekum, including the leaders of our Sunyani church, so that we could use the money we saved for travelling for the food-project.

Food-project



Thanks to a number of extra gifts, we were able to support the families within our churches. We could supply them with rice and oil so that at least they would have this basic food in their homes.

This is a temporary solution. A small bag of rice, depending on the size of the family, will be enough for one or two weeks. For our organisation it means that, provided we get enough finances for this food-project, we can supply the needy families with yet more rice and oil in the month of December, so that they will have food during Christmas.

Because of these high expenses pastor Wim decided to advance his return-flight to the Netherlands. We were able to discuss the

most important topics with the leaders in Ghana; the goals for 2023 have been worked out on paper.



Visit Pastor Cennick

We had planned already a year ago that Pastor Cennick would come to the Netherlands in the middle of October to speak in churches and have discussions with Dutch pastors and concerned churches and the VPE board. Unfortunately, this visit could not happen as he did not obtain a visa in time.

This visit has been postponed to May 2023, God willing.

Visit local HoH-churches



Instead of visiting the Netherlands pastor Cennick visited our pastors and churches in Sunyani and Berekum at the end of November to investigate the local situation of our churches and to discuss the preparation of the Easter-conference 2023. During this conference we hope to receive two guest-speakers from abroad.

We look back upon the past year with thankfulness. We are grateful for the support, both spiritual as well as financial, that we received from you as a ministry.

Again, it is a tremendous encouragement that despite all the insecurities and turbulent events in today's

world, you and we are able to reach out to all people, no matter what colour, no matter what religion or background, no matter what social status.

The message of hope, healing and deliverance, the message of peace in your heart that any man can find through believing in Jesus Christ, is for everybody!

We are thankful that we can still share the Good News in Ghana and other countries, in freedom and with boldness. We also see that this freedom is no longer obvious in different countries in Africa; also, in neighbouring countries of Ghana this freedom is being limited and terrorist attacks are taken place and Christians are persecuted and murdered. Not only in Africa, but worldwide, we see an increasing pressure on Christians, making the lives of believers more difficult. In so many countries brothers and sisters are being persecuted. The Dutch media hardly pay attention to that.

The apostle Paul talks in the letter to the Romans, chapter 9, verses 31-39, about the assurance of the faith, also when oppression, persecution and death can become a part of our lives. The most important statement he makes is this:

That nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ, our Lord...

In that assurance we can close this year and start the new year that is ahead of us. Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus Christ the Light of the world, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End!

The Houses of Hope Ministries International team wish you a blessed Christmas season and a prosperous 2023.

United with you in Christ,



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