



## Newsletter may 2025



**Dear friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International,**

How quickly the past few months have flown by, with so much happening. I would like to give you a brief overview of these developments.

### **Ordination of Pastor Ronnie Vaarnold as Apostle of HoH Ministries in Suriname**

In January, Senior Pastor Ronnie Vaarnold was ordained as Apostle of House of Hope Ministries in Suriname. In South America, there are now five active HoH Ministries churches, four of which are in Suriname and one in French Guiana.

Rev. Cennick and I were unable to travel to Suriname at short notice due to other commitments, so the ordination was conducted at our request by Bishop Humro Imanuel of "Charisma Ministries Intl. Suriname."

### **Visit of Donald Kok to HoH Ghana**

Donald Kok, a brother from the Evangelical Church Reveil in Lelystad, was with us in Ghana for three weeks. He enthusiastically taught a number of people from our church in Accra how to play bass and electric guitar. This meant starting with about ten people on the first evening and ending with two people by the end of the three weeks. That's Ghana for you! 😊



Additionally, he blessed the church with an electric guitar and a bass guitar, including amplifiers. We are very happy about this, with the expectation that the two people who stayed until the end will continue to improve their skills.

## Easter conference Ghana

The preparation for the annual Easter conference, which was to take place in our church in Berekum this year, took up a lot of time. We had to deal with cancellations from guest speakers who, due to personal circumstances, were unable to make the trip to Ghana. As a result, we had to make last-minute changes to various aspects of the conference.

For the Easter conference, we were able to welcome one international guest speaker in Ghana: Pastor Joel Santana. Two years ago, he spoke at our church and was a great blessing. This time as well, he blessed the churches with powerful messages that touched many people. I have known Ps. Joel for a long time as the right-hand man of Ps. Riccardo Torres and his church Aberdeen ML.

The Easter conference in Berekum was a wonderful event. It was a great experience to travel together from Accra by bus to the Brong Ahafo Region in central Ghana and to worship God, eat, and fellowship with the churches in Sunyani and Berekum.

We are particularly blessed because we have seen people come to conversion, and many have experienced a new touch of the Holy Spirit.

For our young people, this is always a great experience and an encouragement to continue seeking and serving the Lord. For the older among us, it is a great encouragement to see what God is accomplishing during these days. And we look forward to seeing the lasting impact within the local community and in our churches in Sunyani and Accra.

Here is a brief impression of the Easter conference:







## **Car**

We are so blessed with the car that we received last September and which arrived in Ghana in December. The shipping and import costs were considerable, but a brother/businessman from Urk paid these costs for us.

The car has made life much easier for Rev. Cennick's family and church. We have already been able to transport people to the hospital, visit churches to conduct Bible studies and sermons, and more.

Additionally, we were able to use the car to travel from Accra with five people to the Easter conference. This was much more comfortable than traveling by bus and was also two-thirds cheaper than traveling with a large coach. What a blessing.

## **Program next months**

In the coming months, Rev. Cennick will be in Berekum for one week every two months to develop church programs. The goal is to ensure that the same Bible studies are conducted in all our churches, that evangelism is carried out systematically, and that we are aligned overall.

We notice that it is very important to systematically teach and train the new generation, often young leaders, to help them grow in their personal relationship with Christ and within the church. Rev. Cennick, through his life and testimony, is an inspiration to these young men and women and is also an excellent teacher.

It is intended that I travel to America in the second week of August. I have been invited to speak at a meeting of 'charitable organizations' in Washington about our work in Africa/Ghana.

We have already received some support from these organizations over the past year.

Our prayer is that God will touch people during this meeting so that they will bless us again from their abundance, allowing us to continue and expand existing projects and start new ones.

From Washington, I hope to travel to Suriname for sermons and Bible studies in several churches in Paramaribo and its surroundings.

I have also been invited to visit Sant Granti and Stoelmans Island again. This involves a several-hour car trip from Paramaribo to Albina; from there, a place on the Marowijne River, the border river with French Guiana; and then another seven hours by korjaal (canoe) to the interior. It's a long and interesting journey. Alternatively, a domestic flight with a small plane takes about an hour.

Twenty years ago, Ps. Lome Sr. took me on a korjaal (canoe) trip to evangelize in various villages along the river, deep in the interior of Suriname.



My first encounter with African culture, as these inhabitants are direct descendants of slaves. Much of their culture is now reflected in Ghana.



The human plans, but God decides. All our programs are drawn up in dependence on God. In Ghana, they say, "God willing!" And so it is.

We are grateful for all your prayers, donations, and gifts. It is a grace to be able to work together to build His Kingdom. We ask you to also stand firm and pray for us for the time ahead, for victory in the spiritual battle, because that is also part of it!

Kind regards, on behalf of our teams in Ghana.



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