



## Newsletter october 2024



### Dear friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International

Summer time is over and herewith I would like to give you a brief overview of what has all has been happening.

### Church building Accra

In our church building in Accra, we were able to tile the church floor thanks to an amazing donation from a Ghanaian brother from Amsterdam who, in cooperation with a company in Ghana, donated 250m2 of floor tiles. Iglesia Fuente de Vida, the Latin American church of Pastor Ricardo Torres from Abindon, USA, gave us a donation to have this floor laid in the church and the church office. It turned out beautifully and we are richly blessed.

We still have about 40 boxes of tiles left! We took these to our HoH church in Berekum so that they can pre-tile part of the floor there too.



## Micro-projects

Over the past period, we have also been able to launch a few micro-projects and we have been able to develop and complete others. In this way, we have again been able to support a number of brothers and sisters, families, within our churches. It's important for them to become self-sufficient.

It's livelihood is becoming increasingly expensive for the 'ordinary person' in Ghana increasingly expensive due to inflation and in addition, a large part of the population has no work. At the time we started ministering in ministry in Ghana, €1 was about 4 Ghanaian Cedi, now some 9 years later, €1 is now about 17 Ghanaian Cedi, so that's more than 4 times over!

The gap between rich and poor is also widening in Ghana. Government leaders, businessmen, and some spiritual leaders are rancidly rich and hardly care about the people, which are struggling terribly.

Therefore, besides the spiritual work, the diaconal work that churches do is also very important.



## Trip to USA

In September, Rev. Wim went to the US at the invitation of Pastor Ricardo Torres. Rev. Cennick was also invited but due to his visa not being issued on time in Ghana, he was not be able to make it.

Rev. Wim gave a number of speaking engagements and Bible studies in Pastor Ricardo's congregation. Rev. Wim and Ricardo and his family have been friends for many years. This congregationsupports our ministry in Ghana as well as churches in Cuba and Mexico. It was a blessing to be able to be there and see how God's Spirit has touched people. Some people were converted, others were encouraged. It was a very special time together.



Rev Wim was also introduced to a US Army colonel. He is a Christian and has come into contact with traditional African churches through his work. When he heard about our work in Ghana, he was eager to make our acquaintance.

Besides his position as a Colonel, he oversees a number of charitable organisations in the US. He wants to get involved and explore whether they can start supporting us. One of these organisations has already donated an amount during the visit to set up a micro-project. So special how God opens doors that you yourself don't know exist!

As a result of this contact, Rev Wim has been invited to speak at a meeting of these organisations to be held in Washington sometime in '25/'26.

### **Another house in Berekum**

In Berekum, we have rented a house in recent years where Rev. Wim could live during his stay in central Ghana. Outside his visits, the house was used for e.g. the leadership seminar and other activities. The house owner suddenly informed us that he no longer wanted to rent it out, so we quickly had to look for another flat.

The extraordinary thing is that in the same period, another flat came our way! We were able to rent it for 550.00 euros per year but we had to rent it for two years immediately. That means paying €1100.00 in one go. That is stepping out in faith. Will you pray with us that God will provide?

### **Autumn trip Ghana**

On 5 November Wim will fly to Ghana for the annual leadership seminar which will be held at our mother church in Accra on 8 and 9 November. Pastor Philip Habes of Maranatha Ministries Int. Amsterdam will teach part of the seminar.



On 22 and 23 November, the leadership seminar will be held in Berekum, in the Brong Ahafo Region where Pastor David Koanting of Charisma Ministries will participate.

### **Grateful**

The churches are developing well; there are several especially young people who are want to be baptized in the time ahead.

During the renovation of the church in Accra, our drum kit, which was actually completely worn out, broke down completely. Instruments and certainly the drum is very important in the culture, we are extremely happy and grateful to have been donated a new drum kit for our church in Accra.

Last summer, we got a good second-hand car in the Netherlands that we can have transported to Ghana. In Ghana we have to do everything on foot or by taxi, which is tiring and all in all costs

a lot of money to do our activities this way. We could buy a car in Ghana but for that you spend as much money as it costs to ship and import this car. Besides, you don't know anything about the car, which you do know Besides, you know nothing about the car, what you do know is that the cars there have already driven many kilometers on Ghanaian roads, which is not exactly an autobahn... The cost of importing a car into Ghana is immense, the shipping costs about €1400 but the import cost about €5000.

This has really become a prayer topic and perhaps you would like to think and pray with us.

We have received donations from several churches for which we are grateful. Recently, a mission service held in our home church. Here there were many people who pitched in engaged by baking cakes, cakes and all kinds of tasty things. Sandwiches of frikandel, croquette, sausages make and all this to sell for the missionary work of Houses of Hope Int. in Ghana. God has blessed richly!

In the summary above, you can read that there are many reasons for us to be thankful. On the other hand, we also have some topics of prayer. But we serve a great God and we trust that He will provide whatever is needed!

We are grateful for all your prayers, all donations and gifts. It is grace to be allowed to work together work together to build His Kingdom. We would like to ask you, also in the time ahead of us, to to stand in the breach and pray for victory in the spiritual battle, because there is!

Kind regards, also on behalf of our teams in Ghana



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