



'From heaven you came ... entered our world, your glory veiled'

(The Servant King, Graham Kendrick)

December 2019 – God came to meet us ...

Dear CBS friends,

An Advent sermon last Sunday inspired me for this writing. The 'Old' Testament message of God coming to meet his people, the Israelites, became a 'new' Christmas message of God coming to meet the whole world. The 'old' Bible message is still alive and became even more so through the coming of Jesus to this earth. God continues to look after his children, already from the very beginning of this world.

God came as a human to us, men and women, in the person of the Christ child Jesus. God came to meet us. And when invited to a meeting there is also a response. How do we respond to His coming, already so long ago? How do we meet Him in our everyday life?

One way to personally seek Him is by opening His Word, to read it and to think about it: what does it mean to me, today? CBS can be of help with this. The first step in our studies is to open your Bible, to read a passage and, with the questions asked, to think about it. We often hear that this part is a personal blessing to people. CBS is a help, but it is all about God who -in the Lord Jesus- came to meet us. We again celebrate this at Christmas. Let our personal response be one of wonder, gratitude and following Him.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas, and I hope to meet you in Anno Domini 2020.

Wilma Aalbersberg – Director Community Bible Study Netherlands



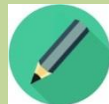
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NEW material for youth ± 14-17 – James



Our first study in Dutch for this age group is ready! Do you know of a youth group, e.g. in your church, who likes to have Bible study as a part of their group meeting? We have the study of James ready for that!



Together they will, in 6 lessons, study this letter from James. Youths are stimulated to read their Bible. Questions will challenge them to think about the passage they read, to discuss it in their youth group, and to learn how to apply it in their lives.





Introduction: new Training coordinator Ruth

My name is Ruth Jonker and I am married to Alfred. We live in Amersfoort, but my roots are in South-Africa, where I am born and raised. Already for more than 20 years now I am living in the Netherlands.

Three years ago a member of my church invited me to the CBS Bible Study in Amersfoort. From the beginning I was very enthusiastic. It is such a beauty to meet women from different church backgrounds and study the Word of God together.

Last Spring I was asked to think and pray about becoming the new Training coordinator. I think this is an exciting challenge! In this way I like to contribute to the work of CBS Nederland, and my wish is to see more and more groups coming forth.



Bible Study Taster at the New Wine Summer Conference



It was the hottest day ever in the Netherlands, and we were scheduled to give our CBS Bible Study Taster at the New Wine Summer Conference.

Despite of the heat, there were some participants and therefore we decided to go through with it. We got positive responses and made new contacts. For our team it was the first big presentation of our work and materials, and we were ready to do this! Hopefully there will be another opportunity again in the future.

Are you looking for materials for a group or for more groups, e.g. in your church? We can offer you a Bible Study Taster. In this way you can, with your team, experience how our materials are set up and how to use it.

For information, please contact us.

Leadership conference for women in Vierhouten

D.V. November 20 – 22 in 2020

- To be encouraged and equipped, to meet others and relax.
 - For all women in CBS leadership.
- Mark your calendar already; more info is coming in the Spring.



An impression of the men's group in Broek op Langedijk



One Saturday morning, 6:30 AM, at the end of October, and still dark outside.

More than 30 men are coming in, almost in a routine chronological order. They come for the CBS Bible Study, every other week, today for the 247th time for this group!

Regular patterns with good habits. A long table is set up, as they start with breakfast. There is a lot of lively talk. Men with different backgrounds regarding their phase of life, their work, and their churches, and with ages ranging from 20 till over 70.

When the clock strikes 7 AM, breakfast is finished and all the men go to one of the 5 small groups. Each small group leader is guiding his group through the questions of the home-studied part of the letter to the Romans.



The 'Questions for home study' are faithfully prepared. The men have experienced the value of it. The CBS method has a good structure and it has proven itself. The discussions dig deep and touch the emotions. Personal stories and witnesses are shared in the safety of the small group. It is a privilege to experience God's presence.

When the church bell strikes 8 o'clock, it is time for all to go to the big room for the plenary closure talk by one of the leaders. The part-song before the talk brings rest, and helps to focus. At 8:30 AM they close with a song and prayer. What a blessing, this group existing for already so long and men looking forward to meeting each other for Bible study again and again.

Lord God, how faithful you are!

Written by: a participant



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