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'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'

Romans 15:13 NIV

Perspective

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Dear CBS friends,

We all have probably been looking forward to it: after more than a year of Corona virus, now more freedom and fewer restrictions. To meet and support each other again. Eating together, sharing joys and sorrows, going to church, a party, to school, putting an arm around each other, praying together, singing together, together ... , everyone can probably make this list much longer with personal wishes and desires.

'Perspective' and 'looking forward' in the Bible also have to do with better times after a difficult period. People sometimes had to wait a very long time for it or did not even experience it personally, but they lived in confidence, in the hope of

The ultimate perspective promised to us by God is the coming of a new heaven and earth. Sometimes very hard to imagine. But also in the here and now we can keep an eye on this and believe in it. And we may live with this promise, for every day of our lives. In all circumstances, even when it is barren and dead and silent.

The Spirit has been given to us as a daily helper, as a comforter, as an encourager, as a giver of hope, as a helping hand. I wish all of us that knowing this may give us freedom and perspective in our own personal situation!

On behalf of our team and together in Christ,

Wilma Aalbersberg
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Two wonderful experiences from 2 participants in the past year.

In our online Bible Study we talked about Philippians 3, the first verses. It struck me that several group members dared to share that 'the daily life' is not always easy. That was true for me too that day.

We talked about verse 1, 'Rejoice in the Lord ...'. The word IN jumped out to me. It encouraged me that this also happened to other group members. For others in the group the word 'rejoice' spoke strong.

I loved to experience that the same Bible verse can speak in different ways to different people in our own situations!

Shared by: a Dutch lady in an international Together-Online group

As a nurse who worked with corona patients in the intensive care unit of a hospital, I had a work meeting about the personal impact of the Coronavirus on us as employees.

I had just finished the lesson about Joseph giving glory to God when he stood before Pharaoh (study Pentateuch). This gave me the courage to testify that I trust in God and know that my life is in His hands. And that I felt supported by the prayers of my CBS women's group!

Shared by: Marry, her group met online all year

Brief news:

- **New study: Job.** The Bible book of Job has been translated. This 6-lesson study will be ready to order in September. Keep an eye on the 'Materials' website page.

- **Mini – Web Conference: D.V. Saturday, November 6 from 10 AM – 1 PM**
 - Theme: Freedom after the silence
 - Speaker: Rev. Arik Vos

See also the website page: News => Conferences. More information will follow after the summer.

'Together-Online' Group – wherever you are!

Instead of a group with participants who live near each other, you can form a group with people who (literally) speak the same language: Together-Online.



Participants can live anywhere (in the country) and form a group, e.g. if there is no CBS group in their area (yet). An international group can be formed for English speakers, in which even people from different countries can participate.

Do you want to know more about this or do you know people who also want to do a Bible study with a good set up and content, but then Online, please contact us.



Bookkeeper – Anne Grutter

As of January this year I started as bookkeeper of CBS Netherlands. In this position I take care of the daily financial ins and outs and keep in touch with the treasurer of the board.



I am 61 years old, married to Damaris and have 2 sons (15 and 17 years). I live and work in Amersfoort, 3 days a week at 's Heeren Loo and 1 day a week as a volunteer in the logistics department of the local 'food bank'. In my working life so far, I have held a number of positions in the financial administration area at a large chemical company in the Netherlands.

My hobbies are playing chess, fishing, astronomy and reading (of mainly Christian thrillers).

I was raised in a Christian Reformed family, and later on in my life I came in contact with evangelical churches. This also because I married Damaris who has a Baptist background. We are currently going to a NGK church. Besides the joyful gospel message that Jesus died for our sins, I find the truth of the Bible THE guideline in our lives.

Given the approach of CBS to make the Bible accessible to everyone - regardless of (church) background - I would like to support this in order to contribute to the work of CBS Netherlands.

Unfortunately, because of Corona, I was not able yet to attend a meeting of a CBS men's group. This to experience myself the work of CBS in practice. Looking forward now to an opportunity soon!

If you have any questions regarding finances, please contact me via my email address: accountant@cbsi.nl .

Greetings, Anne

Enjoy your Summer !