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"... He is the living God, the eternal King ..."

Jeremiah 10:10 – NIV

Small and vulnerable

December 2023

God's greatest gift to us on earth laid in a manger. God's Son, Jesus, small and vulnerable. Born in a stable, among the animals, not in a place where our babies are usually welcomed. Jesus' birth announcement was a mighty display of angels. He was worshiped by simple shepherds and wise men who did everything they could to see Him and give Him their gifts. But there was also a king who immediately wanted to get rid of this small and vulnerable baby.

How small and vulnerable we can feel in this world full of unrest or in the brokenness of our own lives. Worries about loved ones, relationships, diagnoses or illness, school, study or work, climate, war and other things. The Bible says that Jesus as human can sympathize and empathize with us. He has walked upon this earth for over 30 years and has seen and felt what concerns us, and what can happen to us. That was then but that is not different today.

We celebrate this at Christmas. Jesus came, He is here, now and forever. He knows us with everything that concerns us. He is with us, in our smallness and vulnerability. He is Immanuel, God with us, in every aspect of our lives. Let this be our security, also in the coming year.

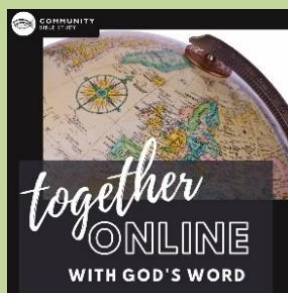
Wishing you Christmas blessings and a good A.D. 2024.
Wilma Aalbersberg – National Coordinator



Dutch Online Group

A group that 'see and meet' each other for 7 weeks – so Together Online, with God's Word.

- Wednesday February 28, 2024
- For 7 weeks
- Time: 20:00 – 21:30 uur (8 - 9:30 PM)
- Study: God's Amazing Book
- Costs: none (optional gift)
- Sign up: dirk@cbseurope.org



Participants can live anywhere (in the Netherlands or abroad!) and form a group together.

Lead by trained leaders.

Having further questions? Please fill in our contact form:

<https://www.cbsi.nl/contact/>



Social media – Romi Kwantes

Hi! My name is Romi and I am 25 years old. I am a part of a 'young adults' CBS group for a few years now. When I first started CBS it felt like I was entering a whole new world. I have learned so much about God's Word and how it's alive!

The national coordinator asked me if I wanted to help with the social media of CBS Netherlands. As CBS holds a special place in my heart, I like to support this, so I said yes to this volunteering role.

We're hoping that CBS will become more known and that more people will join the study groups. Do you have an Instagram account? Follow us @communitybiblestudynl .

Please pray for and with us.
Romi – info@cbsi.nl



New secretary – Marry Mulder

Since this autumn I have taken on the task of secretary of CBS Netherlands. When I heard in our Bible study group that a secretary was being sought, but that he/she could also come from outside CBS, I thought: 'That's a bit crazy, someone from outside, while there are so many of us doing the CBS Bible studies here in the country.' I started thinking and praying about it and felt more and more that I had to do this.



Who am I? My name is Marry Mulder, 56 years old, wife of Henk, mother of 3 children, grandmother of a grandson and living in Amersfoort. In daily life I try to manage my household and work almost 4 days a week in a very nice hospital in Harderwijk as an ICU nurse and Evening-Weekend night nurse manager. So I have a very irregular life.

I am enthusiastic about CBS and want to commit myself wholeheartedly to this role. I will soon be reachable by email: secretaris@cbsi.nl .

Kind regards and together in Christ, Marry

The joy of CBS

This is the annual theme of CBS Europe. What gives us joy through participation in a CBS group? In a group in the Netherlands where this was asked, the following came up strongly:

- *Learning from each other:* through insights, wisdom, knowledge and experiences of the other group members.
- *Community:* connection by being the body of Christ in a living room, acceptance, encouragement, sharing joys and sorrows, from various church backgrounds, mutual love.
- *Own growth in faith:* by opening the Bible yourself and through the other group members.
- *Bible:* learning through preparation at home, listening to each other, amazement about God's love, deepening in God's Word, joy.