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Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1 NIV

In a time of so much violence, war, natural disasters and poverty, we can become afraid of and look gloomy at the future.

The dark winter days are not of help here either.

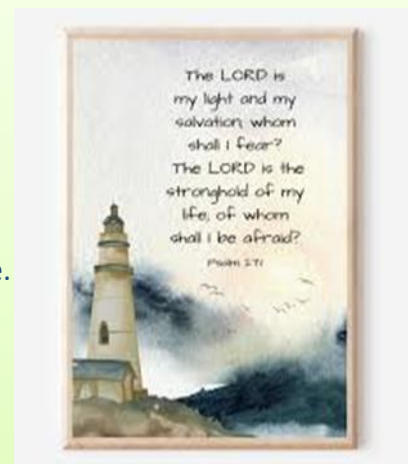
Yet we may rely on The Light of the world and keep our hope in God. Psalm 27 urges us, as a command, to seek God's nearness.

If we continue to focus our hearts on Him, light will be around us.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas in this Light.

Enjoy reading this Newsletter.

Marry Mulder,
Secretary CBS-NL



Testimony

I was not raised in the Christian faith, but in my family I was the one who had questions about life. I looked for answers on the internet, and came across information about Christianity and decided to delve deeper into it. I went to a church and joined the CBS study group. In addition to studying the Bible texts, which gave me a lot of knowledge about the Bible, it was very valuable to hear about the faith experiences of others. Studying in community is important. In the four years that I have been at CBS now, my view on life and my identity has changed. I am now a (beginning) Christian, professed my faith in the church and was also baptized. I remain with the CBS group to grow in faith and in life with God.

Member of a CBS group in The Hague



1975 – 2025 Community Bible Study 50-years celebration

In 2025 it will be 50 years since the first CBS Bible study group started in the US. (CBS is now present in 117 countries, there are studies in 91 languages and worldwide approximately 1.1 million children, young people and adults joined!)

This anniversary will be given ample attention next year. This also because the new study about 'the Psalms' is ready and is currently translated in many languages. The aim is that in the new season this study will be studied by groups in many countries and in many languages.

So: 'Community' worldwide!

'The Psalms' are now also being translated in the Netherlands. It would be great if many groups in our country would participate! Keep this in mind as you think about the new season. More about this in the next Newsletter.



Vacancies

The existence of our Bible study materials and our organization relies on volunteers, who ensure that Bible study materials are translated, printed and sent to the groups in the Netherlands. We now have a number of vacancies in the National Board and the executive team (National Support Team - NST).

Each group will receive an extensive letter about this in January.

Would you like to think about whether there is something you like to do?

Would you also pray for the filling of these vacancies?

For the board:

- Treasurer (4 hours a month)
- General member (4 hours a month)

(National Support Team - NST):

- Coordinator (2-4 hours a week)
- Social Media Communicator

Regional coffee meetings

We think it is important to keep meeting each other, and like to do this in a new way. We will organize some regional coffee meetings. When we have more concrete information for your region, you will hear from us.

