

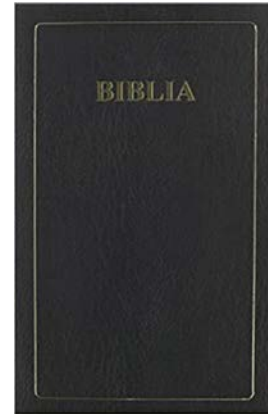
## Some information on publications and upcoming trips

### Literature work

The literature work continues to be an important part of the Lord's work in Africa. Again and again the brethren tell us of (young!) people who ask after literature, magazines and Bibles. In Africa many people still read! In the western world this becomes less and less an occupation from the past... The apostle Paul clearly loved to read (see 2 Tim. 4:13). How is that with us today?

By the end of last year 20,000 Bibles in Congo Swahili were ordered, made possible by a special gift for which we are very grateful. They're currently being printed, and we trust that they will be delivered in North-eastern Congo within a few months. We heard from the publisher today that the transport of our container will be at least \$4,000 more expensive than planned. He will soon send us the final bill for this transport to Bunia (North-East Congo). Last year 3,000 French JND Bibles were also sent to DR Congo.

Gifts were also received for English Bibles for Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya, which will be ordered shortly. Luganda Bibles (Uganda) are also in high demand, but when we tried to purchase those last year, they were sold out and the brothers were told to come back in early 2022. They were able to buy 300 copies from a limited stock of the Bible Society last month. Please pray that the Bible Society can make more of these Bibles available in the near future.



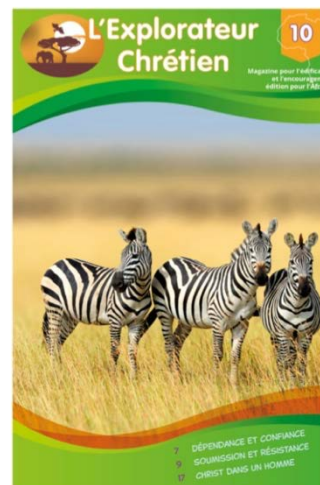
As a result of covid, there were hardly any conferences over the past two years, where we usually give out booklets on the subject studied. The most recent occasion for that was the conference in Mputu, DRC, last November, where the life of Elijah was studied. Two brothers had translated Hamilton's Smith < book on this prophet into Swahili and Luganda. Again and again, it has proven very useful and valuable to have literature available in African languages, as especially the older generations (but not just them) are not

always familiar with English or French. Please pray for those who are involved in translating and proofreading books into various African languages.

*The Christian Explorer* in English and French has been printed and distributed in these past two years, despite the pandemic and restrictions. But just as everywhere else in the world, prices in Africa have also risen. As basically everything for printing has to be imported from Europe or Asia, printing has become very expensive. One printer told us that his shipping costs for paper from Asia had increased with about 500% and paper costs have also increased 40-60%

### Increasing costs for this literature for Africa

Over the past months this has resulted in an increase of printing costs of sometimes more than 50%





In spite of increasing costs we have continued to work on various publications, among which are a Sunday school teacher's guide on the life of the Lord Jesus (in French), *Choosing a Spouse* by Ernst-August Bremicker in various African languages, in full colour, *How to Study the Bible* by Samuel Ridout in Kenya Swahili, and a series of 15 tracts in Kinyarwanda and Lhukonzo, translated from Congo Swahili, in which language they need to be reprinted soon as stocks run low. The needs are plenty.

Please continue to pray for help, guidance and the Lord's support in this work.

### Troubles in north-east Congo

For the time being, this part of Congo cannot be visited due to continuous rebel attacks in this area. Our Bible Conference Centre in Mputu (near Mambasa) has for weeks been hosting dozens of brothers, sisters and children who have fled their villages.

We are very grateful for the funds we have received to provide them with food. The local brothers are diligently carrying out the major responsibility of distributing and providing shelter in the dormitories. They always send us detailed reports about the use of the funds and needs in the near future.

Due to the large number of refugees and the long duration of their stay, there is a shortage of drinking water and diseases arise because the current sanitary facilities are not adequate. Special funds for this purpose are most welcome, quoting "building funds Mputu".



Daily distribution of food

The local brothers make good use of the time by regularly organising meetings for children, young people and brothers and sisters who have been forced to stay at the BCC for weeks at a time. In this way, the gospel is always proclaimed, and the brothers and sisters are encouraged by the Word. They need this encouragement even more, considering their difficult circumstances far from their villages. Sometimes they hear bad news about what is happening in their villages, such as the burning of houses and fields in the forests.

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A few of the many refugees: 1<sup>o</sup>) one of the many families 2<sup>o</sup>) children 3<sup>o</sup>) during the day most men (absent here) make charcoal



## Upcoming trips

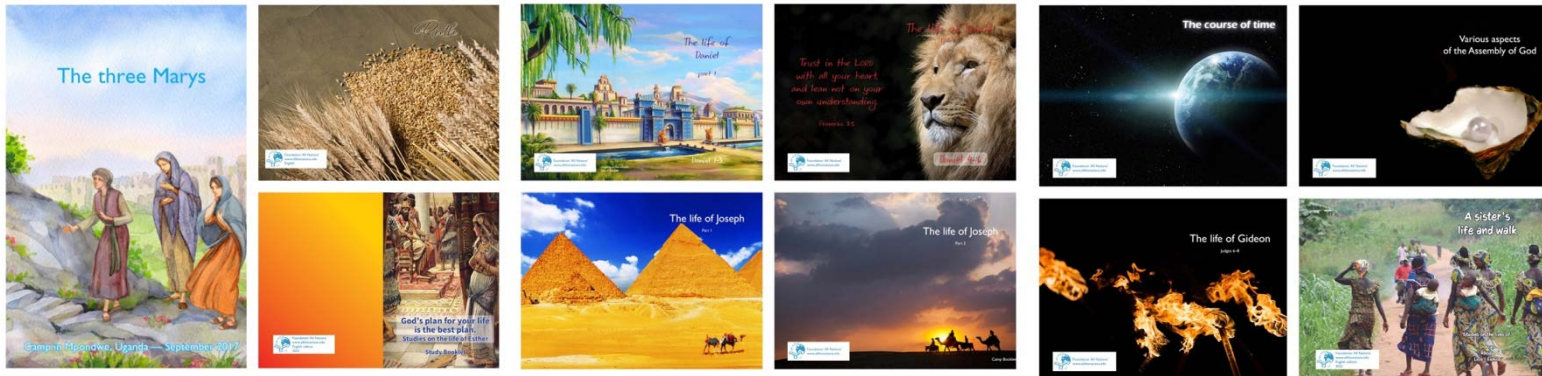
Such trips have to be prepared well in advance. We have done so with prayer and in dependence on the Lord, together with the brothers of the local assemblies. If the Lord wills, we make the following visits in the coming weeks:

### South Africa (May 27 – June 7):

Hilvert Wijnholds and Paul Meijer

Paul will then fly back home, and Hilvert will fly to Rwanda and Congo via Nairobi.

For South Africa we will bring 100 copies of brochures for future youth meetings in our suitcases



### Rwanda (June 7 – 14):

- a) Discussions about practical matters with brothers who are members of the foundation  
"Distribution of Bibles and Gospel tracts" (DBTCR)
- b) Bible Conference in Kigali
- c) Visits in some assemblies/ homes

### Goma, Kivu, D.R. Congo (June 15 – 20)

program in Goma with local brothers from Goma, Minova and Kitshanga such as

- a) Visit to the plot and buildings of a possible orphanage
- b) Bible studies

### Rwanda (June 21-24):

- a) Home visits
- b) Bible studies (Kigali and other meetings)

Your brothers in our faithful Lord,

Hilvert Wijnholds and Paul Meijer