

Elburg, 15th July 2026

"I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house" (Acts 20:20)

Dear brothers and sisters,

By teaching both publicly and from house to house, the apostle Paul had faithfully preached the Word of God and taught the unabridged gospel message for many years. He had not shrunk back from declaring the entire purpose of God, even the difficult things about suffering for Christ's sake, and the satanic attack on believers that would inevitably come from the enemy of their soul.

The diligence and humility of this most faithful, devoted servant of the Lord Jesus are worthy of emulation.

Over the past three weeks, I was able to visit Rwanda and Kenya once again.

Rwanda

This visit, which lasted a week, began with a meeting of the administrative group (Diffusion de la Bible et de Traités Chrétiens / DBTCR). Once again, we discussed < the spiritual and practical aspects of the work. At the request



of brothers from French-speaking Switzerland, I made my first visit to Rwanda in 2000. With gratitude to the Lord, I look back on the past 26 years, during which the Lord provided faithful brothers. Over time, older brothers have stepped down and younger ones have joined. The older ones, with greater wisdom and experience, and the younger ones, often with greater skills, work together in a brotherly and harmonious manner.

It was special for me to be in Rwanda this time together with my children Michael and Eefke Bühne, and my granddaughter Jodie. The latter has been in Rwanda since mid-February, involved in youth and children's work and girls' camps.

The remaining days of the week were spent on Bible studies in local assemblies and home visits. As I wrote in a previous newsletter: "It is my experience that it is equally necessary to visit these brothers and sisters in their villages for Bible studies and home visits. The better visiting brothers get to know the local brothers and sisters in their daily circumstances and difficulties, the more their teaching during conferences will align with existing spiritual needs and not be too theoretical for them." I repeat this passage to emphasize the importance of home visits.



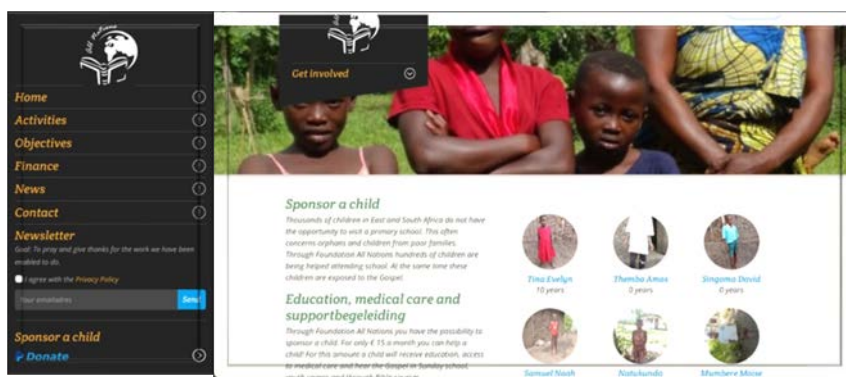
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We also attended the weekly meeting for sponsored children together. These children attend schools near the Bible Centre in Kigali and are sponsored as part of a program set up by the local authorities. For us, this is an opportunity not only to provide these children with school supplies, but also to hold a weekly gospel outreach with them, during which they are given lunch. This work is made possible by general donations for the work in Rwanda.

In addition, we run the general sponsorship program in East Africa (Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Noord Oost Congo), through which sponsors from abroad support a child whose details are listed on our website: <https://www.allthenations.info/sponsor-a-child/>. We would like to encourage you to take a look at this website and sponsor one or more children.



The meetings on the Lord's Day in Kigali take place in a special way. The brothers and sisters all have to work hard six days a week to provide for themselves. On the Lord's Day, the following take place in succession: - the breaking of bread, - open ministry, - a break and lunch, - Bible study (currently in Romans 12), - a prayer meeting.



Bible study



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Lunch



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Brothers and sisters from the village of Kabarondo are currently unable to attend because they do not yet have their own premises. They get up early on Sunday mornings at 3 am, walk for two hours to the main road, and travel by public transport to Kigali to attend the four meetings on Lord's Day. Afterwards, from 4 pm, they travel and walk back to their homes again.

Kenya

The two sisters, Izabayo Stephanie and Jodie Bühne, accompanied me during my two-week stay in Kenya. The local brothers Omwenga Norman and Owino Richard, regularly hold gospel meetings with students from several high schools in the city of Mombasa. They have built up a good relationship with the principals, who also allow them to distribute the magazine "The Christian Explorer" to these same students. The principals appreciate the gospel message that our local brothers consistently share. Every day, the local brothers introduced us to the headteacher and staff at the school in question. We were always given a very warm welcome and noticed how close the bond is with our brothers.

Stephanie and Jodie held a gospel meeting with these students every morning, reaching hundreds of pupils across five schools. More than 170 of these students also attended the one-day girls' camp on the Saturday of that week, organized by our local brothers and sisters. Most of these students had also attended the three-day camp which you read about in the 20 May 2026 newsletter.



< Gospel meeting in schools >



We also visited the Likoni Children Remand Home and Rehabilitation School in Mombasa, a juvenile facility providing temporary custody, care, and behavioral reform for children, who have committed crimes, some of them serious. This center handles legal custody during trial stages and structured rehabilitation. It holds children safely away from adult prison populations while they await court hearings or legal processing. It also provides schooling, basic counseling, and behavioral modification programs. We were favourably impressed by the management of this well-maintained center. They gave the brothers Omwenga Norman en Owino Richard the opportunity to share the Gospel with the boys, whilst Stephanie and Jodie spoke with the few girls there.

Mambasa is in Likoni County, which has notorious juvenile gangs known as Panga boys, Gaza and Squad Chafu that are terrorizing the locals and visitors in equal measure. Boys as young as 13 years old are involved in criminal activities. Residents have also noted with concern a new phenomenon among the young people causing chaos in the county. They say the young criminals are “strong believers in witchcraft and supernatural powers”. Before and after their attacks, they visit the witch doctors to be given protective powers.

During the second week, we visited two local assemblies – namely Mwambo and Mwangulu – in Kwale County south of Mombasa. We held Bible studies with the brothers and sisters and those interested, and children’s meetings were also held. Just as on the previous occasion, the preaching was listened to with great attention at these two local assemblies, both from brother Onyango Richard and me. A few local brothers also added some edifying thoughts. The brothers and sisters have already learnt several melodies from their Swahili songbook (217 songs translated from “Spiritual Songs”). We noted with gratitude not only numerical but also spiritual growth.



A simple plough and a homemade yoke

A simple meal for all participants

Bible study in Mwambo

A few years ago, many people including the brothers and sisters of Mwangulu settled in a large, remote area that belongs to the state or to businesspeople. They have built simple dwellings there and tilled the land using basic ploughs, drawn by cows under yokes they made themselves. They live mainly on maize, cowpeas, rice and cassava. During Bible study sessions, meals are prepared from their own harvest for the participating brothers and sisters from Mwangulu, Mwambo and elsewhere.

We also visited again the Masai settlement in Godo where they gave us a warm welcome. this time without a welcome ceremony, as that had already taken place in May. Such a Masai settlement, known as a ‘manyatta’, is a

traditional, circular homestead surrounded by a high thorn-bush fence to protect livestock, often viewed as a sacred, divine truth. The huts inside are built by women using mud, sticks, grass and cow dung. A young man and his mother from this settlement have come to know God and believe in the Lord Jesus through brother Mtavi's gospel outreach. It is quite remarkable that the Maasai allowed brother Mtavi to enter their 'manyatta'. Through him, we too were welcomed – first in May and now once again.



Warm welcome in the Masai settlement

Children' meeting in the Masai settlement

I am still studying the customs, beliefs and way of life of the Masai so that I can reach them more effectively with the Word. A day after our departure, brother Mtavi reported that he was shocked by the way in which Masai warriors, known as Morans, were escorting a 14-year-old girl to marry an older man. This is apparently part of their culture. I was once again made aware of the need to know and try to understand their culture and beliefs.

I spent the last weekend of my visit in Nairobi, where we held Bible studies on Saturday on 1 Peter 1. Following my introduction to the first Epistle of Peter and its first chapter, brother Onyango Richard gave his contribution. It strikes me time and again how he explains the Word of God with joyful conviction. The small group of brothers and sisters who attended these Bible studies were very attentive, taking notes in the notepads we had provided.



< Bible studies in Nairobi >

These brothers and sisters hold their meetings on Sunday in a classroom near the slum where they live. However, five Pentecostal churches hold their meetings in that school at the same time, and these are very noisy due to loud preaching, singing and shouting prayers 'in tongues' through loudspeakers. During the meetings for the breaking of bread and open ministry, our brothers and sisters can barely hear one another. There is therefore a great need for a meeting room of their own in a quiet, safe environment.

Land in Nairobi is prohibitively expensive, and after a very long search and asking around, the brothers have not found a single building or hall with an affordable rent. On Sunday afternoon, we visited several locations, one of which is suitable in terms of space and accessibility. This hall costs €50,000, which is a large sum, but reasonable given the average costs in Nairobi.

I would like to thank you all for your support, both in prayer and through practical assistance, for the Lord's work in East Africa. On every trip, I am struck by what **He is accomplishing** in the many local assemblies in Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, north-eastern Congo and elsewhere.

"The Lord knows all His own to the ends of the earth."

With warm brotherly greetings in our faithful Lord,

Hilvert Wijnholds

PS.

Lord willing, I will be attending the Eastern Bible Conference in the USA from 25 July to 1 August, as well as the Missions in Focus conference from 8 to 14 August.

Given the lengthy preparation time required, I have already planned a seven-week trip to East Africa from early October to mid-November. In consultation with the local brothers, we will prayerfully finalize the details of this trip, which begins in Rwanda D.V.

Prayer request: that the spread of Ebola in north-eastern Congo may be halted, and that peace and security may be granted to the inhabitants, including the brothers and sisters.

