

# Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

We have lots of news to report to you.

## UGANDA:

In Uganda, the distributors of the booklets, *THE STRUGGLE BEHIND THE SCENES* and *THE PROTEST IS NOT OVER*



brethren in Uganda. Now three persons have been baptised, one Catholic, one Orthodox believer and one Muslim. In their turn, they wish to spread their faith to others,

– 500 YEARS AFTER LUTHER! were invited to the local national radio station, on which they discussed the booklet *THE STRUGGLE BEHIND THE SCENES* and other prophecies. The programme was aired for three consecutive days from 14.00 to 16.00 hours. Towards the end, they appealed to the listeners, and a lot of people have been in touch with our enthusiastic

using among other things the two booklets mentioned as study materials.... We can only say hallelujah, praise the Lord!

## ITALY:

Here is a good piece of news: All 50,000 books and 50,000 booklets for Italy have now been printed and shipped from Romania to Italy. There, they are



being stored in a big garage, distribution having begun.

### **BULGARIA:**

The 30,000 booklets for Bulgaria have also been printed and sent to Bulgaria in the first week of September. Several distributors are ready to hand them out. All we will say is, hallelujah, praise to the Lord. At this moment in time we convey an extra thank-you to all of you



who have sent funds, making printing possible. May the Lord richly bless all of you for small and large sums that have been added to the CIS account!

### **ZAMBIA:**

A few days ago we remitted money to a printer's shop in Zambia which will produce 20,000 copies of the English edition of THE STRUGGLE BEHIND THE SCENES.

### **KENYA:**

Thanks to God's grace and the positive contributions by donors to our mission, we have also transferred means to print 50,000 more copies for Kenya. We have received this short report:

This week (the first week of September) we got the 50,000 copies of THE STRUGGLE BEHIND THE SCENES in the Swahili language from the printer, and several thousand individuals are prepared to distribute them.



Last week, on the Sabbath, 24 people were baptised, these having accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. Many accept the booklets with happiness,

since they contain the truth for our time. We would like to thank all of you for these booklets which have made it possible to bring the message to Africa.... And we at CIS relay the thanks to our Lord and to you, the supporters of our mission!

We intend to send you some images to give you an idea of what God is doing for us here in Kenya and East Africa.

### **SCOTLAND:**

On November 1st - 12th they are having a large gathering in Scotland. To coincide with this, the Lord has given us the strength to furnish a new booklet addressing the gathering. You can read it at [www.endtime.net](http://www.endtime.net) under the heading "English". 10,000 copies of the booklet have been printed and these



are being shipped to Scotland. There, enthusiastic brothers and sisters will distribute them, as well as in England.

### **ARMENIA:**

Hrach Hersisyan has quit his regular work, now devoting all of his time to serve the mission. He has spent over a month in Armenia. He has handed out the book, *The Great Controversy* plus the booklet, *The Protest Is not Over – 500 Years After Luther!* Here is a short report from Hrach:

We have enjoyed tremendous experiences in various places in Armenia. There being no letter boxes in Armenia, we purchased small plastic bags, into which we slip the booklet and the book, before we hang the bags on the door handles of every house. In some areas people have asked whether we would like to come in for a chat. This has presented us with the opportunity to witness for our faith. I can tell you of one experience. We visited a town called Armavir. When I was about to fasten the plastic bag containing literature on a door handle,

a woman of 60-65 opened the door, inviting me in for a cup of coffee. I asked for water. She set her table for me and wanted me to eat. Armenians are very hospitable, but I told her I would be soon on my way and that I first wanted to share with her a few words from the Lord. She was filled with the fear of the Lord, and listened intently to that which the Lord wanted me to say. She recognised her need of Jesus, but because of many sects, she had kept herself to the national church (the Apostolic Church), and she did not want to be tricked by these cults. I explained to her that the greatest cult in the country was the state church, adding



that in old Armenian books of history from the fifth and sixth centuries we will find described for us the necessity of obeying God's Ten Commandments, and the resurrection hope. However,

these books are silent about the natural immortality of the soul, Sunday as the day of rest, praying to Mary, icons, church celebrations and traditions, etc... She was quite perplexed and wanted to know why the church has changed. I remained sitting there for about half an hour, explaining this to her. Finally, we fell on our knees, and so I prayed for her and her house. Following our prayer, I could see tears streaming down her cheeks, and she asked me to come again. I promised to remain in touch, and to do all I can to save her from the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles 26:18). I have had similar experiences in other towns, where we have handed out our literature. I would have loved to remain in Armenia doing more of this type of work – by the grace of God – but that is for the Lord to decide.

### **NORWAY:**

Here in Norway we have continued going from door to door in those areas where we have had our patients. We have had plenty of experiences to report, but two each will suffice:

### **Abel:**

I stopped my car to knock on a door. Out came a lady with a dog. It felt natural to greet her. She grew up not far

from where I used to live, at Solberg near Bjønroa, and she recognised me. She was a widow, and hoped to meet her husband again. She knew about the hope of Jesus' return, but was unsure of what it really meant. Hence, a short Bible study right in the middle of the village road. I told of the first resurrection, as well as of the second, the resurrection of the damned. She listened attentively. Finally I uttered: Your husband has now decided his destiny. He was a Christian, and took life seriously. Now it is up to you to accept Jesus as your Saviour and to pray for the strength of the Holy Spirit to be able to live in harmony with God's will. Now you need to do your part, if you are to have any hope of seeing him once more! She thanked me for our conversation, and readily accepted her copy of the book. She intended to read it.

I arrived at a person's house, whom I had not seen for some 60 years. He said: Yes, I have indeed got some booklets from you in my letter-box. They have been interesting reading, and I am looking forward to studying this book!

Another person, who had moved into the same postal code area, said they had heard about me, and she enjoyed our conversation. She was looking for

the meaning of life, and it was easy to talk to her about the values of the Bible and our hope of salvation. She put a high value on our chat and thanked me for her book. What will the end result be? Will she have eternal life or eternal oblivion? We will leave this with God. We are just to carry out our mission, and then we are to pray for the Holy Spirit to work on people's hearts, as they peruse the book.

Then I visited three young families who had moved into some older housing. The houses had been unoccupied for years, and next to them were quite large gardens. A young woman of perhaps 25 years had purchased the property. She kept hens and lambs, and had also erected a greenhouse, in which she was cultivating a lot of tomatoes, cucumbers and other vegetables. She was expecting a financial crash, and was preparing for it. As I arrived, she was removing dry hay from her hay-drying racks (an old method, where you hang your hay to dry on steel wires fastened between several poles/stakes). We freely discussed the situation in the world, and I put this into the context of the prophecies of the Bible. In the end, this was a productive conversation which prompted her to read this book. Before leaving, I was given a glass of freshly made apple-sauce.

One of the young families, moreover, owned beehives, and had erected a greenhouse. These young people saw that we are entering troublesome times, and are preparing accordingly. They are more aware than some Christians, who will fail to prepare until it is too late.

### **Bente:**

I was cycling through a fairly barren area. The day was drawing to a close, as I knocked on a door. Out came a lady, a little younger than myself. She had recently moved to that area, and we were not acquainted. At first she seemed a bit sceptical, but after a while we sat down on her veranda and started chatting. I realised that she was very lonely, having laid to rest all her next of kin. Her health was not that good either, her doctor not having taken her complaints seriously. Thus, she was thrilled to have someone to talk to, and we ended up having a Bible study about various topics she was curious about. I really felt it was God's intention that we should meet, and she, too, accepted a book.

I visited a woman of 90 years, but she might as well have been in her 70s. She looked after her house and garden, managing herself and being happy about and thankful for her existence. She told me she had become a widow

when she was 48 years of age. Her husband was her senior by quite some margin, but she explained he always was so incredibly kind to her. When he was gone, all seemed to be collapsing around her. Then she began reading the Bible, and in Matthew 6:25-34 she found out that she need not worry, because God was going to take care of her, and this promise she has lived by for the rest of her life. 'Well, that was some testimony,' I said. Her faith in God was very simple, and this we could all learn a lot from. We have travelled around nearby districts, distributing booklets authored by Abel, but never to this lady, because it quite clearly says on her letter-box 'No religious materials'. She was, though, very grateful to get the book.

Canvassing like this is a marvellous blessing. Cycling along broad main roads is no big struggle, but then you hit a number of side roads that tend to slope either up or down. At times, I will push my bike, at others, I leave it, stuffing my rucksack with the books I think I am going to need. I was heading up to a house, and then I put an extra copy in the sack. At the house, I met a very open-minded and nice woman on her veranda. We started chatting about schooling and the various times when they introduced secondary education,

depending on one's geographical location. I myself was part of the age group first to attend secondary education instead of junior secondary school. However, at for instance Gran they started this type of education even earlier and at Søndre Land they were later than at my place. After this, our conversation turned to more useful topics. I remember clearly getting new books in grade eight, when we switched from junior secondary school to secondary education. I particularly recall our book in social studies. In it, there was a section about 'All of us sharing the same' faith, which was a misinterpretation of John 17:11. The thought of Vatican II occurring from 1962 to 1965 is very interesting. It was then they paved the way for the ecumenical movement, where after the Catholic Church began calling the Protestants separated brethren instead of heretics, leading to reuniting on Catholic terms. Shortly thereafter, in 1967, we got text books of this order. This struck the woman as thought provoking, and she told me she had a son who had studied religion. Then it hit me that I ought to give her the extra book I had brought with me, as a gift to her son. She was also anxious to study the information I had with me concerning the corona vaccine.



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Now we have visited all the homes at Nes i Ådal, as well as going partway in the direction of Hønefoss city, Hedalen, Begnadalen, nearly all the way up to Bagn, plus covering the entire area between Sperillen and Randsfjorden and the western slope of the Randsfjorden from Dokka to Bjonerøa and from Bjonerøa halfway to Jevnaker. People have been SO nice to us, and because of the grace of God we are giving the book away in almost every household. Of course, we know many of these individuals, and we talk to them like friends, and so it is natural to tell them what it is that we are handing out gratis. This makes possible many excellent and useful conversations about the contents of the book, and our reason for spreading precisely this volume. We are curious about the result of our canvassing, and more than one are saying they intend to read this book! Going from door to door giving the people a book featuring the last message for our time is a great privilege. We wish the best for the people in life – and we believe the majority of them understand this. We wish to help them enter the road to salvation, and we are hoping to meet these individuals in Heaven – when the

struggles on this earth are over! We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. In case we will enjoy the grace of experiencing this, much is indicating that we shall encounter many people, whom we did not expect to be there, and miss many, who we thought would have a 'punch-ticket' to be allowed in there. May as many as possible say 'yes' to salvation in Jesus Christ, now, while it is still the day of salvation, so that we belong to Jesus, no matter if we live or die!

We are also grateful to those contacting us about having books for distribution. Some have handed out many copies, whereas others have spread only a few. However, what counts is the attitude of your heart, your willingness, not the number of books distributed. There now remain about 2,500 copies in our possession, so the books are gradually being put into circulation.

### **A SHORT PAUSE**

Now we are going have a wee break, because we are about to gather fruits and vegetables in our garden. You see, within a little more than a month the first snow is due here, 530 metres above sea level. The time of harvest is short and intense, but it is fantastic, when we can see the results of our labours. This

summer/autumn we have picked strawberries, blueberries, cloudberries, raspberries, gooseberries, blackcurrants, plums, morello cherries and apples of summer. Now it is the time of the vegetables, meaning carrots, cabbage, kale, broccoli, potatoes, beetroots, onions, garlic, chives, leek, celery, beans, sugar peas, lettuce, parsley, rucola and dill. Much work is required to keep these things fresh over winter, which is long and severe here, with snow for half the year. Then it is good to be able to fetch food from the basement.

This reaping is a reminder of the great ingathering awaiting us. A lot is pointing to the nearness of Jesus' return (it is hastening!), and the final movements will happen like the birth pangs striking a pregnant woman.



Having spent time in this dark and ungodly world, we still have this flaming hope of Jesus' soon appearing. We are



looking forward to Jesus' return and the day of resurrection, when all the saved shall be raptured into the clouds to meet Jesus, where after we will journey together to the heavenly courts of light. Then all grief and persecution will be a thing of the past, and so we shall be able to march joyfully into the courts of Heaven. After 1,000 years in Heaven (Revelation 20:4), God is going to create

new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So may many of us be allowed to experience this! That is our wish for you, in Jesus' name, AMEN!

In later years we have become aware that some of our sponsors have left us. Certain ones have

accepted a teaching about the Godhead similar to that of the Jehovah's Witnesses, and because we do not share this view, they have ceased to donate means. Others have withdrawn their support after we pulled out of the Advent Church. We would like to stress, though, that we have not become Gentiles. We have kept our faith, but have also realised that this church denomination, along with the rest of the churches, has tied itself to the world and has made many decisions that go against God's Word and His principles. We do not join this kind of thing.

However, God has not abandoned us. He has richly blessed us and our mission, and in some way or other means are arriving, to keep our ministry working. We, therefore, want to thank all of you who faithfully support our efforts. May the Lord richly bless you, and our hope and prayer is that more people will support our mission, letting us reach even further afield with the message of grace and warning to the world!

If you want to help us in our mission, then please send your donation to: Kristen Informasjonstjeneste (Christian Information Service), Vestrumbygda 26, 2879 Odnnes, Norway.

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