

NEWSLETTER, June-July 2023

Dear Friends!

Banking Crisis

Christian Information Service (CIS) closed about six years ago its account in Sweden (Nordea). Having an account in Sweden proved increasingly difficult, restrictions being nearly too severe. We were, in fact, obliged to travel all

the way to Sweden for
withdrawals. In
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the same time. Then we had to secure a new account number at Nykredit in Denmark. Now they, too, are going to close our account there, on August 31st, 2023. Now that banks are coordinating their strategy, we have experienced that when the main office in Norway (DNB) makes a decision, branch offices follow suit. We have watched several Internet videos about

various banks shutting down the accounts of a number of private entrerprises. Churches and big business, who are obedient to the State, however, are accepted by banks. Quite clearly we are seeing a major attack on CIS, where one bank after another closes our accounts This gives us a certain hint of what things will be like when those - in the near future - who refuse to take the mark of the beast, will not be allowed to buy or sell. The only way, in which we shall be able to receive contributions to our mission in the future, is for individuals to place Norwegian money in our hands, or to send cash in the post to our ministry.

We are not closing our mission down, even if they close our banking accounts down. However, our actions will be reduced. Now we will have to find other ways to work, and then we shall have to wait and see, how things turn out. Like we said, our account at Nykredit in Denmark will operate until August 31st this year, and hence we are hoping that as many donors as possible will take this opportunity to remit to us substantial sums for the work.

ARMENIA

We did promise to collect means for printing 40,000 copies of *The Protest is not Over – 500 Years After Luther!* Half of this has already been gathered and sent to the printer's office in Armenia, and the other 20,000 booklets are to be paid for in the month of July 2023.



Furthermore, there is great need of more booklets for Africa, both of *The Struggle behind the Scenes* and *The Protest is Not Over...* All monies for Armenia, Africa and Italy should be in our account in Denmark before August 25th, 2023.

AFRICA

There is also major need of Bibles for Africa, namely for Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Nigeria. In total, they require about 1,600 Bibles, many newly baptised persons not having one. We know not what what we, with your

assistance, shall be able to accomplish in such a small space of time, but when we do our best, praying to God to bless our efforts, the result is going to be good!

At the moment, we are quite busy. Many people get in touch with us, and many letters must be replied to. In addition, we have recorded four new videos, which have been published online.

The last snow in the garden melted on May 26th, so now we are occupied in the garden. At the same time, we have two new Bible study groups to attend to.



UGANDA

Letter of May 24th, 2023

«Hello, Brother Abel! We are continuing our evangelisation. Due to the grace of God, many have been converted and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master. Thus far, there have been encouraging reports of people wishing to be baptised. On Friday, we are conducting two baptisms, namely in Bitahura and in Ngelemeka.

Last week, we were visited by a missionary from Eastern Congo. She had traveled over 200 km to collect booklets for distribution. I handed her 1,000 copies of *The Protest is Not Over...* and the booklet, *The Struggle behind the Scenes*, three copies of *The Great Controversy* and a Bible in the Swahilii language. She told me that people are interested in the end time message.»

Letter of May 28th, 2023

«Last Friday, we baptised, by the grace of God, 103 new individuals from seven different districts. These had received Bible instruction in Kahumbu, Kibisire, Ngelemeka, Kasangali, Kitswamba, Bumbwende and Isura. We are continuing to work with more people in these disctricts.»

Letter of May 30th, 2023

«Here is a *partial baptismal report* regarding persons also having been baptised in May 2023, following evangelical work in these areas.

- · In Kamwenge 31
- · In Kazinga 19



... The baptism of Kafuzi Alice, 81 years old, was a grand occasion.»

· In Kadindimo – 19

· In Kagorogoro – 33

· In Kihembo – 21

· In Kyegegwa – 22

· In Kasiisi-Kamigani – 17

 $\cdot \quad In \ Kasiisi-Kyantambara-33$

Letter of June 2nd, 2023

«Last Sabbath, after completed missionary work, 55 individuals were baptised. Many turned up on the day of this baptism. Those accepting baptism, were from Islam, the Catholic Church, the Pentecostal Church and the Anglican Church. We are furnishing you with some images.

May the Lord be with you and with all of those having donated money towards these campaigns here in Africa!»

Total: 190 persons.



Letter of June 7th, 2023

«Dear brother Abel and sister Bente,

How have you been doing?

After getting all the papers last month, we're now making another 50,000 copies of each Swahili and English of the Struggle Behind the Scenes brochures. Please keep this work very much in your prayers, because there is a big crisis in Kenya with all Churches who seem to teach their members



contrary to the common faiths and beliefs. This has come out after one man in Mombasa who runs a Church, commanded his converts, first not to go to hospital, pull their children from the schools and to fast till they die so that they could go to heaven. Already more than 200 people have been exhumed from their graves found dead in this big land of 800 acres {nearly 324 hectares}, and 500 more members are missing. This is extreme radicalization which has now made the Kenyan government to

check out all Churches, what they believe, what they teach, who are the leaders of these churches, their qualifications from the accredited theological institutions and much more.

We now see the devil trying to close doors for reaching out to our African people with the present truth. But our Prince Emmanuel is still on the white throne. Please keep us in your prayers.

We have not visited the prisoners in Kisumu.

May God bless you and hope you continue working hard for the Lord's soon return.

Greet Bente for us. Florence says hello.

Yours in the blessed hope,

Benson and Florence Nganga.»

BIBLES FOR AFRICA

Our contacts in Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe are hoping that we shall be able to support them, thus allowing them to buy Bibles for the newly baptised ones.

BANK ACCOUNT

As mentioned, we will lose our bank account at *Nykredit* in Denmark *on August 31st, 2023*. All contributions must be in the account **before** August 25th, 2023.

Several individuals have had difficulty remiting funds to our Danish account. However, when you log into your bank, click on **Payments** and on **Overseas Payments**.

Funds for our mission can be sent to: **BANK**: Nykredit.

Address: Kalvebod Brygge 1-3, DK-1780 København V, Denmark.

The account number is assigned to:

Kristen Informasjonstjeneste, Vestrumsbygda 26, N-2879 Odnes, Norway.

Those living in countries outside Denmark, are required to use an IBAN number in stead of a banking number.

Here is the IBAN number: DK8781170004676453.

If you live outside of Denmark, you are also to give a Swift number, and here it is: NYKBDKKK.

We thank God for all that He has done for us, for all excellent experiences and rich blessings, and we also thank all of you who are praying for us and for our mission and who would like to support us financially! This way, you are contributing to publishing the message of the Bible in many parts of the world!

Warm regards and thank yous from the two of us.

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