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Dear friends and family,

About seventeen hundred years ago, Origen from Alexandria referring to the Epistle to the Hebrews wrote: "Who really wrote it, God only knows" – and that is still true today. Have you ever wondered how the writings from an unknown author could find their way into your Bible?

Earlier this month Philip enjoyed preparing a lecture for a local Christian union of university and college students on the theme: "Where does the Bible come from? To what extent is it reliable?" – It was quite refreshing to explore the facts again: How does the Bible we have today compare with what was originally written? Could we be missing some books? Clearly the Holy Spirit has been at work not only in **revelation** and **inspiration** but also in **selection** and **transmission**. The Word of God has been invested with His authority from the very moment the words were first spoken or written. How did people respond? When Moses spoke, the people answered: "We will do everything the LORD has said, we will obey" (Ex. 24:7). When Jesus spoke, "The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority" (Mk 1:22). The early church devoted themselves to "the apostle's teaching" (Acts 2:42). Recipients had enough spiritual insight to recognize Divine authority when they met it. Do we?



What is our attitude like when we listen or read God's Word? The Lord Jesus had a high view of Scripture. He believed in objective revelation. He quoted the OT with authority. Concerning His own words, He explained that "These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me." Concerning the future writers, He affirmed that the same Father would send the Holy Spirit to "teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." And what did He promise to us, the future readers? "Whoever has my commands and obeys them,



he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him" (John 14:21, 24, 26). God's Word and our obedient response is the basis of Christian experience.



Positive family developments

We are very happy and grateful to the Lord for positive developments at home. Vikki and Steven continue to enjoy their studies and are busy with their wedding preparations for this summer. Elsa (19) has just finished working as a trainee nurse at a home form mentally handicapped men, and is full of stories! Edward (16) continues to grow stronger after his heart surgery nearly a year ago. On Sunday 27 February he was baptized together with another 4 young people in the assembly here in Eindhoven. As you can imagine, it was a very happy Sunday! Julie (12) has adapted very well to her new school. Once a week she has a one hour horse riding lesson – it has become the highlight of her week!



Local involvement

During these last 6 months, Anneke's health has been steadily improving. Her programme of taking a short rest between the daily activities, walking $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour every day, and taking time to enjoy what she does, has proved very beneficial. Recently we have been able to welcome visitors again in our home, engage in some pastoral visits together and work together with other couples in the planning and running of a 24 hour marriage retreat for 35 couples in January. Last week we had the pleasure of having the participation of brother Razzak Avakhti at our local 'Bible Focus Weekend.' He is from Iraq and used to be one of Saddam Hussein's body guards. He became a Christian here in Holland, and now is an enthusiastic evangelist!



Holland and further afield

At the end of April, Philip and Vikki are sitting the NT2 exams, which are the 4 official Dutch language tests to be taken over 2 days. As Philip's Dutch improves, so do the opportunities to serve the Lord locally and with occasional visits to other Christian assemblies here in Holland.



Trip to Colombia in February

Given Anneke's improving health, it was possible for Philip to make a short visit to Colombia. His goal was to encourage local believers. During these two weeks he visited 9 assemblies and engaged in many enjoyable and meaningful conversations. As is common, there is good and bad news, but happily the balance is positive! It is particularly encouraging to notice a growth in spiritual maturity and responsibility among some. During 2010 the 15 full time and part-time

brothers and sisters were actively taking the Gospel message to the children in many Colombian secular schools. They currently have access to 215 classes, reaching about 7,300 children every week. This project requires monthly funding, mainly from outside Colombia. During Philip's visit it became evident that the funds for this project are critically low. If the Lord lays on your heart to support these teachers and this creative evangelistic effort among children, please get in touch and we shall be happy to supply you with more information.

Writing projects

During these last 6 months much energy has been invested in upgrading Philip's website, especially by Abner. A selection of audio messages is now available. The book on Forgiveness has now been translated into Dutch and should be published in Holland during this Summer. We are still exploring possibilities for an English publication. Last January we made public an e-Book entitled "Homosexual Partnerships" seeking to make a positive contribution to the current Christian debate. It should be published in German next June, and it is freely available in English and Italian and soon also in Dutch at: <http://philipnunn.com/?p=839#more-839> .

As always, our sincere thanks for taking the time to read this report, and for those of you who faithfully pray and support us. May the Lord richly bless you too.

- Philip & Anneke