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YOUTH WITH A PASSION FOR THE WORD – CBSI-STYLE

PRAYER POINTS:

Belgium: Pray for open doors

Italy: Praise & Prayer for fruitful Caleb trip

Finland: Praise for new class

France: Praise for new Calebs, pray for their first trip in February

Germany: Praise and prayer for functioning NST, pray for new Caleb

MCC: Praise for very successful conference

Netherlands: Praise for 52 active study groups!

Norway: Praise for faithful service of Caleb, Ken Westby, pray for new Caleb to be raised up

Scotland: Praise and prayer for new class. Pray for new local leadership

Sweden: Praises for first CBSI Women's group in Stockholm

Spain: Pray for doors to be open for CBSI

Switzerland: Praise & Prayer for new Caleb

UK: Praise for 30 yrs. CBSI

Pastor Sonny moved from Singapore to the Netherlands to pastor a Philippino/Dutch church in Gouda. He became a student at Tyndale Theological Seminary where a CBSI class for seminary students was getting started. Sonny was one of four leaders on the team. This group began with the Ruth study and continued with Ephesians. Pastor Sonny got so excited about the CBSI material that he wanted it for his small groups in his church.

Several youth, got excited about CBSI and wanted to use this same study of Ephesians in the church youth group of 12 teenagers who all come from multi-cultural families (one parent Dutch, one parent Philippino). Student materials and a training session were offered to the youths who had never led a group.

These faithful youth are said to be amazing! They are doing their homework and really take time for it. There is great participation by all and everyone shares their own experiences about prayers. The youth leaders are not shy to open and close in prayer, leading in praising the Lord and even doing their part on preparation. They make arrangements with their parents for meeting locations. The parents are so cooperative and even take time to cook and care for the group whenever they are in their home.

Most of the teenagers go to Dutch schools and English is their second language, and for some a third language. CBSI Netherlands approached the board to see if we could please start translating the student materials in Dutch and they gave their okay for that. Soon there will be Dutch youth also using CBSI for their Bible study! In the meantime we already have a group of teens growing in the WORD through the ministry of CBSI! Praise the Lord!

*Have a blessed
Christmas*



CBSI Ministers to a Deaf and Mute Man

The adult group in Leith/Edinburgh, Scotland has a new member, called Aman. Aman was adopted in Hong Kong by his mother who was a missionary. They now live on the outskirts of town and Aman comes to the CBSI group with his care-giver. He has always done his questions, which involves tremendous commitment since he is virtually mute. He finds communication very difficult except through his keyboard and voice synthesizer. He has been absolutely faithful in coming to the meetings this term with his caregiver. Due to the concentration involved in reading the questions and using his keyboard to answer them, Aman spends much of two days each week preparing for the class. His answers are excellent and he has been a great encouragement to the rest of the class. Praise God for his faithfulness in attendance and study. It is a tremendous encouragement to everybody in the group to see his patience and dedication to studying God's Word. He is an inspiration to all.



Leith/Edinburgh, Scotland Youth get into CBSI



This new group of youth are enjoying CBSI studies. One member has been inviting her friends, so it is a matter of time until God grows this group. The teenagers are usually very good at answering their questions before the meetings and often come prepared with some really good questions of their own. One member is a brand new believer, so this is his first time hearing some of these stories and certainly his first time studying the Bible. It is wonderful to hear his fresh perspective on many of the themes being studied. Praise God for getting this group off the ground and for the excitement everybody is bringing to it.

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