

HANDS TO SERVE

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"..for the Lord is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind,...but the Lord was not in the wind;

and.. an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;

and.. a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire;

*and.. **a sound of sheer silence.***

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. (Parts from 1 Kings 19:11-13)

'It's Him again'

Spring 2019



We serve a loving God and Father who does not force us to do anything. Just like with Elijah he reveals Himself in the silence and not in the fire and earthquake. He allows us to make our own choices based on his guidance and our Love for Him. His involvement in our lives is so subtle and gentle that we ve to stay in tune with Him to see it, just like Elijah. Something that is becoming increasingly difficult in this loud fast paced world we live in. No wonder people have a hard time experiencing the Lord in their daily lives. Also in our mission we have to keep our eyes

and ears open to hear the Lord guiding us according to His plan. There are moments we have to admit it could only be the Lord making this possible. We quietly think 'It's Him again'.

The first three months of 2019 have been full of activities that kept us working long days. After much preparation we had the 11th annual International Conference on Computing and Missions (ICCM) with 65 IT-people coming to share knowledge and build trust between mission groups. One person from Austria told me he had worked for more than 2 years on the software for a small device that can be used to distribute Christian literature to mobile



phones within its range. The box itself... The box itself was developed by an American mission group and the main developer also came to ICCM in the Netherlands. Both of them had never met in real life, even after working together for several years. They were amazed to see each other. 'It's Him again'.



Many companies have donated computers to us over the years and we thankfully prepare them and give them to missionaries and their projects. One group of schools close to us has given us very nice and small computers especially suitable for sending to faraway places. We have just send 20 of them to 2 projects in the Philippines through OMF and 22 of them to OM in Germany. I was walking through our computer storage one Friday and I wondered what to do if we would no longer have these nice computers available seeing how these are in such high demand. The next

Monday we got a call from the same school to ask if we would come and pick up 40 more of these computers. The Lord tells us to give and keep on giving. He will provide the materials necessary. 'It's Him again'.

One of the things we are currently praying for is people who God has called to come and work with us as their day-to-day occupation. It takes a lot of commitment for a technical person to trust the Lord for their income and come join our mission. We have lost several key people in our mission over the last few years for various legitimate reasons. We are now praying the Lord will send more people to come and help us before the present team runs out of energy. We could really use people who can commit multiple days each week to help us plan and manage the computer department requests, the garage jobs, office communication and even the entire shipping department. Can you please pray with us? So we can be amazed at how the Lord also provides people to do His work and we can once again think: 'It's Him again'



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