

# HANDS TO SERVE

SERVING MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

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## *Workers together for Christ*

*Our own body has many parts. When all these many parts are put together, they are only one body. The body of Christ is like this.*  
1 Cor 12:12

Gods' reality is often different to what we would expect His reality to be. He calls us to cooperate in a world where its increasingly popular to do it all yourself. Cooperation in the church as Body of Christ; Working together as mission organisations across the world. Working together in the Netherlands. Working together as Hands To Serve team. Each and every one of us using our own talents and possibilities to contribute to Gods' Kingdom.

A mission group, which focuses on Eastern Europe sent us a request for a hospital, in the Ukraine, they are involved with. They required 60 computers in order to comply with government regulations about going digital with the hospital. The authorities threatened

to close the hospital if they did not have it organised in time. The mission group asked if we could help organise this in a few weeks. After careful consideration and prayer to determine if the amount of extra work would fit our schedule, we agreed to help.

Thankfully, we have a large stock of computers to draw from and hand out to missionary organisations and



The computers for "OostEuropa Zending"

their workers. We made sure they all worked correctly by testing each one and upgrading them if needed. It was quite a bit of work for the 8 men working in the computer department, as there was a lot of carrying of computer cases, screens and accessories. Soon there was a large amount of equipment ready to be shipped.

It also needed to be packed. Each monitor screen was covered with a piece of cardboard and everything was packed in large shipping crates to allow for safe transport in a truck. One of the crates weighed more than 940 lbs (425 kg).



Our carpenter had made them from surplus wood so they did not have to spend money to buy the wood. The 3 crates and 1 box were built and packed by the men in the garage and our fork truck was used to park them in front of the garage, ready to be shipped.



The truck from "Oost Europa zending" came a few days later to collect all of it and add it to a transport which would be leaving for the Ukraine in the near future. It is a pleasure to work together this way and cooperate with

other mission organisation; enabling them to do their work by helping them with high quality refurbished equipment.

We also provided them with a truckload of sorted clothes which were neatly folded and packed in clear bags ready to be transported to people in need.



We enjoy working together as a team at Hands to Serve. This includes of course those who work on the bookkeeping, prepare meals and clean and organise all the details needed to function as a group.



Missionaries picking up a loan car

In the meantime the regular work also continued. We loaned out many cars, we helped missionaries with food, laptops, digital whiteboards and lots of other things.

It is a privilege to be part of a team of people working tirelessly for the Lord by providing technical support for missions organisations and their workers.



Do you think cooperation is important? Why don't you come and work with us in Strijen and use your talents, working with Hands To Serve in the Netherlands. We have room for more people who could invest their technical or managerial skills in God's work in Strijen for one or more days each week .



Just over 10 months ago, God gave Ruth and Paul the added challenge of managing the entire Hands To serve team after having worked with Steve as the leader for more than 20 years. Lots of things had to become the new norm and we are still working on getting used to all the changes.

It is encouraging to see how God provides just at the right moment. We continue to pray for technical people or project managers who will consider working at Hands to Serve not as something 'extra' but as their fulltime job while trusting the Lord for their income. We have already spoken to people that are praying and seriously considering joining Gods work here in Strijen.

We still need lots of prayer and patience until the amount of people in the team balance out with the many requests from missionaries we try to help.

Can you join us in this

prayer? Or can you join us in the mission work in Strijen? Together with God and with each other we can show the world what it means to be the Body of Christ in word and in action.

*Knowing the Lord holds the world and our lives in His hands,*

*We wish you a merry Christmas  
and a blessed new year.*

The Hands to Serve team; Randy, Ruth & Paul, Wilma, Aart, Albert, Arjan, Arthur, Gerben, Karen & Gerrit, An & Bram, Bibi, Rhea, Ed & Ineke, Maurice, Diana, Frans, Wim, Piet, Ronie, John, Jacob, Ella, Steve and Helen in the UK, Lee and Michelle in the USA

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Oma Snell died on the  
7th of december 2019.  
See the "In Memoriam"  
included with this  
newsletter.



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