

# HANDS TO SERVE

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**For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground  
(Isaiah 44:3)**

After a long dry summer, we all know what it means when there is less water. Ships can carry less goods through low water and green lawns turn brown. The world also yearns for the spiritual water spoken of in Isaiah. God's Spirit through which people and situations can flourish again. We can do our part by doing what He asks us to do. We have been able to show God's blessing over the last few months through helping many people.



**Welding**

The 15 cars we loan out to missionaries were all in use this summer. In the garage we work on the maintenance of the loan cars but there is much more going on there. For example, we also do welding to make or repair things for missionaries.

A missionary organization gave us a large lathe.

The trailer that we use for cars was strong enough to carry this very heavy device. CAMA mission was interested in the lathe, they often transport containers full of technical goods to Africa. The lathe could be delivered to them. In this way, this sturdy tool could be re-used for Gods Kingdom.



**Heavy lathe**



**Clothing distribution**

The clothing department also had plenty to do. Bags full of clothes came in every day and there was a lot of work to sort it all. Some of the clothing is stored here to give away to missionaries when they are in Strijen. In addition, we also give bags full of sorted clothing to other organizations that distribute it. The bags of clothes on this photo went to Dorohoi in Romania close to the border with Ukraine.

In the computer department there was a lot to do. This summer, 10 people were hard at work there. We prepared a laptop for Peru. A pallet containing 30 computers with Windows software installed in French left for Mali and Senegal. In addition, two large stacks of folding tables, 3 TVs, 30 computers and 3 printers were transported to a container to help missionaries who are involved with a school in Liberia.



**Laptop for Peru**



**Boxes for Liberia**

Steve is doing well in England. He and Helen came to the Netherlands at Pentecost to be able to visit the Opwekking conference. We hadn't seen them for a few years because of all the travel restrictions due to Covid. After a few weeks in Strijen they returned to their home near Oxford. Steve is very active in the local church and also looking for opportunities to share about the work of Hands to Serve in the UK.



**Helen & Steve**

Earlier this year we discovered cracks in the flat roof of Hands to Serve. So, we had the roof redone with a new white layer of roofing material. That white layer, together with the roof insulation, helps against the heat in the computer department. When the new roof was finished, the long-awaited air conditioning units were placed on the roof.



**Flat roof resurfacing**

As a result, we have been able to continue working upstairs in the heat of the summer. Because these air conditioners can also produce heat, less gas is needed on cold days. We can largely generate the electricity ourselves through two rows of solar panels on the side of the roof. We are grateful to God that this makes us less

dependent on energy prices, because with all the computers and the large freezer we use a lot of energy. We trust that God will continue to provide and bless us with the part of the heating bills the solar panels can't provide for.

New neighbors are moving in next door. The primary school located next to us for many years has been demolished and 13 new houses are being built in its place. We have watched the building project from a distance. The new homes look great. On the border between those houses and our site there will be a wooden fence. We are happy and grateful how it turned out and look forward to meeting our new neighbors. This is what it looked like over the past two years in the plot next to Hands to Serve

Early  
January  
2021



Demolition  
of school  
building

Hands To  
Serve cars

End  
January  
2021



All  
buildings  
gone

September  
2022



New  
foundations

August  
2022



Almost  
finished  
building



Preparations for our annual "International Conference on Computing and Mission" (ICCM) conference have already begun. We are planning for 15-18 February 2023 at OM in Zaventem, Belgium. Would you please pray for the right people who can help to organize this. It will take some extra work after two years of only getting together online, now physically traveling to a conference center again to be encouraged by and to learn from colleagues.



[www.iccm-europe.org](http://www.iccm-europe.org)

We are grateful for the large team of 25 people who work in Strijen every week. There is the great encouragement that Peter has come to join our team full-time. He is working on various tasks within Hands to Serve. We look forward to God sending more full-timers to help organize work. Can you pray with us? Additional help in the garage and carpentry workshop would also be very welcome.

Hands To Serve Team



Thank you for your support with prayer and finances. This is very important for the mission work.

We know that God has provided faithfully for more than 55 years and continue to rely on Him for what we need.

May The Lord bless you

Paul Zonnenberg on behalf of the Hands to Serve team,

Randy, Ruth & Paul, Aart, Albert, Arjan, Gerben, Maurice, Lennart, Gerrit, Ed, An & Bram, Rhea, Jeannet, Frans, Wim, Bert, Piet, Ronie, Jaap, Peter & Berthie, Jesse & Maaïke, Ella, Steve and Helen in England, Lee and Michelle in the USA

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