

# HANDS TO SERVE

## SERVING MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

— since 1966 —

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**Praise the Lord, who carries our burdens day after day,  
He is the God who saves us.  
Psalm 68:19 (GNT)**

At Hands to Serve we start each day at 8 o'clock with prayer and reading the bible. This reminds us of our Lord through Him and with Him we can do the work we do. Yes, it is practical work that we do, but we are still dependent on His guidance and strength for each day. That is also why we are so thankful for the people and churches that stand behind us in prayer.

The last months we have been able to work on some special projects.

In February we got pictures from the Neesim School in Ghana. We had the privilege to work together with Project Share Nederland and organize 10 computer systems for them. We tested all the computers and installed software and packed them in boxes. It is very nice to see pictures of the students using the computers after they arrived in Ghana safely.



**Computers for Ghana**



We also worked on 30 computer systems for Liberia. They went to 3 different schools. Everybody was so happy with these systems that they have already requested more for next year. (Project: Manneka.org)



**Computers for Liberia**

A lot of work has also been done in the garage. Besides the usual maintenance on the 16 loan cars for missionaries, Randy had the possibility to organize a car for a Dutch worker for Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Another special story – God knows what we need, before we do: A missionary living in the Netherlands with a big family had an accident with their car. Somebody ran into the back of it and it was totaled. They needed a solution for transport right away, since the father had a mission trip planned to South America and the mother needed the car to take their child to doctors appointments. Just before this all happened somebody wanted to give the mission their used car and it was the right size for this family. It was a blessing to this family that we could pass this car on to them.



**Work in the Hands to Serve garage**

What started as a normal work day, changed when Paul became dizzy. The doctor called an ambulance, but when the ambulance was at the mission everything was fine again. So, we got the advice to go to the hospital for more research. On the way there the situation worsened and, in the hospital, they decided to keep Paul there for 24 hours to observe the situation. He had a CT scan of his head and they gave him a blood thinner. During the next 72 hours his health deteriorated. Until the point that he could not walk. His right leg could not hold him. Also his right arm and hand were paralyzed.

Thankfully after these first 3 days his situation stabilized and the hospital started looking for a cause. At the same time, they started with rehabilitation. After Paul was in the hospital for a week he could move around again in a wheelchair. Soon after that he could walk with a quad cane, that he now doesn't need anymore. Paul spent two weeks in the hospital in Dordrecht, before a place became available for him in a rehabilitation center in Rotterdam. That is where he is now, working with training and therapy to get his leg, arm and hand working again.

We are very thankful for the many encouraging messages we have received. Even though these times can be difficult we know that we are in the Lord's hands and he is helping us through. We are seeing improvements very slowly although the barely moving right hand is still very concerning. The plan is for Paul to come back to work at the mission, but at the moment he is concentrating on his rehabilitation. He does help out with some things for the mission, but rehab is his priority at the moment.

Please pray for me (Ruth) and Randy and Peter as we, with the help of the team, keep the work in Strijen moving along. We can't do this without our Heavenly Father and are dependent on Him.



**Paul in Hospital**





**Loaded in Strijen**

Recently, a business man from Strijen retired. Randy organized that his fork lift could go into missions. Gerrit came with a trailer to transport it to Operation Mobilisation in Zaventem Belgium.



**Happy recipient of fork lift**

In February we had a wonderful time at OM Zaventem with a group of IT people working in missions. It was our first face to face meeting since Covid and it was wonderful to be together and praise the Lord and learn from each other. Please pray for the organizing committee for ICCM. At the moment there are several people from this group of missionaries, from different missions, that are having health and family issues.



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

Please pray for us as we miss having Paul at the mission. Pray for Randy, Peter and Ruth and all the people that come weekly to the mission to do the work that the Lord has for us. As we serve missionaries around the world.

Thank you for your support with prayers and finances.

May the Lord bless you,

Ruth Ann Zonnenberg for the team,

Randy, Ruth & Paul, Aart, Albert, Arjan, Andre, Gerben, Maurice, Marcel, Lennart, Gerrit, Ed, An & Bram, Rhea, Jeannet, Frans, Wim, Bert, Piet, Ronie, Jaap, Peter & Berthie, Jesse & Maaïke, Ella, Steve en Helen in Engeland, Lee en Michelle in Amerika

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