



WORKING TOWARDS STRONG ROOTS

News letter 30 December 2014 ⑩

Dear friends

The past months it has been a bit quiet from our side. The reason behind was that Els suddenly was admitted with lung emboli at the beginning of October. We are very grateful that it has turned out well and she actually feels better now than before! Most probably this has developed over a longer time. We just have heard the good news from the lung specialist that the lungs are back to normal - totally free of obstructions! Of course the consequence of it was, that she had to strongly slow down for at least 6 weeks. Looking back we see that this was good. In the first place because the rest was really needed and secondly we could quietly look back and let the plans for the coming year develop at its own pace – and see how God leads. The trip that was planned for half November was postponed to half February 2015. Like always Els could keep contact with the trainers in the running CHE processes by telephone and Skype. She had now time to write some CHE-publications and partake in network activities in the Netherlands to promote the CHE-program. All in all: Gods way is the best! We gratefully see how everything fell into place.

Around Christmas we were pointed at the words of Psalm 1:

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the council of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree, planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

In this time of the year we want to wish all we love the best. What can we wish them better than to be a tree, planted next to the stream of Living Water! This gift is for everyone: Jesus Christ, given by God to us. The only thing we need to do is: bow our knees and receive this present.

It is our prayer that we all have re-experienced this amazing gift from God during the past Christmas days. And we also pray that we will not stop to deeply search for the real Living Water and absorb it. So that we are no climber of other trees, but become strong trees ourselves, with our roots deep in the love of the Father. To be a blessing in this World, so that others may share in it!

Warm greetings and wishing you His blessing,
Frans and Els



We are grateful for them that support our work and travelling by ideas, encouragement, finances and prayer! Do you also want to partner with us? Please feel welcome! For info, send e-mail to mail@strongroots.nl

News from the regional CHE network in [Southern Africa](#)



This in September 2014 lounged network already start to bear fruit. The members communicate via a special Face book platform. We now know from each other what we are doing; the successes, but also which difficulties we face. A few members has plans to visit each other and each other's work, so that cross fermentation can take place. Read [here](#) a short story from Malawi.



CHE: A seamless combination of development of a community, evangelism and discipleship

How are the two groups of trainers?

For information about the CHE-training, see on the [website of CHE](#).

Mukula-trainers



Mrs Makungo and Ramaregi, trainers of Mukula group

This in November 2013 trained group consists of trainers from three areas: Mukula, Tshitereke en Maungani. Each of them is busy, with trying and error, to become a good role model in their community. Recently Els spoke to **Mrs Makungo** in Tshitereke on the telephone: "I am no longer only busy for today, but I look into the future and what I must do for the time to come!" Since the TOT1 training she has focused on her vegetable garden, the growing of maize, sweet potatoes and nursing of fruit trees. This is recognized by the people in her community and by the Chief of her area. He has now made it possible for her to partake in a governmental training for farmers to make her farming more productive. She expressed her happiness about being part of the CHE program and the road it has opened for her to self-development and self-reliance.

SCDO-trainers



Mrs Tshivhase during the training

This group of trainers of the Soutpansberg Community Development Organization has been trained in April 2014 with a TOT1. The plan is that from four Home Based Care centers the CHE program will be implemented. They are now in the stage of preparation and starting up. After we visited (together with Mrs Tshivhase of the SCDO) two of the four centers in August, we recently received the following mail from her: "*Dear Els and Frans, I would like to greet you in Jesus name. I am so glad telling you that the seed you have planted is starting to germinate. We have started to use Community Health Education. How is your family? Please greet them for me. L. Tshivhase*"



Health Care Christian Fellowship (HCF)



Patrick of HCF

Patrick Phage, the national coordinator of the HCF in South Africa, also participated in the training of the SCDO trainers. To further equip himself he has done another TOT1 with Terry Dalrymple in Gauteng, organized by C-A-N. He now has the responsibility to implement the CHE program within the work of the HCF. He spoke to Els in September about his strategy for the coming time and the plan for training of the HCF representatives of all nine provinces in South Africa. Patrick told us by phone that a CHE vision seminar in November materialized, that he and two other members of HCF Gauteng have run. Patrick: "*Through this seminar there are now also in the other provinces people that have become enthusiastic for the CHE program. In January 2015 we will meet again and will together draw a plan to slowly but surely implement CHE and continually enthuse more HCF members*". So good to hear and wishing them God's blessing in all their endeavors!



CHE-promotion in the Netherlands



The following activities:

- An article of Els was placed in the mission magazine of the Dutch Assemblies of God, 'Mission Insight', with the title: "How to do well in a good way" (click for the article in Dutch [here](#), page 10 and 11).
- In November Els has done a CHE presentation at a national Christian network event (CGMV).
- In January 2015 an article of Els will be placed in the first digital mission newsletter of the Dutch Evangelical Alliance.
- 31 January 2015 we will host a CHE vision seminar in the offices of the Evangelical Alliance in The Netherlands in Driebergen.

Next planned trip: 16 February – 15 March 2015. See [here](#) for global program.

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