



*Isaiah 30:19b → The Lord will hear your crying and He will comfort you.
When He hears you, He will help you.*

Dear prayer friends,

I cried out loud, still do, but when I cried out for the very first time, God answered me. The situation has not changed yet, but I have good hope.

Why did I cry out to God for help? Already years I work alone in the direction of the AIDS Awareness Program. Since Help a Child stopped financing the program in 2011 because the four-year term was finished, I have always worked with volunteers. And don't get me wrong, I have had and have a big support from them. But what I notice is that I am the only one doing all the administration and finances. And that does not have my heart. Though I am an introvert person, I get alive when I am somewhere with colleagues to give the "Channels of Hope" workshop. I start resenting it to do the administration alone.

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CECA is the church denomination with which I serve. It was also CECA that started with the AIDS Awareness Program when church leaders in 1999 participated in a conference in Kenya about AIDS and realized that AIDS was also in the church. In 2002 I joined the coordinator to help him. Because of the war and a move to Aru, with problems of housing of his family and financial problems, Liki decided to quit in the middle of 2003, and I continued. Since 2007 the program functions out of Adi. From 2007 until 2010 financed by Help a Child, after that by gifts of parents and friends. Because I continued, together with volunteers, CECA is seeing the program more as my program than that it is her responsibility.

I started writing a document, I still am, about the history of the program, how we function now and what we aim to do in the coming future, plus a budget. With the question if CECA can help me by carrying the responsibility of the program again, if she can give me a Timothy and appoint a direction team, and if she can find financial support for the program.



Last week Monday, 18 July, Kokole Idring'i, church president from 2004-2019, was in Adi. I gave him a summary of this document (the history). And then he mentioned that the people working in the CECA office would have a meeting on Friday. That to me was a sign that God had heard my cry and will answer. I revised the summary and have sent it Tuesday to Bunia per email. I know they have talked about it on Friday, but don't know yet what was discussed. Really would love to know.

"Notre Voyage" ("Our Journey")

In the meantime, we continue with the work and that is focusing on the introduction of the book for the youth "Notre Voyage" in the schools. We would have had a meeting with the team who helped correcting my French translation, but we had to cancel that because the Province organized a meeting for the education department with all the directors of primary and secondary schools in Adi. Our meeting will now be this coming Friday. We plan to organize two workshops. The first one is for the school directors and chaplains and the second is for the teachers who will give the course. The dates we have planned are August 6 and 13.

Bethsaida

The schools have closed, and the school year has ended. I haven't heard the results officially yet, but I know that Esther must redo her first year in secondary school. It is always a real something to get used to be in secondary school with a whole different way of teaching. And add to that the fact that Esther is a shy girl. Neema (Grace), the girl who takes practical sewing lessons, came to see me last Sunday to show me the dress she has sown for a girl in her village. She did a good job, although I saw things that should have been done otherwise. But the start is there!



The presentation about the AIDS Awareness Program, and then mainly "Channels of Hope" that I mentioned in my April letter, went very well and you can watch it through the Livestream of Parousia Zoetermeer, <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5cn2LMweztE&t=336s>. You are welcome to watch it.

Prayer

- Thanks to God for His everlasting presence and that He hears all prayers.
- For the church leaders at the CECA office and for their reaction to my letter.
- For the preparation and the teaching of the two workshops "Notre Voyage".
- For the introduction of "Notre Voyage" on the schools.
- For the finances we need for the activities of the AIDS Program.

Many thanks. God's blessings to you.

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