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'Arise, shine... and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.'

Isaiah 60:1 (NIV)

Dear CBS friend,

June 2024

'Arise and shine... and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.' In Isaiah 60, this is said about Jerusalem. Isaiah speaks in a song of praise and a prophecy about Jerusalem. About the Jerusalem that was rebuilt after the exile and also the New Jerusalem that we still expect.

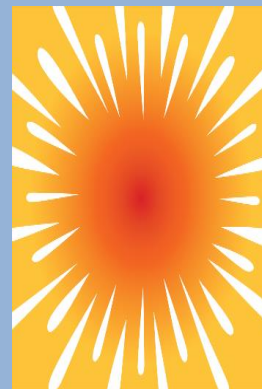
As the bride of Christ, we may also apply these words to ourselves: Rise and shine. With the Holy Spirit in our lives we have a Light in our lives. We can shine. But it is preceded by a verb, a command actually: Arise. That is what we must do. Stand in the light of our Lord. Become a contagious light for our fellow man to bring them to God.

It is worthwhile to read all of Isaiah 60, especially if you do the study 'Return to Jerusalem'. And secretly I also hope that someone will stand up and shine with his or her talents in the board or our national team.

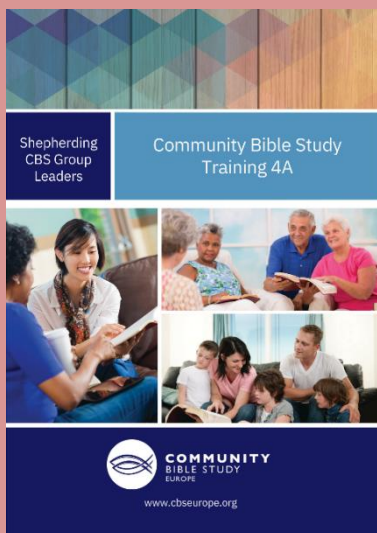
I wish you God's blessings and a good summer.

Mary Mulder

Secretary of the board



Care for Group Leaders



A Group Leader may sometimes feel like he/she is alone. A lot can happen in a group, for example due to group dynamics, personal suffering of participants and other matters. Sometimes it is a lot to give everyone the right attention. In addition to leading your group with a team, it's the intention within CBS worldwide that every Group Leader has someone who prays for him/her and, where necessary, provides support with advice and assistance. This is the role of a CBS Contact Person.

A new training booklet has been developed to help the Contact Persons with this task. A practical booklet that helps in the contact between the Contact Persons and the Group Leaders. Jesus is our best example: He prayed for his disciples, knew what they were struggling with and gave encouraging feedback. We also do this in this way within CBS Netherlands and so support and encourage Group Leaders.



Coordinator international groups



My name is Mirjam van Holten and I am the new Coordinator of the international CBS groups in the Netherlands.

I am married and the mother of 4 adult children. Our family lived abroad for 12 years, but returned to the Netherlands in 2016.

Currently we worship at an international church in the Hague where I am involved in Congregational Care. Besides that I have been leading one of the CBS groups there for six years.

As a coordinator I will be in touch with the international groups to see how the groups are doing and if there is any support CBS and I can give them, through prayer or with practical things as e.g. a training or a visit.

It is my passion to see people grow in the love and knowledge of God and His Word. With this passion I like to serve in this role and in the national CBS team.

Grace and peace, Mirjam
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Recommended: Online study 'God's unique book'

I was curious about the Bible study that would be given online and I registered. We were a small group, but international. Our spoken language was Dutch.

'God's Amazing Book' is a study of 7 lessons, in which you answer approximately 8 questions per lesson at home before the online meeting starts. In every lesson you also watch a beautiful video message with in-depth education. The lessons discuss the usefulness of Bible study, what the Old Testament and the New Testament say, (apparent) contradictions in the Bible, life with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

This study has encouraged me to show more of my life with God in my own environment. For someone who is not very familiar with the Christian faith, this study is also a very good start. On request and if there is sufficient interest, the online Bible study can be followed again.

It's really worth it!

Mary Mulder

