

Stichting Life and Peace International Annual Report 2015



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Introduction.

There are many immigrant church leaders leading churches in Amsterdam and other cities in the Netherlands without any Theological education. The lack of Theological education is a serious problem to proper functioning of these leaders in leading their churches.

Our goal is to provide training that will empower these immigrant church leaders for effective and fruitful Christian ministry. With these trainings we hope that the immigrant church leaders will be able to provide proper spiritual guidance and discipleship to their members.

We have been blessed with qualified teachers with a minimum qualification of Masters degree in different areas of Theology.

We are thankful to all the volunteer teachers that made this training possible. We are also thankful to individuals and organizations that helped to make this possible through their financial gifts. Without this supports it would have been difficult or impossible to continue to serve these important group of churches.

Please find in the following the details of the courses we gave in 2015.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:1, "About the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed." Author Robert Brandt teaches about spiritual gifts. These gifts are very important to the body of Christ. They help believers become a greater blessing to the church and become more effective in spreading the Gospel. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. God Has Gifts for You
2. God Wants You to Know about His Gifts
3. Apostles and Prophets
4. Evangelists and Pastor-Teachers
5. Gifts of Ministering, Teaching, and Exhorting
6. Gifts of Giving, Ruling, Mercy, and Helping
7. Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Faith
8. Healing, Working of Miracles, and Prophecy
9. Discerning of Spirits, Tongues, Interpretation

HELPING CHRISTIANS GROW

Christian nurturing is important to the church's ministry and necessary for the growth and maturation of new believers. Author Dwayne Turner encourages and instructs those who would like to help develop spiritual maturity in others. The emphasis is on the interdependence that should exist in the Christian community. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. Alive and Growing
2. Toward Maturity
3. Helping Christians Grow
4. Discovering and Doing
5. Developing and Learning
6. Like Teacher, Like Learner
7. Guiding the Learning Experience
8. Growing in Families
9. Growing in Sharing Groups
10. Growing in Churches

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Careful, methodical study of the Bible leads to a greater understanding of the Word in context. In the first unit, author Dorothy Johns introduces principles, terminology, means of interpretation, and resources that are essential to all effective methods of Bible study. In the second unit, students will study the book of Habakkuk through composition, synthesis, and application. The biographical, topical, and devotional methods of study are critiqued in the last unit. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. Opening the Bible
2. Approaches to Bible Study
3. Basic Principles of Interpretation
4. Figurative Language in Interpretation
5. Composition—Knowing the Parts
6. Synthesis—Putting the Parts Together
7. Application—Studying by the Book Method
8. Biographical Method of Study
9. Topical Method of Study
10. Devotional Method of Study

COUSELOR TEACHER AND GUIDE

Near the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, He told His disciples the time was coming when He would not be with them. He said, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16–17). Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit.



Author William Farrand shows the many ways the Holy Spirit can help believers fulfill their intended mission. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. A Complete Person
2. A Divine Person
3. A Helping Person
4. The Spirit in Creation
5. The Spirit Who Communicates
6. The Spirit Who Regenerates
7. The Spirit Who Empowers
8. Worship in the Spirit
9. Spiritual Gifts
10. Spiritual Fruit

THE RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

Every believer wants to hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! . . . Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23). Author Jose R. Silva Delgado shows us how to become faithful stewards. This course teaches how to manage and invest what God has entrusted to every believer.

Lessons in this course are the following:

1. God—The Owner of Everything
2. Humanity—God's Stewards
3. Managing Our Lives
4. Developing Our Personalities
5. Caring for Our Bodies
6. Employing Our Personal Assets
7. Our Money and Possessions
8. Our Homes
9. Our Church
10. Our Community

ABUNDANT LIVING

This course emphasizes the development of desirable qualities such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control and their benefits in the Christian's relationships and service. Godly character does not happen by accident; it is developed as the Holy Spirit produces His fruit in the Christian believer. Author Antonio Gilberto da Silva offers a practical study from Galatians 5 and other related Scripture passages. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. Christian Character
2. Love: The Choice Fruit
3. Joy: The Fruit of Grace
4. Peace: The Fruit of Trust
5. Patience: The Fruit of Perseverance
6. Kindness and Goodness: The Twin Fruit
7. Faithfulness: The Fruit of Belief
8. Gentleness: The Fruit of Submission
9. Self-Control: The Fruit of Discipline
10. Fruit-Bearing

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Christians need to clearly communicate the message of salvation to others. Authors Robert and Evelyn Bolton introduce essential Scriptures that will help others respond to the gospel message. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. Why Evangelize?



2. You Can Evangelize!
3. Work Together to Share the Good News
4. Understand the Conversion Experience
5. Rely on the Holy Spirit
6. Depend on God's Word
7. Approach the Unconverted
8. Explain the Way of Salvation
9. Bring to a Decision
10. Disciple New Converts

TENTS TEMPLE AND PALACES

This survey of the Old Testament introduces us to the Creation, continues through the judgment of the Flood, then picks up the theme of God's chosen people, the seed of Abraham. Author Rick Howard discusses the Old Testament as an account of God's dealing with the people He chose to use to bless the world. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. God's Ways and God's Words
2. History of the Human Race
3. History of the Chosen People
4. History of Faith and Worship
5. A Home for the People of God
6. A Kingdom United
7. Writings of a Kingdom Age
8. A Kingdom Divided
9. Judgment and Captivity
10. Return and Restoration

ALIVE IN CHRIST

Salvation is the crucial subject of this course written by David Duncan. Salvation includes not only forgiveness of past sins and deliverance from sin's power in the present, but also protection against depredations that could result from sins in the future. All of humanity's spiritual needs are met by the redemption Christ provided on the cross. Lessons in this course are the following:

1. Salvation Prepared
2. Repentance
3. Humanity Trusts in God: Faith
4. Humanity Turns to God: Conversion
5. God's Will in Salvation
6. Regeneration
7. Justification
8. A New Family: Adoption
9. Sanctification
10. Glorification

African School Project

Many African countries are in disarray due to mismanagement and corrupt leadership. This has led to serious instability, underdevelopment, very high level of poverty, hunger, high rate of mortality, crime, mass displacement, mass migration and various problems associated with African immigrants in different European countries.

There are several on-going development projects in different parts of Africa, but most of these projects are only addressing the symptoms of mismanagement and corrupt leadership, without offering a lasting solution to the perennial problems of poverty, hunger, underdevelopment etc.

Developing new generation with a new mind-set is therefore crucial to the development of Nigeria in particular and Africa in general. Our approach in addressing this issue by establishing



primary and secondary schools for raising and developing a new generation with a new mind-set.

The construction of the first primary school project is in progress and we are grateful to friends, individuals and organizations that share this vision and burden with us. Please find below the video link to the project. We still need a total sum of 65,000€ to complete this project.

In 2015 the total amount generated from gifts to date is 31,007,71€. We hope to raise the remaining 33.992,29€ by the end of this year to complete the project. We are thankful to every organizations and individuals for your support.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgqxs112D40>



2015 Financial Overview.



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financial overview

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BALANCE	2.014		2.015	
	debet	euro's credit	debet	euro's credit
Inventory	-	-	-	-
Cash account	-	-	-	-
Bank account	1.677,12	-	4.943,10	-
Giro account	17.556,32	-	2.867,71	-
Deposit	-	-	28.013,89	-
Capital	-	37.512,84	-	49.483,44
Year result	-	11.970,60	-	16.711,26
Loan	-	750,00	-	750,00
School project Africa	31.000,00	-	31.000,00	-
	50.233,44	50.233,44	66.944,70	66.944,70

Explanation profit/loss account:	2.014	2.015
	euro's	euro's
purchase books/course VPE	2.867,08	5.118,94
repr. Student/guestspeakers	146,13	1.122,84
teachers	2.350,00	2.500,00
rent building	1.300,00	760,00
graduation expenses	38,73	248,17
depreciation	-	-
administrationcost	316,90	372,44
bankexpenses	246,35	107,97
office cost	1.173,87	815,31
phonecost	-	-
internet	155,28	200,00
advertising	-	300,19
Outgoing Gifts	-	-
traveling expenses/conferences	414,55	1.103,42
Magazine	840,00	590,00
Expenses bible school/office	9.849,89	13.240,08
received grant	8.855,80	13.820,95
received students/ books	710,00	2.690,00
total received	9.565,80	16.510,95
Cost Africa Project	0,00	666,41
Office cost	0,00	0,00
traveling expenses/conferences	1.332,95	0,00
Advertising Cost	0,00	0,00
Benefit Africa project	0,00	0,00
Benefit Cost	0,00	0,00
Sponsoring Africa project	-13587,64	-14087,80
	-12254,69	-13433,39
total result 2014	11.970,60	16.711,26

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