

Dutch-speaking Areas

The Lord's recovery has been present and advancing in the Netherlands for over 22 years. There are presently six churches established that are bearing the Lord's testimony in their localities. We are thankful to the Lord for these localities but feel that our spreading of the Lord's testimony must accelerate.

Many of the churches are engaged in flyer distributions and other means to find and shepherd the seeking ones into His recovery. New ones are being gained in these days. There has been several salvations and baptisms.

There has been a continual prayer for over two years regarding the spread of the Lord's testimony in Holland. We believe that this has led to two migrations within the Netherlands—to Amsterdam and Rotterdam—for the establishing of His testimony in these leading cities. Several families have moved to these cities with the clear goal to declare the Lord's salvation and build strong testimonies. The saints in Amsterdam have sought fellowship among the saints locally, among the churches in the Netherlands, and with the brothers outside of Holland regarding establishing the church in Amsterdam. There has been a strong Amen to this desire of the saints living there. A building is now being sought for the first bread-breaking meeting in Amsterdam.

There has been a gradual shift towards small group gatherings among the churches. As an example, several homes are selected in a locality to host the Lord's Day meeting with the saints coming to these homes. The number of saints meeting in these homes has been limited to the restrictions imposed in Holland to prevent further spread of Covid-19. As a result of the blending in these meetings, there has been much joy in the church life in these localities.

Despite these encouraging developments, there remains a great lack in our labor to reach the Dutch-speaking world. The fields are white. We continue to look to the Lord to raise up many more workers to thrust out into His harvest.