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Introductie

In this newsletter we look back on three projects, two in Africa and one in Europe. Further, we want to tell you about new developments and the KingdomIT Box. Finally we have some requests. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

The Projects

In our newsletters we try to give a summary of the projects we do and did. To read more about any of the projects, you can find it at: http://kingdomit.nl/meedoen/meelezen/reisverslagen/ .

Africa – Kenya

East - African Teens and Social Media Last November we were in collaboration with Teens For Christ Africa, providing a successful training on the use of Social Media in Nyakach Girls High School in the city Sondu, Kenya. That's approximate 60 kilometers from the city of Kisumu. We were able to explain what Social Media is, the dangers and the opportunities of it. Also, we talked about how you can grow spiritually with Social Media or can evangelize, what is your true identity and what does it mean to be real friends. We also had contact with a pastor. George later traveled to this pastor to talk with him about various things regarding KingdomIT and the KingdomIT Box. Using this KingdomIT Box he could show the Jesus Film to children and adults. They had never heard about Jesus. More information can be found on the website.
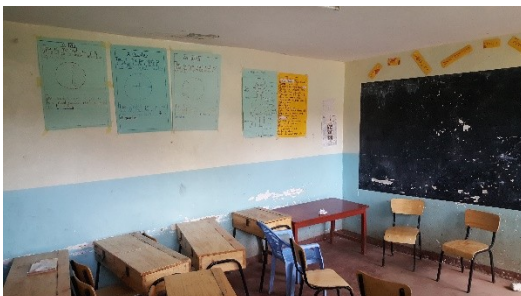
Encouragement of African Missionaries

The project took place at various places in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. We provided training during various meetings and helped with ICT activities. Some stories from this trip:

Covenant Renewal Altar Ministry

We had a second interview with Rev. Fidelis Obwoge Bonuke, bishop of Covenant Renewal Altar Ministry in Nairobi. Last year we already met this gentleman. in May 2015 he submitted a request for the establishment of an education center with computers. The purpose: a place where young people can come to receive education and receive the gospel. He also wants to use the KingdomIT Box for his work in the church, for example with Sunday school and youth groups. The next time we will work with himhow we can implement this project.

Server migration at the Pac Christian University
The Pac Christian University in Nairobi, a Christian university that among other things focuses on educating pastors. We migrated a physical server to a virtual server. Because of this, the old server can be used for other purposes and the new server will now better be utilized. The virtual server is also duplicated so that in case of a failure there is a second server which can be deployed.

Social Media training for 50 students
In collaboration with Teens Impact Africa we provided training in the church Citam BuruBuru about using Social Media to about 50 teenagers. The topics were: What is Social Media, What are true friends, what is fake and what is real, what is your true identity and how you can use social media to spread the Gospel. We also talked about Christian social media networks. The students indicated afterwards that they had learned a lot.
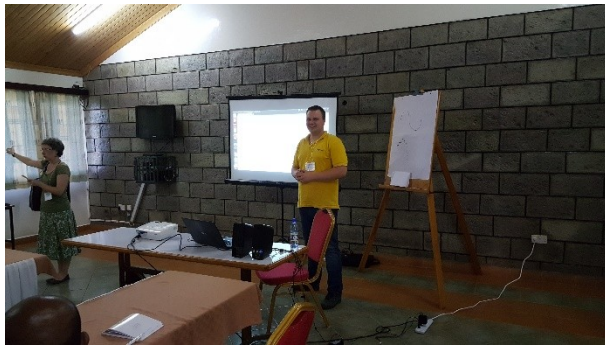
OneHope

In collaboration with Our Hope we have been able to donate 10,000 books to Teens impact Africa. They distribute these among teenagers in Kenya.

ICCM Africa
We also attended ICCM Africa. ICCM stands for International Conference on Computing and Mission. This conference was set up to educate African missionaries through IT, in order to better achieve their mission objectives. ICCM Adfrica was organized in cooperation with SIL Africa in Kenya and held at the Bible Translation Center. During this conference we were able to provide two workshops.

Europe - Germany

ICCM-Europe
From 3-6 February we were present at the ICCM-Europe conference in Mosbach, Germany. ICCM-Europe is an annual event which is uniquely designed for IT professionals who work in the mission. During the conference, there is place for encounter, prayer, singing, workshops, and speeches. During the conference Ruben promoted the KingdomIT Box, gave a presentation about ownCloud (an open source solution for sharing files on the Internet) and made many new contacts. More information can be read in our travel report, which is available for download from our website.

Current projects

At this time we support various foundations in the Netherlands with their IT issues. For example, Agape Foundation we support with the WiFi network in the office. In Africa, we do a project with Covenant Renewal Altar Ministry in Nairobi.

KingdomIT Box

Just an update around the KingdomIT Box, we are working at the moment on the next version. The KingdomIT Box is doing well and is well used on the mission field. Mainly for exchanging files and showing the Jesus Film. In the coming period we will work on version two of the KingdomIT Box. At the moment, it is not possible to connect more than ten devices, while we hear that on the mission field they want to do that. So we are investigating how we can improve the connections. We also want to customize the user interface so that it works better on mobile screens. Additionally, we like to build new modules, put more Bible translations and different languages of the Jesus film on the box. We also want to improve the software: it should be possible to connect a USB stick or drive, and make it available to users, the lessons can be backed up and restored. In the near future we hope to work in various various mission fields so we can spread the KingdomIT Boxes. We will start with Kenya and Uganda.

Sponsor Program

We have devised a sponsorship program for the KingdomIT Box. It is now possible to sponsor a KingdomIT Box through a monthly fee. As a reward, you get a certificate. Each certificate represents one or more KingdomIT boxes. There are four certificates: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platium. The sponsor can choose a license which he will receive signed , so it can be a memento to hang on the wall. In addition, he will receive login information in order to follow the sponsored KingdomIT Boxes and read reports about the usage. For example, where are the sponsored boxes in the world, what is the status of the box (in the mission field, for repair, etc.) It is also possible to get in touch with the recipient of the Box. Further more, as a sponsor you can sponsor more boxes or cancel. At time of writing, we are still busy with the interface of this sponsorship program, but this will be done soon. View our brochure at: http://kingdomit.nl/sponsor-een-kingdomit-box/

Licensing

For spreading the Jesus Film on KingdomIT Box we need a license. This we have now officially requested. Also, we have submitted an official request to the NIV (New International Version) Bible, to get the rights to distribute the NIV Bible with the KingdomIT box. In the coming period we will approach several organizations for permissions to use their materials. This is important because we want to equip the KingdomIT Box with a number of standard modules.

State of organization

Due to the departure of the President, we are now busy looking for another president. This is not easy but we trust God in the right person. We are also working to professionalize our operations.

We have a new volunteer in the Dutch team. His name is Albert Pool. Albert will be helping with the developments regarding the KingdomIT Box. For the rest, we are

engaged in the sponsorship program around the KingdomIT Box. In the coming period, we hope to give several presentations and to find sponsors.

Request
We are urgent looking for a new president for the board and various persons for help with communication, fundraising, translations. Also we are looking for various IT volunteers for the developments around the KingdomIT Box. Will you help with this search?

Finally
Would you continue to pray for the foundation? We are looking for a more people who wants to support the foundation with a donation (periodically), so that we can continue the development of the KingdomIT Box. Donations to foundation KingdomIT are tax deductible (in the Netherlands), because we have the ANBI status.