KingdomIT

Newsletter

This newsletter has almost become a yearly report. A lot has happened in 2018. In this newsletter we will start in February and will continue until March 2019. Read on.

ICCM-Europe

Ruben and Mary have been to ICCM-Europe, in Germany this time, to make new contacts for future projects and to promote the KingdomIT Box. For Mary this was the first time she went to the ICCM-Europe conference. We have given a presentation about the KingdomIT Box. Thanks to this presentation, we could give a KingdomIT Box to a missionary who helps churches in Mozambique with various tools to spread the Gospel. The KingdomIT Box will be a valuable tool for this work. Recently, we received a message that they would like more KingdomIT Boxes for Mozambique with a Portuguese bible translation.

ICCM-Africa in Burkina Faso

Patrick has been to Burkina Faso to contribute to the first ICCM-Africa conference for French-speaking Africans and to give a WordPress course at Tele-Vie-Deo to help people to build and maintain a web site with WordPress. During the French-language ICCM conference he has given a presentation and seminar on WSUS, which is centralised Windows updates and their use in Africa. Patrick also explained how to use these tools to spread the Gospel.

ICCM-Africa

In March we again travelled to Kenya, where we have visited the ICCM-Africa conference. Ruben and Chris (from Nigeria) have given three seminars, about: OpenStack, Puppet and WordPress. The ICCM-Africa conference is an important conference for us where we build relationships, help each other and share knowledge. It was the second time to have a collaboration with SIL which was a unique experience. SIL has an IT Connect conference a few days before the ICCM-Africa conference, and through this collaboration we could have the ICCM-Africa conference on the BTL campus of SIL and there were about 60 Africans participating. We are still looking how to continue this collaboration between IT Connect and ICCM-Africa and would like your prayers for wisdom in these important decisions. The ICCM-Africa conference which KingdomIT has been supporting from 2014 on, was lead by Tim & Patricia Young, volunteers at the American missionary organisation LightSys. Their goal was to organise ICCM-Africa twice and then hand over the organisation to Africans. However, this has not yet happened so far and the decision is therefore that KingdomIT will take over the organisation of this conference. We are excited that we may lead this conference and develop it further. Would you please continue to support us in prayer and if possible, financially?

Age en Tech2Goal

Age Brander reached out to us through our web site. He wanted to use his vacation for Gods Kingdom and asked whether it was possible to go on a mission trip. We did not have any project ready at the time but had been wishing for some time to have a training in Nigeria. Chris has tried the training programme Tech2Goal in 2017 and this was an enormous success; as a result we have again, in August, had a training in Nigeria. This training was given in three locations: Abudja, Lagos and Calabar. Age had contacts at Cisco, which means we could use the Cisco Academy learning environment. In these 3 weeks, 150 Africans have been educated in various IT themes, including Internet of Things, WordPress and Social Media. At the end of the training, it

was possible to take an exam on the subjects. Many students have passed. It was an enormous success that will certainly be continued, thanks to the one pilot in 2017. We are very thankful to God for this blessing. During this trip, Age also has taken 5 KingdomIT Boxes to Nigeria. Various pastors, teachers of Bible schools and other people received a KingdomIT Box for their missionary work. What a blessing! During the Tech2Goal training weeks, these people have meanwhile been trained to use the KingdomIT Box, to make sure the Boxes will be used effectively for the missionary work in Nigeria. We are looking forward to the first reports!

Ontwikkeling KingdomIT Box version 2
The development of KingdomIT Box version 2 continues, but not as fast as we had expected. There are many wishes that we would like to incorporate in version 2 but that takes a lot of time. We would like your prayers for this. We have achieved many good things however! The Bible module is improved and now supports many Bible translations which can be turned on and off by the user of the KingdomIT Box. All text "strings" are now incorporated in a translation database which makes it possible to translate the KingdomIT Box easily into various languages. When connecting the KingdomIT Box to the internet, log files will be automatically encrypted and sent securely to our server so we can make statistics out of this for the sponsors. We will be able to read which Bibles are read and how many times, and using which device, the Jesus filmis watched. In short, there is much planned for version 2 but we really hope to release this version. We would like your prayers for this.

Teamdag
On the 19th of May we had our first team day! Everybody from the team was present and our volunteers abroad in Africa and Europe were connected to us online. We have discussed many things and have taken time for prayer, and had a BBQ afterwards. Saturday 20th October we had another such day, again ending in a BBQ. Sadly not everybody could be there at that time. We have said goodbye to Erik that day. We are very thankful to Erik for his work for KingdomIT in the past years.

Mission Food Court
On 2nd September there was a Mission Food Court at the 'Op Doortocht' church in Ede, Netherlands. There were stands of missionaries here selling food for charity. KingdomIT was present with a stand, selling Kenyan snacks. It was a success and we had nice conversations.

E-learning WordPress
The e-learning platform we made for the WordPress training is being used a lot. It has also been used during the Tech2Goal training. In this E-learning environment students can take exercises to learn working with WordPress, and in our home-made lab we can grade them right away.

KingdomIT Hackathon
This year we have introduced the concept of KingdomIt Hackathon. This will be a monthly meeting for everyone who wants to help us with outstanding tasks, which can be different every time, ranging from administrative tasks to IT. You are always allowed to come and we will take time for prayers and good food. Do you want to keep in touch? Please register on the KingdomIT web site.

Prayer points

- In January 2019, Patrick will go to Burkina Faso on behalf of KingdomIT to give an advanced course on WordPress, for IT support at Tele-Vie-Deo and to contribute to the French ICCM-Africa conference (15-19 January). He will open the conference, give presentations and be responsible for finance. Would you please pray for him, his work and this trip?

- ICCM-Africa 2019 in Kenya comes near. We are busy preparing. The conference will be held from 27-30 March in Nairobi. Would you please pray for the preparations?