

# Newsletter December 2023

### Year-end!

We find ourselves in the final days of 2023, reflecting on numerous events and activities behind us. We gratefully look back on all that we accomplished with KingdomIT. You can read all about it in our September newsletter, available at:

<u>https://www.kingdomit.nl/en/participate/read-along/</u>. We are thankful to God for making all of this possible and eagerly anticipate 2024! Christmas is behind us, the new year is ahead, and another year has come to a close! When we look at the world, it has been a tumultuous year with much hardship and suffering, leaving little room for the Good News, the beautiful news of Redemption and Salvation! With KingdomIT, we hope to play a role in using IT and talent in His Kingdom to spread this Good News to the ends of the earth. As stated in Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time for everything, and 2024 has arrived while 2023 has passed. We wish everyone God's blessings and much happiness for the upcoming year, 2024.

# **Upcoming Projects 2024**

#### ICCM-Africa 2024

We aim to host the ICCM-Africa 2024 conference in Kenya from April 30th to May 3rd. We are actively preparing for it, seeking a keynote speaker, organizing workshops, and looking for presenters. We hope to make it another impactful conference focused on connection and interaction. For more information, please visit our projects page on our website: <a href="https://www.kingdomit.nl/en/projects/kenya/training-african-missionaries-2024/">https://www.kingdomit.nl/en/projects/kenya/training-african-missionaries-2024/</a>.

#### **KingdomIT Box New Software**

We also plan to develop the new version of the KingdomIT Box using the Laravel Framework, providing a solid foundation for future collaboration with other devs. We intend to publish the KingdomIT Box software on Github, an online platform where people worldwide can share their code, fostering collaboration. To achieve this, we are currently converting the old code to the new code, outlining our technical story in README files, and documenting our to-dos. We also plan to publish instructions on the KingdomIT website on how to assemble the KingdomIT Box with the software, creating more opportunities to distribute this Box.

#### **ICCM-Africa Registration System**

A few years ago, we built the ICCM-Africa registration system for the ICCM-Africa conference, aiding in registrations and other matters during the conference. We later published this software on Github, and other ICCMs worldwide have expressed interest. A hackathon during the ICCM-Europe conference even aimed to enhance this software for other ICCMs. In the coming year, we hope to continue working with an enthusiastic group to improve and functionalize the software for broader use in other ICCMs.

#### Kingdomit.nl website

The KingdomIT website has been revamped, maintaining the same design but with a new system and template. Technically updated, we have also refreshed the information on these pages. In the coming year, we plan to use the site more as a project platform, sharing details about our projects and providing useful tips for the missionary field. We hope to write more about this in the coming months. Will you join us?

### **Board Member (m/f)**

#### Become our new board member!

KingdomIT Foundation aims to improve the living conditions of people worldwide and spread the Gospel using information technology. This goal is achieved by providing IT-related solutions in collaboration with Christian institutions.

#### Responsibilities

The board is responsible for the activities of the foundation.

Board members closely collaborate with each other and, to some extent, with other volunteers of the foundation. KingdomIT is still a small, developing foundation, making the role of a board member diverse and challenging. It is possible, in consultation, for you to take on a specific role within the board.

#### Profile

We are looking for a candidate with leadership or managerial experience willing to invest some of their time in the development of KingdomIT. We also require our board members and volunteers to be actively involved in a church and, above all, to believe and confess that Jesus Christ is Our Savior and Redeemer.

#### **Desired Competencies**

- Analytical skills.
- Social and communicative abilities.
- Integrity.
- Collaboration.

#### For more information

If you are interested and would like to respond or have a question, please contact us.

## **Prayer Request**

- Thanksgiving points: the projects of the past year, the interest in collaboration regarding the ICCM conference software.
- Prayer request for finding the right board member for the Foundation.
- Finding donors for the upcoming project ICCM-Africa 2024. The airfares have become more expensive, requiring additional fundraising for our foundation. We need almost twice as much money this year.
- We need more financial support to continue our projects. By creating continuity, we hope to do more on a monthly basis and expand locally, including in Kenya.

## **Donation Support**

To further develop our plans and carry out activities every month, especially in Kenya, we are looking for regular donors willing to contribute a fixed amount every month, for example, 50 euros or 100 euros. Will you join us? With this money, we can train people every month, distribute KingdomIT Boxes, and work on/ research projects.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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