

## ***A brief overview of my conversion to Christ***



### **Jesus is the Answer**

The unexpected and tragic death of my father gave me a new outlook on life. Although I was only 13 years, life seemed so boring and without purpose. I could not believe in existentialism, just live and die and that's all. I believed in something bigger, something higher, whatever *it* might be. And so, I began my search for the purpose of life. That quest led me to science and philosophy, to Eastern religions, yoga, drugs and the occult. While digging for answers, in mysticism and drugs, I sank deeper and deeper into spiritual darkness.

My hope to find answers was fading away. The invisible powers of darkness were very real. I was tortured by fear and tormented by the icy grip of the spirits of darkness. The terrifying visions that

I saw drove me at times to fury and then again to despair. In this dull misery, I started to use heroin to escape from the dungeons of darkness that kept me in chains of hopelessness. I knew very well that heroin could not solve my problem, but I saw no other way to escape this constant misery.

Because of this torment I was very angry. My heart was full of hate against everything and everyone. I hated myself the most. I thought God would hate me too. In the midst of this, a friend invited me to join him to a gospel concert of Andrea Crouch. This was January 1977. During this concert, I had an encounter with Jesus. I felt ashamed and wept profusely when I realized how much I had messed up my life.

But Jesus never condemned me. His love emanated from Him. It seemed as if it ousted out of Him. I had never experienced such wonderful love, full of forgiveness, acceptance and compassion. My heart melted and longed to surrender to Him. Then Jesus said to me: *"I am the answer you have always been looking for, I do not condemn you, but I want to remove the condemnation out of your life. When you will trust Me, I will make everything new in your life!"* Deep in my heart I knew, this was what I was looking for. This was the purpose of my existence, Jesus was the answer. From the depths of my soul I cried: *"Yes Lord, I want to follow you. You are the answer."* While my tears flowed my heart was filled with peace I never knew before.

Since that day, on the 8th of January 1977, now almost 33 years ago, I have never ever touched any drugs. God has changed my life completely. There is no more fear and bitterness. Now my heart is filled with genuine love for God and for my fellow men. It is my deepest desire that you will also get to know my Jesus, for He truly is the Answer, even for you!

A few years later, in 1979 to be exact, I married my dear wife Antje. We got 5 children, 2 daughters and 3 sons. Three of them are married now and we enjoy 7 wonderful grandchildren at this moment. We live in Zeewolde, in the centre of the Netherlands and we serve the Lord with a joyful heart. Indeed, Jesus is the Answer, who had filled my life with new love and joy and meaning. God bless! *Br. Jaap Dieleman*

## ***A brief overview of my live and ministry***

### **Conversion:**

I came to Christ in 1977. Escaped from drugs and Eastern Mysticism. In the years thereafter God called me and began to prepare me for the ministry. In 1979, I married my wife Antje. We have 5 children, two girls and tree boys.

### **Ordination**

In 1983, I was officially ordained in my home-church as a traveling evangelist. Traveling extensively throughout the Netherlands and Europe was my main activity.

### **Association**

Then in 1985, I founded an association "De Heilbode" (Herald of the Good News). Since then all ministry activities were done under the wings of this association.

### **Traveling**

Since 1985, I also traveled to over 50 nations since then, mostly in Third-World Countries like: Kenya, Tanzania, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, The Philippines, Uganda, Nigeria, Eastern Europe, The Balkan, the Caribbean, South America and Western Europe.

### **Training**

Although my main focus was first of all on evangelism, my strategy changed mostly into training leaders. In the last five years, it has become my main activity to speak in conferences and conventions to establish and train leadership, although I have never lost my burden for evangelism. It will always remain a vital part of my ministry.

### **Tapes**

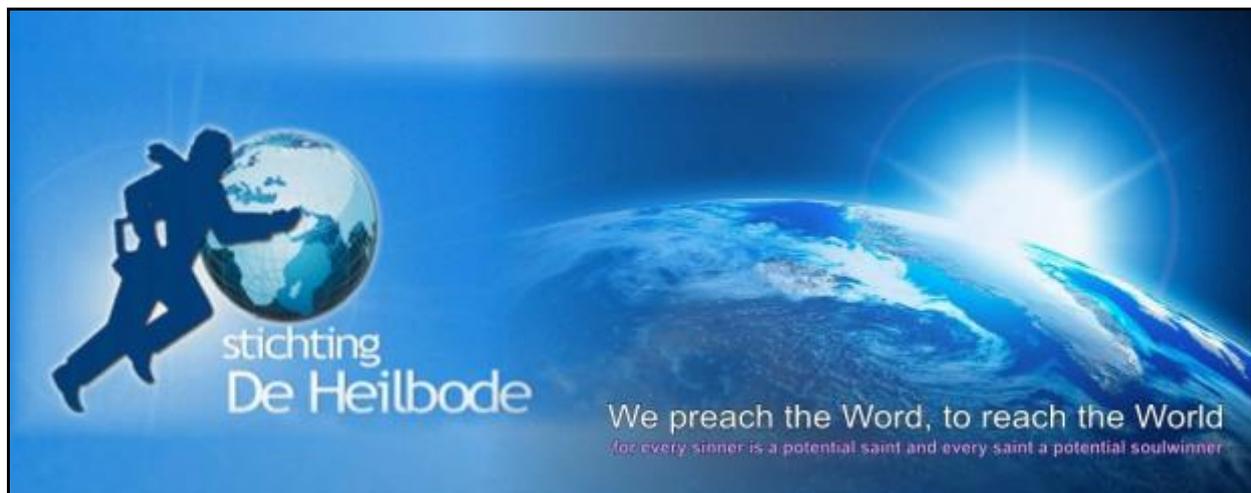
In training leaders, I developed teaching series on subjects like: The hidden man, Holiness, Spiritual Warfare, Blessing and curse, Gods Mysteries, the anointing, New Wine, Faith, Fasting, Leadership, Eschatology, Israel, the rapture etc.

### **Books**

I have always enjoyed writing, since 1988 I published over 25 books with titles like:

1988	Escape from Hell*	2000	Identity
1990	Ones a junk, always a junk?	2002	Back to the Future
1993	Preachers Proverbs (500)	2003	First Love
1993	Surprised by Life *	2004	Real Man*
1994	Pure Gold *	2006	The coming of the King of Kings*
1995	New Wine *	2007	Amazing Grace*
1995	On the Wings of faith	2008	The Apostle*
1996	The power and the glory *	2009	Gods heart for widows & orphans
1997	Apostolic Fatherhood *	2013	Bought and paid for! Blood covenant
1997	Blown the trumpet *	2016	Can these bones live*
1999	The Order of God*	2017	The mystery of the rapture*

Books with a \* are published in: Russian, Finish, Bahasa, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Hebrew and other translations. In 1997, I wrote: 'Blow the Trumpet', a book about fasting. God used its message to inspire a national fast in The Netherlands and Europe, Kenya, Uganda and a movement of fasting in India.



## **Our vision and mission**

In 1977 after I came to Christ, I was soon asked to share about my miraculous deliverance from drugs. At the same time my testimony was published in various magazines and I had several interviews for radio and TV broadcasting. All the publicity I got, opened many doors for me to testify of my faith. As a result my local church acknowledge the call of God on my life for missions and they ordained me as a travelling minister in 1983. Although I used to preach in many churches in the Netherlands, my heart was mostly drawn to reach the unreached and to preach to the unreached. I discovered that I should have to travel the globe to really reach those people groups, mainly in developing countries.

### **1. Evangelism**

In 1985 we registered our ministry and we called it: "Herald of the Good News" ("De Heilbode" in Dutch). Since then I have travelled around the world to over 45 nations, including countries like: Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, India, Pakistan, Uganda, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand, China, Cambodia, Singapore, Suriname, Trinidad, Aruba, Curacao, Trinidad, Suriname, the Virgin Islands, America, Russia, Ukraine, Ireland, Macedonia, Kosovo, Greece, Lebanon, Spain, France, Italy and many other countries. In most places, my focus was initially getting people saved. Evangelism was my thing, because my initial goal was to *"Reach the unreached through Gospel Crusades*. And so, we did in many countries. You find more information of our ministry at [www.heilbode.nl](http://www.heilbode.nl)

### **2. Training leaders**

However, deep inside my heart I began to realize that to be more effective, I need to train leaders to catch the vision to reach their own nation for Christ. God opened a few doors to share my heart with leaders in the Philippines and Uganda. When I began to inspire, challenge and train local leaders, my heart got stirred with excitement. I was actually operating in the apostolic. However, in those days, nobody was aware or dared to use the word apostle to identify their ministry. I was no exemption to that. So, I just began to organize leaders-meetings, seminars and conferences and I developed teaching materials and write books to equip leaders to reach their nation for Christ. During the day time, we trained leaders and at night we were holding crusades. For the next ten to fifteen years this was my strategy of operations.



### **3. The poor and needy**

In the last ten years however, the Lord began to open my eyes for the needs of the poor, the hungry, the orphans and the dying. God began to brake my heart with the things that break His heart when I discovered that worldwide we have *148 million orphans, 40 million fugitives, 8000 people die every 24 hours of aids, causing more orphans and widows. Every 20 seconds a child dies of malnutrition an/or dysentery. Over 42 million babies are aborted every year globally. There are 250.000 children soldiers, manly in central Africa. In India only there are approximately 40 million widows that are suffering severely and dying in misery.*

When I thought about all these needs I was reminded of the words of Jesus who said: *"What you done for the least of these, you have done unto Me"* (Matthew 25:40). Driven by this vision and the passion of Gods heart for orphans and widows, we started to develop this side of our ministry. Since then we have raised funds for victims of the civil war in Kenya, victims of the genocide in Rwanda, build a few houses for the poor in Kosovo, sponsored widows to obtain fuel to survive their Balkan winters in Kosovo and lately we started our great project in India. For the sake of this compassionate ministry we have started Abba Child Care. You find more information of this compassionate ministry at [www.abbachildcare.org](http://www.abbachildcare.org)

### **In conclusion**

To summarize our vision and mission is threefold:

1. Reaching the unreached – Preaching the Gospel
2. Training leaders – apostolic and strategic ministry
3. Ministering to the poor – Caring and compassion for the needy



***What you have done for the least, you've done for Me  
Give a child a family and this family a future***